

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
January 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 7:00 p.m. in the Sartell Community Center – Senior Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: No business.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: No business.

MINUTES:

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 23, 2021 MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 14, 2021 MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Supv Omann abstained since he was not in attendance at the meeting.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 3, 2022 REORGANIZATION MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger gave an updated balance in the various funds of the township. The balance is \$752,150.70. She noted the \$31.27 negative balance on the December Treasurer's report under the "checks not cleared" area. She stated that all checks have cleared, the negative \$31.27 is an EFTPS payment that was entered in error, but not paid.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER TREASURERS REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Treasurer Dullinger was asked to inform the board when the negative balance has been cleared.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7877.47 (CHECK #13709 THRU 13721 PLUS EFT'S 211, 212 & 213), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS**Jeff Westerlund –**

Mattress on 17th St. – Supv Westerlund received a call from Supv Heim asking him to pick up a discarded mattress on 17th St. No. Supv Westerlund picked up the mattress and worked with John Kothenbeutel of the City of Sartell for its disposal.

Tri County Humane Society Call – Supv Westerlund received a call requesting acceptance of a stray cat at 2085 6th St., Curt Smallbrock residence. Supv Westerlund approved the request.

Linda Janski – Mailbox Damage – 390 17th St. No. – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Ms. Janski stating her mailbox was damaged by the snowplow. After calling Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc., Supv Westerlund found out the Janski street is plowed by the City of Sartell. He then contacted John Kothenbeutel who stated he will have the mailbox repaired.

Sheila Olund, 453 Spruce Court, Mail Delivery Issue – Ms. Olund contacted Supv Westerlund informing him her mail carrier could not deliver her mail due to the amount of snow around her mailbox. Supv Westerlund contacted Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc. Mr. Welk will have a front-end loader come out to remove the large amount of snow in this area and check other areas in the township.

Tom Fish, 2332 17th St. No. – Mr. Fish contacted Supv Westerlund regarding snowmobiles crossing 30th Avenue, north of the bridge, informing him the snowmobiles & compacted snow is causing slippery areas. Supv Westerlund contacted Doug Welk to view the area and put down salt & sand.

Steve Schwartz, 2695 7th Ave. No. – Mr. Schwartz contacted Supv Westerlund regarding the speed the snowplow drivers on 27th St. No. Mr. Schwartz has had previous damage done to his fence by the force of the thrown snow. 27th Street is plowed by the city of Sartell. John Kothenbeutel from the City of Sartell public works, has placed a sign in the Public Works facility asking the snowplow drivers to slow down on 27th St. No.

Dan Heim –

Spruce Court Issues – Supv Heim received a voicemail from Doug Welk regarding the issues regarding the snowplowing on Spruce Court. Doug has also spoken to Wayne Hoover, the current snowplow driver for the township. Mr. Welk will continue following the direction of the Town Board regarding plowing in the township and where & when to put down sand & salt. Supv Heim also informed Mr. Welk that River Oaks Lane is now in the city of Sartell's jurisdiction and will be plowed by the city.

Mark Heinen, Mattress on 17th St. No. – Supv Heim received a call from Mr. Heinen regarding the mattress thrown out on 17th St. No. Supv Westerlund reported on this matter earlier and the mattress was removed from the area.

Bob Landwehr, Rental of Home at 32497 Riverside Ave. – Mr. Landwehr contacted Supv Heim questioning township regulations regarding renting the home he purchased and remodeled. Supv Heim referred him to the Stearns County Environmental Services department, stating the township does not have rental regulations, but he should follow the rental regulations of Stearns County.

Thomas Property Clean-Up – Supv Heim will check again with Stearns County Environmental Services regarding the clean-up of the Thomas property located at 32502 Riverside Ave. Mr. Thomas was to attend this meeting to discuss the clean-up, but was not in attendance.

Udermann Property – Supv Heim reported that he has spoken to Jennifer Kaminski of Stearns County Environmental Services regarding the Udermann property. As reported at the previous meeting, the Udermann's plan to convert approximately 270 acres into a Wetland Bank/Grassland in phases within the next few years. The Udermann's, after this is complete, will no longer be crop farming on these parcels.

Kent Davis, 3514 Riviera Road – Mr. Davis would like to replace the boathouse on his property located on the Mississippi River. Supv Heim received information from the Department of Natural Resources

which allows the replacement of the boathouse if the cost to replace is less than 50% of the boathouse value. No more information has been received whether Mr. Davis will be going forward with this project.

Joel Bemboom, Mr. Bemboom contacted Supv Heim inquiring whether an accessory building could be constructed on the Kimberly Plombon vacant property located on Riviera Road. Supv Heim informed him he would need to apply for a Conditional Use Permit to construct the building without a primary home located on it.

Bev Hyndman, Mark Traut Parcel Split - Ms. Hyndman contacted Supv Heim questioning whether she would be able to construct a home on property that would be split off from the Mark Traut parcel located on 17th St. No. Since the Traut parcel is located within 700 feet of the Udermann feedlot, a home could not be constructed in that area.

County Road 133 Realignment Meeting – Supv Heim attended a zoom meeting discussing options of realigning County Road 133 which would be constructed through property located in LeSauk Township. Supv Heim stated a meeting will be held with the township residents who own the property being invited to attend the meeting. The township residents included are: Gary & Linda Rehnke, Bob Schefers, Laura Burns & Brian Donnay.

Shawn Omann –

Joe Lahr – Lloyd & Mary Ann Traut – Mr. Lahr contacted Supv Omann informing him he will be attending the conciliation court hearing with Lloyd & Mary Ann Traut with the City of Sartell. He questioned whether the Traut's had a copy of the letter sent to Sartell from the township supporting the Traut's. Mary Ann Traut had a copy of the letter at a previous township meeting.

Wireless/Laser Printer – Supv Omann has been researching the cost of a wireless/laser printer to be kept at the community center on the cart with the 3CX video/remote equipment. It should run around \$600, but he is unsure whether the wi-fi would work due to security issues at the community center. Clerk Plante will contact Kristine O'Brein or Ann Doyscher-Domres at the community center to question whether the wi-fi connection would allow the printing of township documents during meeting times.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No further information at this time.

Thomas & Rosenow Property Clean Up – Supv Omann will view these properties on his monthly road inspection and report at the January 25th meeting.

Tree Trimming on 30th Street – This will remain on the agenda to discuss in the spring of 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bev Hyndman – Split of Mark Traut Property – Discussed earlier in Supv Heim's report.

Clarence Weyer Car Clean-Up – Clerk Plante reported that Mr. Weyer has signed for and received the certified letter sent to him regarding the township's request to have him attend the January 25th meeting to discuss the clean-up and removal of abandoned vehicles on his property.

Fee Schedule – After reviewing the current fee schedule, SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO LEAVE THE FEE SCHEDULE AS IS, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE:

Plowing on 30th Ave – Clerk Plante received a call from David Fasen who lives at 414 30th Ave. No. Mr. Fasen stated the current snowplow driver is not getting close enough to the edge of 30th Avenue between his home and 484 30th Ave. No. He feels this is causing compacted roads and slippery areas along with cars sliding into the ditch. Clerk Plante called and discussed the issue with Doug Welk of ASTECH who

will send out the snowplow driver to salt and sand the area and view the area. 30th Avenue curves slightly to the east in this area. Some of the compacted snow on 30th Avenue could also be caused by snowmobiles driving in this area which was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Township Caucus Date – The caucus date for LeSauk Township and surrounding areas will be held on February 1st beginning at 7 p.m. in the Sartell Middle School.

Minnesota Insider Magazine for Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer – Clerk Plante requested approval from the Town Board to have the MN Insider magazine from the Minnesota Association of Townships be sent to the deputy clerk and deputy treasurer. The cost of the subscription is \$15 each. It was the consensus of the town board to have Clerk Plante go ahead and order the subscriptions for Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut and Deputy Treasurer Sue Dullinger.

Upcoming Meetings – Clerk Plante discussed with the Town Board upcoming meetings that should be set as soon as possible in order to get on the schedule at the community center.

Annual Audit Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SET THE ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 BEGINNING AT 6 P.M., SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

March Meeting Change – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE FIRST MEETING IN MARCH TO MONDAY, MARCH 7TH, BEGINNING AT 7 P.M. DUE TO THE SCHEDULED ANNUAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Clerk Plante will contact both Kristine O'Brien & Anne Doyscher-Domres informing them of the township meeting schedule for 2022 to be placed on the community center calendar.

MAT ARPA Fund Spending Webinar – A webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12 at 10 a.m. to discuss the spending of ARPA Funds townships have received. Supv Heim reported that legislation has been approved allowing townships to spend the funds on township expenses other than previously allowed.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk