

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met for the regular June meeting on Tuesday June 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Southside town hall, Wright County. The following members were present: Chairman Marty Ferguson, Supervisors Tim Hable & Jim Hallstrom and Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present: Bob Hackl, 13465 80<sup>th</sup> St NW, Wade Dumas, 10088 Oliver Ave NW, Dennis Sjoberg, 7870 Norris Ave NW, Bernie Miller, Mike & Kris Potter, 6310 Quinn Ave NW, Jake Konz, Hwy 55, Darwin Hoffman, South Haven, Adam Luebelbeck, Hwy 55, Sharon Keil, 16865 108<sup>th</sup> ST NW, Melanie & Richard Teschendorf, 16846 108<sup>th</sup> St NW, Tim Lohse, 16865 108<sup>th</sup> ST NW, Duane Sparks 6769 Pilger Ave NW, Sarah Stephens 6740 Pilger Ave NW, Ron Bray, WSB, Jason Hooper 15165 64<sup>th</sup> ST NW.

Chairman Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting with a second by Supervisor Hable. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the agreement with Wright County Snowmobile Association to allow a snowmobile trail on the township road right of way in Southside Township. Supervisor Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jake Konz and Adam Luebelbeck, 14932 Hwy 55 NW, were present to request approval for a conditional use permit for a post frame construction company. They plan to remodel and update the existing structure to turn it into an office. They will have storage of dump trucks, trailers, equipment and roll off dumpsters. Future plans include construction of a 64'x120' storage building for equipment and trucks. The Board was happy to hear the site was going to be active and cleaned up. They have a signed easement agreement with the curb company next door for access to their property. Supervisor Hable made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for a post frame construction company with the allowance to store dumpsters, dump trucks, trailers, and other equipment. Supervisor Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Keil, 16865 108<sup>th</sup> ST NW, was present to request 2 signs for 108<sup>th</sup> St NW. There is a lot of fast moving traffic, including school buses, atv's and dirt bikes. She presented a top view of the road with two areas with curves and low visibility for oncoming traffic. Supervisor Hallstrom agreed this is a common issue and he suggested they contact the Lake association to put something out to the people that live on the lake. Ron Bray stated a yellow cautionary sign would be legal to be used for this purpose. Two curve signs and a yellow speed advisory will be ordered for 108<sup>th</sup> St NW.

Kris Potter, 6310 Quinn Ave NW, was present to request a variance to allow the construction of a new home with attached deck that will be 55 ft. from the lake (75 ft. required), 9.1 ft. from the north side yard (15 ft. required), and 9.5 ft. from the south side yard (15 ft. required). The request is also to allow the construction of a detached garage that would be 9.5 ft. from the north side yard (10 ft. required) and 9 ft. from the south side yard (10 ft. required). The request proposes 27.4% impervious surface coverage (25% allowed). Kris stated the current cabin is 730 sq ft and 80 years old. The proposed home is 20+ ft further back from lake. Current house is 35' from lake and deck is 29' from the lake. Proposed is 55' from the lake for both house & deck. Existing house is 4-6 feet from side lot and proposed is 9.1 on north and 9.5 on south side lot line. The current lot coverage is 32.4% and that is going down to 27.4%. Bernie Miller stated they are installing a Type IV septic system. Total building coverage will be 13.6%. They worked hard on the plans for the lot and house to try to minimize the variances but due to the lot contours it is difficult to meet the requirements. The practical difficulty of the lot is not due to the Potters. They downsized as much as possible and kept lot coverage under 15%. The upgraded septic system is a big improvement. Supervisor Hallstrom stated he is not in favor of all of the variances needed to construct this new home. Motion by Hallstrom to deny the variance request due to number of variances and over lot coverage. Motion died for lack of a second. Chairman Ferguson stated they are moving the building back to make the best of the lot and the practical difficulty. Chairman Ferguson made a motion to approve the variance request to construct a new home with attached deck 55' from the OHW, 9.1' from the north side lot and 9.5' from the south side lot along with construction of a detached garage that will be 9.5' from north side lot and 9' from south side lot with total lot impervious coverage of 27.4% due to improved location from lake OHW and new septic system Type IV. Supervisor Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jason Hooper, 15165 64<sup>th</sup> ST NW, was present to request to add on to existing house which is non-conforming at 52' from the lake setback. The addition is primarily a garage with a bonus room above and the entire addition meets all setbacks. Proposed building coverage is 9.7% and impervious coverage is 24.3%. Bernie stated the new addition meets setbacks. The new garage will have an increased roof pitch due to lofted area above. Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the variance request for the construction of an attached garage with bonus space to an existing nonconforming home due to no coverage issues and addition meets all set back requirements. Supervisor Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dennis Sjoberg, 7870 Norris Ave NW, was present to request a variance tear down and replace existing cabin with a 3-bedroom 2 bath house that will be 46.88 ft from the lake (100 ft required) and 9.5 ft side lot setback (15 ft required). Existing cabin is 45.5' from lake. The main portion of the home meets both side lot setbacks. It is only the porch on one side that requires a variance for 9.5'. He will be installing a new septic system on the back lot. Due to the contours of the lot he is unable to move the new home further off the lake. Supervisor Hable made a motion to approve the variance to replace existing cabin with a 3-bedroom 2 bath home that is 46.88' from the lake and 9.5' from the side lot line of the porch due to new septic system, lot contours not allowing the move further back and the main portion of the home meeting both side setbacks. Chairman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Sparks, 6747 Pilger Ave NW, was present to request a variance to allow the construction of a new single-family home that is 59.7 ft. from the lake. (75 ft. required) and 22.7 ft. from the bluff (30 ft. required). His current home is on the lot next door and it has 4 levels and 28 steps. The proposed home will be a single level slab on grade, a home he and his wife can age in. They positioned the home to be as natural to the property as possible. Due to the slope of the land he is unable to move it back. Bernie Miller stated the placement is also due to the Sparks wanting to be able to move from the house to the existing deck on top of the water structure. The water structure will be rebuilt in the current location. The bluff line is not further impeded on with the new construction. Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the construction of a new single-family home that is 59.7 ft. from the lake and 22.7 ft. from the bluff due to the contours of the lot not allowing for further push back. Supervisor Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Hackl, 13465 80<sup>th</sup> ST NW, requests a variance to remove the existing home and allow the construction of a new home with a covered and four-season porch that will be 76.2 ft. from Lake John (100 ft. required). The home would be 36.9 ft. from the centerline of 80th St. NW (65 ft. required). The home would not meet the minimum width standards of 24 ft. (23.5 ft. is what is being proposed). Building coverage proposed is 15.7% (15% allowed). He purchased the home in 1998 as a cabin. He would like to build a 1233 sq ft home with an all-season porch. Proposed home 76.2' from the lake, existing is 64-66' from the lake. He owns a back lot that has a garage, tennis court and his drain field. The Board stated he may have to cut down on the lot coverage to meet the limit which could be done by cutting size of concrete patio. Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the variance with a second by Supervisor Hable with a suggestion to reduce coverage to 15%. Motion carried.

Mike Klein was present to ask the Board if they would support a CUP for 13208 100<sup>th</sup> ST NW for a event center. He looked at the property today and they are thinking about purchasing for that use. The Board stated they need to talk to Wright County.

Wade Dumas, 10088 Oliver Ave NW, was present because he received a letter about junk and inoperable vehicles on his property. He did not like the tone of the letter and the threat of imprisonment. Chairman Ferguson stated we need to know what he can do to clean up the property. The township is willing to extend the 20 days due to Wade's recent illness and his in laws hospice status. Wade thought he could have it done in 3 months. Chairman Ferguson gave him until the end of September to clean it up.

Sarah Stephens of 6740 Pilger Ave NW wanted to know the Townships ordinance on noise. The Board stated we have no ordinance for that but Wright County may.

Ron Bra was present to go over the information he learned about 80<sup>th</sup> ST NW and Montgomery Ave NW.

**80<sup>th</sup> Street:**

Plan to do a 3 inch overlay on 80<sup>th</sup> Street and match in to the 3 inch we did to the East about 5 years ago. That is holding up well. The cracks did reflect through, but enough structure to span over the old cracks so they look fine.

I plan to mill out 2 inches in the curb area and raise the pavement by 1 inch above the gutter (5 to 8 inches of pavement now in this area – strange). 440 Feet of Curb and Gutter of both sides down the hill.

There is also a piece of curb to the West on the South side of the roadway about 480 feet long that will need to be milled for the overlay.

There are few areas in the wheel track that have potholed and show some stress, so plan to do about 300 SY of mill and patch on the existing pavement before the overlay.

Rural section is 24 feet wide. Curb pavement is 23.5 feet between B618 face of Gutters.

Approximately 6500 Feet in length.

**Montgomery Avenue:**

On the South end the pavement at 3.5 inches is pretty much shot. It is 250 feet long. Remove pavement, shape up base with added gravel and pave 2.5 inches of base and 2.5-inch wear for 5.0 inches total.

An option would be to reclaim the existing pavement on the 250 feet of deteriorated roadway, but it will be quite expensive to bring in a reclaimer for the small area. Carry the 2.5 inches of wear over the existing 1650 feet of pavement to the North as an overlay.

Pavement is 22 feet in width.

Approximately 1900 feet in length total.

Approximate cost to do all of the above is \$331,000 plus engineering. Ron thought that we could do the 250 feet of Montgomery Ave this year and hold off on the other 1650 ft. This would reduce the cost by approximately \$60,000. The Board agreed with this plan and asked for Ron to develop plans, advertise for bids and present at the August meeting.

The Board reviewed the spring road report. The following roads need road repair:

90<sup>th</sup> St NW – potholes near Hwy 55

Nevens Ave NW – washout N of cemetery

Quinn Ave NW – 8’ sink hole

The Board will use Cares funds to repair the above list and Lonnie and Ron will work with Mid MN Hotmix to get the work done.

The Board approved the following bills as presented:

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
7595V	6/6/22	Authority Fence & Deck Inc.	100-10100	-3,042.46
4153800555	6/6/22	Google LLC	100-10100	6.00
7597	6/7/22	Annandale Advocate	100-10100	94.88
7598	6/7/22	Central MN Dust Control LLC	100-10100	62,123.25
7599	6/7/22	Cokato Janitorial LLC	100-10100	250.00
7600	6/7/22	Couri & Ruppe, PLLP	100-10100	115.00
7601	6/7/22	FS3	100-10100	396.60
7602	6/7/22	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	40,546.55
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7604	6/7/22	Reinhardt Maurer Meeker Cooperative Light & Power	100-10100	610.50
7605	6/7/22	Assoc	100-10100	38.00
7606	6/7/22	Norgren Tree Service	100-10100	910.00
7607	6/7/22	Waste Management	100-10100	6,900.30

7608	6/7/22	Windstream	100-10100	147.68
7609	6/7/22	Wright Hennepin Electric	100-10100	2,981.63
7610	6/7/22	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	1,220.31
7611	6/7/22	James Hallstrom	100-10100	160.72
7612	6/7/22	Eric M. Ferguson	100-10100	209.91
7613	6/7/22	Timothy A. Hable	100-10100	166.23
7603V	6/7/22	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	-40,546.55
somper000655215	6/8/22	Public Employees Retirement Association	100-10100	<u>191.80</u>
<b>Total</b>				<b>114,026.90</b>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.