

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met for the regular meeting on Tuesday February 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Southside Town Hall, Wright County, Minnesota. The following members were present: Chairman Jim Hallstrom, Supervisors Dan Berg and Marty Ferguson and Clerk Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present: Lonnie Hendricks, Jeremy Kaskinen, Patty Malecek, Wright County Public Health, Ranyana Pachak, Wright county Public Health, Gavin Woodland, Wright County Public Health, Charles Webb.

Chairman Hallstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023, regular meeting with a second by Supervisor Ferguson. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

No one was present for the open forum.

The meeting regarding 61st ST was moved to March 7th meeting due to a scheduling conflict of Township attorney Mike Couri.

Charles Webb was present as a representative of Duane Sparks, 6769 & 6747 Pilger Ave NW, who is requesting a 50-foot strip of property ID#217-000-332402 (6747 Pilger) to be added to PID 217-000-33127 (6769 Pilger) and to rezone the strip from R-1 Urban/Rural Transition to R-2 Suburban Residential. He also requests a conditional use permit to amend an existing conditional use permit for an unplatted subdivision approved in 1980 by adding an additional lot. The Sparks would like to build a new shed on their property at 6769 Pilger and ran into bad soil. To build the shed in the area they'd like they need to take the 50' section of their adjacent lot. Charles stated the County has reviewed the property and approved the request but is waiting for the Township Board to respond. Charles also stated the remaining lot of 6747 still meets the lakeshore requirements for a lot. Supervisor Ferguson stated since the Sparks own both properties and wish to build a shed it makes sense to rezone. Supervisor Ferguson made a motion to approve the request that a 50-foot strip of property ID#217-000-332402 be added to PID 217-000-33127 and rezone the strip from R-1 Urban/Rural Transition to R-2 Suburban Residential and approve a conditional use permit to amend the existing conditional use permit for an unplatted subdivision approved in 1980 by adding an additional lot due to the fact both lots are owned by Sparks, the remaining lot is legal lake front lot and additional land is needed to build shed due to poor soils. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gavin Woodland Health Promotion Coordinator with Wright County Health & Human Services, spoke about Radon radioactive gas that comes from soil because of decaying earth metal uranium, thorium, and radium. He encourages testing with regularity every 2-5years. Radon has been shown to be the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer. January is awareness month because the natural gases from the soil cannot escape because the ground is frozen and now covered with three feet of snow. The short-term tests are available three ways: The County Government Center has them for a discounted price of \$5each (for Wright County residents) at the Health and Human Services desk; online through the State of Minnesota--mn.radon.com has them for \$12.95; some hardware stores have them, \$25-\$35range. The Government Center sells the short-term kits which he added is the first step in the testing process. His staff handed out additional brochures for Board and audience.

Clerk Merrill presented information regarding Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association application for a Minnesota Border to Border Broad band Grant that will upgrade approximately 312 unserved and 19 underserved properties in Southside Township. They are asking for a letter of support for the grant application. No financial support is needed. Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the letter supporting Meeker Coop Border to Border Broadband Program with a second by Supervisor Ferguson. Motion carried.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting is set for April 11 at 9:00 a.m. at Southside Township hall.

The regular April board meeting will be moved to April 10th due to the Clerk being out of town on the regular meeting date.

The Board worked on the 2024 budget.

The following bills were approved as presented:

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
online ach	2/4/23	Google LLC	100-10100	6.00
somper000688044	2/6/23	Public Employees Retirement Association	100-10100	175.25
7750	2/7/23	Adam's Pest Control Inc.	100-10100	165.12
7751	2/7/23	Cokato Janitorial LLC	100-10100	113.98
7752	2/7/23	Couri & Ruppe, PLLP	100-10100	407.50
7753	2/7/23	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	32,379.00
7754	2/7/23	Minnesota Benefit Association	100-10100	325.00
7755	2/7/23	Annandale Advocate	100-10100	77.00
7757	2/7/23	Reinhardt Maurer	100-10100	650.00
7756	2/7/23	Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Assoc	100-10100	40.00
7757	2/7/23	Waste Management	100-10100	3,646.58
7758	2/7/23	Windstream	100-10100	148.70
7759	2/7/23	Wright Hennepin Electric	100-10100	49.76
7760	2/7/23	Wright County Finance & Taxpayer Services	100-10100	525.93
7761	2/7/23	WSB & Associates	100-10100	1,002.75
7762	2/7/23	Dan Berg	100-10100	277.05
7763	2/7/23	Eric M. Ferguson	100-10100	133.62
7764	2/7/23	James Hallstrom	100-10100	217.65
7765	2/7/23	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	1,182.07
7757V	2/7/23	Reinhardt Maurer	100-10100	-650.00
7766	2/7/23	Reinhardt Maurer	100-10100	650.00
7767	2/7/23	Wright County Finance & Taxpayer Services	100-10100	400.00
Total				41,922.96

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.