

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Southside Town Hall. The following members were present: Chairperson Phyllis Latour, Supervisors Tim Hable and Maynard Nilson, Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present: Kathy Schultz, Shirley & Dwight Jensen, Marilyn Sundberg, Bruce Grandt, Tim Isle, Gary & Cheryl Nelson, Lonnie Hendricks & Jeremy Kaskinen.

Chairperson Latour led the pledge of allegiance.

Supv Nilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2011 regular meeting. Supv Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Schultz, Shirley & Dwight Jensen, Marilyn Sundberg, and Gary and Cheryl Nelson were present to discuss improvements to Pilger Ave NW and the installation of culverts under driveways and 75<sup>th</sup> St NW.

Chairperson Latour stated the Board along with Lonnie Hendricks did an on-site review of Pilger Ave NW and noted deep ruts and sand and gravel run off. Lonnie suggested the fix for the run off would involve digging ditches on both sides of Pilger Ave so that the water can run off the road into ditches rather than down the edge of the road causing deep ruts. In order for the ditches to work properly culverts would have to be installed under two private driveways and 75<sup>th</sup> ST NW, a private road. Letters were sent to the property owners regarding the improvement and need for culverts. The cost for the culverts under the private driveways is \$951.76. The cost for the culvert under 75<sup>th</sup> ST NW is 673.43. Supv Hable stated he met with Marilyn Sundberg at her site to review the plans. Marilyn stated she is concerned about her fence and rock along the edge of her property. Lonnie stated the fence and rocks would not be touched. He did state a few trees may need to be removed to make the ditch. Marilyn questioned the life of the culverts and whether more work would be needed if Pilger Ave were to be paved in the future. The Board stated the culverts would not be affected if the road was paved. Cheryl Nelson asked why the property owners along 75<sup>th</sup> St were responsible for paying for a culvert under their road. The culvert is needed to fix the problem along Pilger Ave. Supv Nilson stated the culvert under the private road is the responsibility of the residents just like the driveways are the responsibility of the property owners. The maintenance of the culvert will be the responsibility of the property owners as well. Chairperson Latour stated the Board would not dig the ditches if we do not have all the property owners in agreement to install the culverts. Brad Paumen sent an email stating he has agreed to install the culvert under his driveway . The mailboxes along Pilger Ave NW will need to be removed prior to the project start. Supv Nilson recommended installing break away mail boxes. The property owners should contact the post master to discuss placement of the box. They may be able to place mailboxes on 75<sup>th</sup> ST NW. The residents along 75<sup>th</sup> St NW and Marilyn Sundberg agreed to install the culvert. It was decided that payment for the culverts should be made to Southside Township who will oversee the project and pay Hendricks upon completion. A date for the work could not be determined due to Hendricks schedule and repair of washed out roads due to recent heavy rains. Lonnie will start the work as soon as possible.

Chairperson Latour reported she was out to see the Frappier property. The County Attorney handling the case needed a report and recent pictures to pursue the cleanup order. Chairperson Latour sent pictures to the Clerk who forwarded them to the County Attorney. No information has been received since the photos were sent. Clerk Merrill will follow up.

The Board discussed run off issues that are occurring on 109<sup>th</sup> ST NW. Christine Dahlbloom, 16258 109<sup>th</sup> St NW, called to request help with the amount of run off she is getting off of 109<sup>th</sup> St NW in front of her garage. The garage is below the road level. A ditch was installed on the opposite side of 109<sup>th</sup> but with the amount of rain we have been getting and the pitch of the road, her property gets the run off. Supv Hable asked if it would help if Christine would place larger rock along her driveway to slow the water and run off. Lonnie will review and evaluate if a load of conbit on 109<sup>th</sup> and larger rock in owners driveway would help alleviate the problem.

Supv Hable made a motion to accept the bid dated 7/5/2011 from Mid Minnesota Hot Mix for repair of 80<sup>th</sup> ST NW. The cost of repair is \$2.45 per sq. ft. Total sq. footage is 9,390. Supv Nilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Latour asked Jeremy to work on the trees along 112<sup>th</sup> St NW when he finishes his work with storm damage.

Tim Isle and Bruce Brandt were present to request that their portion of Montgomery Ave NW, which is a private road, be adopted by the township as a minimum maintenance road. The road is under water in portions, up to 15". A few residents had to vacate their property because they are unable to drive the road. Tim stated they are concerned due to the fact emergency vehicles would not be able to reach residents due to the water. The road goes through a wetland which makes the improvement of it more difficult. They are here representing the property owners asking the Town Board for help by either doing a joint project to improve or take over the road as a minimum maintenance road. Supv Nilson stated the township policy is we only adopt roads that meet our minimum road standards. Chairperson Latour stated she didn't think the road would qualify for minimum maintenance standards since so many residents living on the road live there all year. Tim asked for information regarding qualifications for minimum maintenance roads. Clerk Merrill will find information and notify Tim via email. Tim asked about having the road improved and assessing the property owners. He would be in favor of getting an engineer to review the road and give a cost for bringing it up to minimum road standards. Chairperson Latour stated that would cost the township a great deal of money and the cost may be prohibitive to the residents. She is not in favor of pursuing the improvement just to have the residents reject the project due to the costs.

Ralph Forsman was present to ask the township to clean out the culvert under his driveway. The Board stated this was his responsibility. He also asked to have 97<sup>th</sup> ST NW fixed. The water holds along the edge of the road. The Board will review on the next road review.

The following bills were approved as submitted:

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
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5601	8/1/11	VOID	100-10100	
5593	8/2/11	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	9,354.50
5594	8/2/11	Traffic Marking Service, Inc.	100-10100	1,680.00
5595	8/2/11	Wright Recycling	100-10100	1,450.00
5596	8/2/11	WSB & Associates	100-10100	270.00
		Minn Assn of Townships		
5597	8/2/11	Agency	100-10100	2,431.00
5598	8/2/11	Windstream	100-10100	31.95
5599	8/2/11	Reinhardt Maurer	100-10100	564.00
5600	8/2/11	Norgren Tree Service	100-10100	1,377.50
5602	8/2/11	Timothy A. Hable	100-10100	436.56
5603	8/2/11	Phyllis Latour	100-10100	276.16
5604	8/2/11	Maynard A. Nilson	100-10100	308.29
5605	8/2/11	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	914.36
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<b>Total</b>				<b>19,094.32</b>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.