LeSauk Township Regular Meeting - Via Virtual GoToMeeting
January 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 7:00 p.m. via electronically per Minnesota Governor Tim Walz's Dial Back Minnesota order due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann, Jeff Westerlund, and Treasurer Vikki Dullinger were in attendance at their homes and Clerk Marlyce Plante was at the Town Hall and one interested party joined the meeting virtually.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING CRIS DRAIS TO OPEN FORUM AND THE AUDIT MEETING TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: Cris Drais – Deputy Clerk Appointment

Clerk Plante introduced Cris Drais who has agreed to be deputy clerk. Ms. Drais was previously the clerk for the city of St Stephen and is a teacher at Pine Meadow Primary School in Sartell. She stated she has experience handling many aspects of the city government, as well as the CTAS (City & Township Accounting System). She will ask questions during the meeting if she has any.

It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Cris Drais serve as deputy clerk to Marlyce Plante, Clerk of LeSauk Township.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR OR OPEN FORUM: No Business

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED, THE MINUTES OF THE 12-22-20 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED, THE MINUTES OF THE 1-4-21 REORGANIZATION MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Supv Heim contacted Attorney Gilchrist suggesting a change in how the application process is handled for Type 4 reviews. He also questioned the process to delete the Solar Energy Fee within the townships fee schedule. Attorney Gilchrist suggested discussing the Type 4 application process at the upcoming Joint Planning Board meeting. He also stated the deletion of the solar energy fee in the townships fee schedule would need to be done by ordinance which then requires the Joint Planning Board to review and act on it.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Clerk Plante received an email from the St. Cloud HRA (Housing & Redevelopment Association) questioning whether the Oscar Gruba property located on 321st Street, had been issued building permits for re-roofing and window replacement. Clerk Plante checked with David Barsody, township building inspector, who stated building permits had been issued to that

parcel, but final approval had not been requested yet. The St. Cloud HRA contact, Peter Schoenpper, was notified by Clerk Plante via email.

Clerk Plante also reported that David Barsody will attend the first meeting in February to discuss and review the building inspector contract for 2021.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Dullinger gave updated balances of the township revenues and expenses. The invoices, claim forms & copies of checks were emailed to the Town Board for review, approval with later signing.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN THE DECEMBER TREASURERS REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:
HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

Invoices/Vouchers – After reviewing the disbursement report provided by Treasurer Dullinger, it was noted that Check #13511 was missing. Treasurer Dullinger found that it was just a typo, made the correction and new reports will be sent to the Board.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF $5928.91 (CHECK #13506 THRU 13512 PLUS EFT'S 179, 180 & 181), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:
HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund – No Report

Dan Heim –

Tom Opatz, 448 Spruce Court, Sartell – Supv Heim received a call from Tom Opatz who asked if the township snowplow driver could lift the blade in the Bon Homie Valley addition so that sod in the township resident's yards is not removed. Mr. Opatz also asked that no salt and sand mixture be put down in the addition. Supv Heim contacted Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc., and discussed these requests. Supv Heim left it to Mr. Welks discretion whether to place salt & sand since it is a matter of public safety.
Carrie Meyer – Ms. Meyer had requested burning information which Supv Heim provided to her. Ms. Meyer had questions & complaints regarding neighboring residents burning. He had not heard anything back from Ms. Meyer.
40th Street & Pinecone Road & 55th Avenue Street Sign – Supv Heim reported the street sign at this intersection was on the ground on December 26th, when he went back the next day, the sign was missing. On January 10th,the old sign was put up which only had 55th Avenue and 40th Street on the sign. Supv Omann will order a new sign from M-R Sign Company since this street sign is located in LeSauk township and should also include Pinecone Road.
Midco Broadband Letter – Supv Heim received a letter regarding possible broadband infrastructure in the area of 40th Street. They would like to get as many area parcel owners (84 parcel owners) interested in signing up for Midco Broadband at $239 per parcel owner which will cover a portion of the cost of installation of the broadband in this area.
Deputy Treasurer – Supv Heim spoke with Josh Bentley who stated his interest in being deputy treasurer. Mr. Bentley was previously the treasurer for the township but needed to resign due to increased commitments at the school district. Treasurer Dullinger informed the Board she had contacted someone else regarding the deputy treasurer position, but had not heard back yet.

Shawn Omann –

Ed Traut – Dead Trees in Road Right-of-Way – Supv Omann spoke with Ed Traut informing him the dead trees along Pinecone Road near the Traut property are not within the road right-of-way, and will be the responsibility of the property owner to remove.
Ed Traut – Parcel Split for Possible Town Hall – Mr. Traut told Supv Omann his family is still interested in platting their property, with the possibility of a parcel being sold to the township for construction of a town hall. He stated he will be speaking to his brother Gerry sometime in the near future and will keep Supv Omann informed.
Randy Kruzel, 334 Pine Ridge Road, Sartell – Supv Omann received a call from Mr. Kruzel who was concerned about the snowplowing in the Bon Homie Valley Addition. He suggested the snowplow driver lift his blade in the addition to avoid removal of top soil and sod in property owner's yards. Supv Heim had discussed this issue with Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc. due to a call from Mr. Opatz who lives in the same housing addition.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – Supv Heim received an email from Anna Gruber who has requested to hold the Government Center Meeting prior to the Joint Planning Board meeting on January 26th. She will discuss the latest information regarding the possible sale of the fire/town hall.
Grebinoski Property – No further information has been received.
Zander & Weinand Vehicle Clean Up – No further information.
Thomas Property – No further information.
Kourtney Bradford-Houle Site Plan Approval – No response has been received from Ms. Bradford-Houle.

The property clean-up items in old business will not be pursued until early in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Government Center Meeting – Supv Heim was contacted by Anna Gruber, to set up a Government Center Meeting on Tuesday, January 26th at 6 p.m. New papers for the platting of the Government Center properties need to be signed by the township chairman. The meeting will be held virtually.
Board of Equalization Meeting – Clerk Plante informed the Board that Wednesday, April 14, 2021 beginning at 6 p.m. has been set by Stearns County for the townships Board of Equalization meeting. Whether the meeting will be held virtually will be determined at a later date.
Annual Audit Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SET THE ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

The meeting will be held in person at the Town Hall since the Board can socially distance and having an audit meeting virtually, would be impossible.

CLERK REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

January 26th Meeting Schedule – Clerk Plante reminded the Town Board of the schedule for January 26th: Government Center Meeting @ 6 p.m., Joint Planning Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m., Regular Township Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held virtually.
Rod Traut – Private Driveway Snow Clearing – Mr. Traut contacted Clerk Plante regarding who he could contact to find out how he could get the private driveway into the farm area owned by the Traut

family located at the end of 27th Street North. She gave him numbers for Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc., plus John Kothenbeutel & Larry Then who work with the City of Sartell's maintenance and public works.
Preusser Property located on River Oaks Lane – Clerk Plante received an email from Adam Troup of S.E.S. (Site Enhancement Services) requesting information regarding the current zoning of the Preusser property located on River Oaks Lane as well as the allowed signs for the area. He stated Caribou Coffee is interested in the area. She informed him the property is located in the R-1 zone and emailed him information regarding the allowed size of signs for the area.
Shape Stearns County 2040 Public Hearing Dates – Two dates have been set for township officials, as well as other residents, to present their views and statements regarding the shaping of Stearns County 2040. Dates are set for January 25th and February 16th. Further information can be found on the Stearns County website.
Struffert Escrow Account for Minor Subdivision – Clerk Plante told the Town Board she did not contact Dale & Kathryn Struffert to request the escrow fee for a minor subdivision since the application for both the variance request and the minor subdivision came from the city of Sartell. It was the consensus of the Town Board to discuss this at the Joint Planning Board meeting to clarify how this is to be handled.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:
HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante

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LeSauk Township Clerk