

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
January 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 6:00 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center – Maker Space Room.

**PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Paul Wagner and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 4 interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING GARY & LINDA REHNKE TO THE OPEN FORUM AND FEE SCHEDULE TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**April Ryan, 15<sup>th</sup> Street North Corridor Feasibility Study** – Ms. Ryan is the City of Sartell’s engineer and came before the town board to present a power point on the feasibility study the city has done on 15<sup>th</sup> Street North. The city hopes to extend 15<sup>th</sup> Street to the west as a corridor from Pinecone Road to 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Ms. Ryan presented the power point informing the board on the steps that are needed for this corridor along with estimated costs of the project and a time frame for the project. The project would be done in two phases.

She stated the first item was the feasibility study and the next would be the Environmental Review Study. During the feasibility study, the city were in touch with all the land owners in the area the corridor would go through. Since all the land owners are in the township, she informed the board either the township can handle the environmental review study or they could sign over the responsibility to the city. She also suggested if the board had further questions that she could not answer, Joel Asp, the Wetland Supervisor for this project, would be a great resource to answer those questions.

After discussion, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SIGN OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STUDY TO THE CITY OF SARTELL BUT REQUESTING THE TOWNSHIP BE INVOLVED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Ms. Ryan will let the city of Sartell know of the township’s decision. The city plans to discuss and act on this at their January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Supv Heim also stated that Kari Theisen, Sartell City Project Supervisor, had contacted him requesting a letter of support from the township which would state the township supports the grant application the city applied for partial funding of this project. He did send a letter of support which was due by January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Gary & Linda Rehnke, 1643 6<sup>th</sup> St. So.** – The Rehnke’s came before the board to thank them for the letter of support regarding the realignment of County Road 133. The township was in favor of Alternate D which would keep the traffic on Pinecone and 6<sup>th</sup> St. South and not impact township or city residents.

They also wanted to question what the regulations for the placement of fencing or an evergreen berm on their 15-acre parcel. This parcel is vacant and will abut a new city residential development planned for the spring of 2023.

The board reviewed with them the fence regulations in the township ordinances. Since nothing can be done during the winter months, they will look into the cost of fencing and or evergreens. They will contact the board if they have further questions or concerns.

**MINUTES:**

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Supervisor Wagner abstained since he was not in attendance or on the board at this particular meeting.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

**Craig Wensmann – Friederich Property, 3714 Riverside Ave.** – Mr. Wensmann, a surveyor, represents the Friederich Property owner. The parcel contains 41.4 acres and they would like to split a 5-acre parcel located on the southwest corner of the property. Mr. Wensmann questioned Supv Heim whether the right-of-way is included in the 5-acres. Atty Gilchrist informed Supv Heim that the right-of-way can be included in the 5-acre parcel. The parcel owners will need to rezone and plat in order to split this parcel.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** There is no report from the building inspector – he will attend the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**DECEMBER TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer Dullinger gave updated balances of all township funds. The current balance is \$1,024,258.34 which now includes the December deposit of real estate tax money.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER TREASURERS REPORT AS AMENDED WITH ALL CHECKS IN ORDER AND VOIDED CHECKS IDENTIFIED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**VOUCHERS & INVOICE PAYMENTS:**

All vouchers and invoice payments were reviewed by the town board.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,252.78 (CHECK #'s 13935 THRU 13947, PLUS EFT 243, 244 & 245), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS****Jeff Westerlund –**

Supv Westerlund discussed the various phone calls he received regarding snow plowing issues in the township.

**Dan Heim –**

**Greg Smith** – Supv Heim informed the board that he has spoken with Greg Smith regarding the upcoming presentation by Rick Willey scheduled at our next township meeting. Supv Heim told him the information he sent was sufficient and Mr. Willey did not need to attend the meeting.

**Chris Kadoun, 435 Coneflower Court – Snow Plowing** – Mr. Kadoun emailed Clerk Plante regarding the snow plow breaking posts he had and removing sod from his lawn. Supv Heim spoke with Doug Welk of ASTECH regarding this issue. Mr. Welk informed him a new driver has been assigned to the township but the breaking of the posts and removal of sod is hard to avoid plus they are both in the road right-of-way. Mr. Welk will speak to the new driver and reassured Supv Heim that once the new driver is more familiar with township roads, things will improve but cannot guarantee further breaking of posts in the right-of-way or the possibility of removing sod.

**Joe Perske – Stearns County Commissioner – 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Stearns County Commissioner, Joe Perske, informed Supv Heim that he is hopeful that funding will be available for the reconstruction of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He wanted to make sure that all the necessary information for the application for funding has been updated. Supv Heim contacted Jodi Teich, Stearns County Highway Department, to speak with her on what may be needed, but he has not heard back from her.

**Jim Shaw, 380 Pine Ridge Road – Snow Plowing** – Mr. Shaw emailed Supv Heim questioning the snowplowing in Bon Homie Addition and whether the snow will be removed from areas where visibility is limited due to the high banks of snow. Doug Welk of ASTECH, stated they may need to remove snow in areas at intersections and around mailboxes.

**Tom Opatz, 448 Spruce Court** – Mr. Opatz contacted Supv Heim regarding the inability of the mail carrier to deliver mail due to the amount of snow in Spruce Court. This was discussed with Doug Welk.

**Kevin Blascziek, 1313 County Road 120 – Snow Plowing** – Mr. Blascziek plows snow in the Pleasant Dale Addition and contacted the township with concerns that a property owner in Pleasant Dale does not want snow pushed into his yard. Supv Heim informed Mr. Blascziek he should do his best to not push the snow in the resident's yard even though a portion of his front yard would be the road right-of-way.

**Charlie Bradley, Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park** – Mr. Bradley was to attend this evening's meeting but was absent. Supv Heim informed Mr. Bradley that township regulations/ordinances do not include RV parks. Mr. Bradley wants to build an RV park east of the Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park on property he owns. Kari Theisen, City of Sartell Project Supervisor told Supv Heim the city allows an RV park with a conditional use permit. Mr. Bradley would then need to annex his property to the city.

**Brian Johnston, 2643 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. No. – Garage Addition** – Supv Heim has received plans for an addition to Mr. Johnston's garage. Reviewing the plans, Mr. Johnston already has 2 accessory buildings. The township will need further information and Mr. Johnston will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting.

**Matt Glaeseman, Annexation of Bueckers Parcel – 7385 322<sup>nd</sup> St.** – Mr. Glaeseman is working on the annexation of the Bueckers property to the City of St. Cloud. He contacted Supv Heim questioning whether the township would agree to a lump sum payment for real estate taxes lost as stated in the Orderly Annexation Agreement. The amount owed to the township will be \$1082.12. Supv Heim was in agreement with the amount stated.

**Paul Wagner** – No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS –**

**Town Hall** – No new information at this time.

**MS4 Permit/Ordinance Update** – Supv Heim asked that Supv Westerlund & Supv Wagner please

review the MS4 Ordinance Revisions before the next meeting in order to proceed with the process of adopting them and setting the public hearing that will be needed.

**Change of Meeting Time** – After discussion and due to supervisor's work hours, SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE MEETING TIME TO 6:30 P.M. BEGINNING WITH THE JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IF ALL NECESSARY NOTICES CAN BE DONE IN THE TIME REQUIRED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

**Fee Schedule** – Supv Heim asked the supervisors to review the fee schedule so that it can be discussed and adopted at the next meeting.

#### **CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**Rick Willey** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting by Supv Heim who spoke with Greg Smith – Mr. Willey will not attend the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**December Fine Reimbursement** – Clerk Plante stated that \$199.98 fine reimbursement has been received for the month of December.

**Township Day at the Capitol** – Clerk Plante received information regarding the upcoming township day at the capitol. It is a 2-day event this year and will be held on February 1 & 2.

**February 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting** – Supv Westerlund informed the board he will not be in attendance at the meeting. The board reviewed procedures for remote meetings and it was the consensus of the board that decisions requiring all board members to be present, will be postponed until the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in February.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante,  
LeSauk Township Clerk