

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met for the regular Board meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Southside Town Hall. The following members were present: Chairman Jim Hallstrom, Supervisor Marty Ferguson and Dan Berg and Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present: Eric Hendricks, Lee Jorgensen, John Graber, Belinda Bergren, Elizabeth Bentley, Jesse Wixo, Jean Sutherland, Jon Bigalk, Jacob Thunander, Kelly Hinnenkamp.

Chairman Hallstrom opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.  
No one was present for the open forum.

Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023, regular meeting with one correction. Supervisor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Hallstrom made a motion to appoint Supervisor Berg as Chairman for 2024, with a second by Supervisor Ferguson. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The following appointments were made for 2024:

South Haven Fire Commission – Supervisor Berg

Annandale Fire Commission - Supervisor Ferguson

Cemetery Commission - Supervisor Hallstrom.

Official Depository – Lake Central Bank, Annandale

Official newspaper – Annandale Advocate

Official posting site – township hall & township website

Meeting date/time – First Tuesday of month – 7:00 p.m. – changes as necessary due to conflicts

Meeting pay: \$100

Clerk Salary - \$1,200

John Graber, 6416 Quinn Ave NW, was present to request a variance to build a new home in the bluff area. His current home is around 700 sq ft and was built in 1946. The well and septic no longer work. The foundation is cracking and falling apart. They plan to tear down and would like to rebuild. They attended the October meeting for a proposed 1274 sq ft dwelling that was to replace the existing 705 sq ft dwelling in virtually the same location with a slightly larger footprint. It was denied by the Board due to the large increase in footprint. They have since revised the plans down to a 700 sq ft foundation with a main floor that has a larger area that is supported by beams. Total sq footage of the main floor is 1250 sq ft. The proposed home is not in the exact location of the existing cabin but twisted a bit so the lake sight lines are better. They will be installing a new drain field and well. The total impervious surface area will be 16.7% and the total building coverage will be 4.5%. The entire home is within the bluff area, same as the existing home. All setbacks are being met.

Chairman Hallstrom stated that while he appreciates the effort to bring the footprint down to existing structure size it is still not being built in the footprint. Supervisor Berg stated he is also concerned about the location and the rotation of the foundation so it is not within the existing footprint. John explained they did this to help it line up better with the lake. They made a modest change and the total square footage is still quite small at 1250 sq ft. Chairman Ferguson stated the Board has recommended going into existing footprints when building in bluffs. They feel they would be setting a precedent if they allowed this change. He likes the many improvements to the lot including the new septic and well, removal of existing non-conforming sewage system and outhouse but cannot support the new structure that is off the original site of the existing home. Supervisor Ferguson made a

motion to deny the request due to the change in the footprint of the proposed home which is in the bluff. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Belinda Bergren, 7327 Quinn Ave NW, was present to request a variance to construct an addition to the existing home which is within side yard setbacks. Belinda’s current garage is a tuck under and the steps to enter the home are on the exterior of the garage. This is very inconvenient and unsafe, especially in the winter. She is asking for a addition to the garage so that she can add interior steps to access her home. The proposed addition would not further encroach the side yard setbacks but the existing home is 2.3 ft from the north and 5.5 ft from the south side yards, whereas 15 ft. is required. She plans to remove an existing shed to get the impervious coverage from 27.3% down to 23.1%. She is adding a porch above the garage and extending her existing living room. She is not adding additional bedrooms or bathrooms. She has plans for better drainage on both sides of the home. Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the request to construct an addition, 20x 34.4 garage, to the existing home which will be 5.7” off the north line and 10.1” off the south line due to this will be an improvement over the existing house side setbacks and the impervious coverage will be at 23.1%. Supervisor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kelly Hinnenkamp and Jacob Thunander were present to discuss a petition the City of Annandale received for the annexation of Adelle Seanor’s 120 acres along Nevens Ave NW. This property abuts the recently annexed land that was just developed along Lake John. They presented a preliminary layout but stated it may change due to the easement for the gas main that goes through the middle of the property. They were present to get the Boards feelings on the annexation request. The plan is to improve all Nevens Ave if the development is approved. The Board asked about the dead-end township road that was left after the Lake John improvement project. It does not allow room for our snowplows to turn or a place for snow to be placed. Kelly stated she will talk to Joe and he and Eric and Kelly to meet to discuss. Jean Sutherland asked the Board to put a requirement in that Nevens Ave not be closed off for long periods of time due to the possibility of the need for emergency vehicles for the residents. The Board stated they will consider that in the annexation agreement. The Board stated they will contact Township attorney Mike Couri to discuss the agreement. If a meeting between the city and the Township is needed to discuss the agreement the Board is willing to meet. Kelly stated she would like to get the agreement done.

Supervisor Berg made a motion authorizing the reduction in the letter of credit for Hannahs’ Landing to \$9,167 which is 10% of the original cost of \$91,655, contingent upon the Township’s engineer being provided with acceptable as-builts. Supervisor Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following bills were approved as presented:

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
7936	1/1/24	E. Marty Ferguson	100-10100	1,581.39
7937	1/2/24	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	1,319.67
ach122723	1/2/24	Windstream	100-10100	195.26
7921	1/2/24	B&N Signs	100-10100	25.00
7922	1/2/24	Couri & Ruppe, PLLP	100-10100	1,187.25
7923	1/2/24	Cokato Janitorial LLC	100-10100	227.96
7924	1/2/24	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	7,522.00
7925	1/2/24	Minn Assn of Townships Agency	100-10100	379.00
7926	1/2/24	Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Assoc	100-10100	48.00
7927	1/2/24	MN Association of Townships	100-10100	921.04

7928	1/2/24	Norgren Tree Service	100-10100	1,275.00
7929	1/2/24	OPG-3 INC	100-10100	600.00
7930	1/2/24	Annandale Advocate	100-10100	243.60
7931	1/2/24	TNT Communications MN LLC	100-10100	300.00
7932	1/2/24	Wright County Highway Dept.	100-10100	18,881.90
7933	1/2/24	Wright County Finance & Taxpayer Servic	100-10100	400.00
7934	1/2/24	Wright Hennepin Electric	100-10100	48.76
7935	1/2/24	Waste Management	100-10100	3,822.84
7938	1/2/24	Eric M. Ferguson	100-10100	92.35
7939	1/2/24	Dan Berg	100-10100	92.35
7940	1/2/24	James Hallstrom	100-10100	91.35
online ach	1/4/24	Google LLC	100-10100	<u>6.00</u>
<b>Total</b>				<b><u><u>39,260.72</u></u></b>

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.