

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisor met for a special informational meeting to discuss possible improvements to 62<sup>nd</sup> St NW on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman John Reynolds, Supervisor Jim Hallstrom, Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Absent: Supervisor Tim Hable. Also present: Ron Bray, WSB Engineering, Michael & Ronna Miller, Shawn Pederson, Phil Tateosian, Chuck Lamere, Brian & Michelle Mulcahy, Jim & Theresa Schultz, Wayne Schmidt, Greg & Pam Matheson, Gail Mattila, Fred & Jane Knowles, Janet Erickson.

Chairman Reynolds opened the meeting by leading the pledge of allegiance.

He turned the meeting over to Ron Bray, township engineer.

Ron reviewed the information regarding funding of the project. Since the Board initiated the project all Board members would have to vote unanimously to approve the project to move forward. Today's meeting is informational only and does not count as one of the public hearings that would be required before the project can be assessed to the adjoining properties.

62<sup>nd</sup> ST NW is approximately 800-850 ft long and has 30-32 properties. About 9-10 of the properties are directly on the road the balance uses the road as access to their properties.

The alternatives looked at for improvement to the road are:

- 1: Do Nothing: Continue to maintain 62<sup>nd</sup> Street as a gravel road. Continue erosion and drainage issues/storm water impacts.
- 2: Reshape Gravel: Look at some remediation for certain properties. \$87,500 estimate
- 3: Regrade with new gravel and some curb, no storm sewer. \$162,500 estimate
- 4: Option 3 but add seal coat on gravel. \$175,000 estimate
- 5: Reconstruct: Look at full curb and gutter option with pavement and storm sewer with collection, treatment, outlet. Costly improvement. Need easement purchase on Porter. \$309,000 estimate

The township could bond for funding the project and assess the cost back to the property owners. If the project is assessed the property owners would have to pay for at least 20% of the cost. Since it is not a feeder road the township would probably pay a portion up to 20% but that would be determined once the project is bid and approved.

Chairman Reynolds opened the meeting up for questions and comments.

What type of curb would it be because many people park along side the road now so a high curb would make that difficult? The curb would be sloped so you could get over it and get wheels on the grass.

Would there be striping? Probably not since it is such a small road.

What would be the timing of the project? Ron stated it would be best to wait until January to go for bids since the costs would most likely be lower at the beginning of the bidding season.

The plans and specs would be drawn up once the scope of the project has been decided. The call for bids would be in a road construction paper as well as the local newspaper.

Several residents stated concerns about asphalt and icy roads in the winter. Supervisor Hallstrom stated that Jeff Johnson has volunteered to keep a bobcat at his residence during the winter and he would be willing to scrape the road after snow and ice storms.

Several residents believe the root of the problem is the excessive amounts of sand that are placed on the road every year as well as the quality of the material. Could the road just be cut down and the bad material replaced with good material? Supervisor Hallstrom stated when the road was first built several years ago it was not an engineered road. It was basically a driveway to service the cabins on the lake. If you place gravel on a road with a 10% grade the fine sands will still be washed out and down the hill. There were several questions regarding funding from the DNR or a water fund from the state. Ron stated he is currently working with the DNR on a project in another city and the money is extremely limited. He felt perhaps the Legacy fund may be a better option but even that would have limited funds. Perhaps we could get funds for stormwater management.

Supervisor Hallstrom suggested the residents of the road meet on their own to discuss how they would like to proceed. The Board wants their input. If they would like to meet at the town hall, they can contact Clerk Merrill.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.