

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
January 22, 2019

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 Town Hall.

**PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim and Shawn Omann, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and two interested parties.**

**ANSENT: Supervisor Jeff Westerlund**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING CLERK & TREASURERS APPOINTMENT, DAVID BARSODY BUILDING INSPECTOR CONTRACT, 40<sup>TH</sup> STREET & TOWN HALL TO OLD BUSINESS AND PURCHASE OF A PRINTER FOR THE TOWN HALL TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Stu Giffin & Mike DeLuca – LeSauk/Sartell Lions** - Mr. Giffin & Mr. DeLuca are representatives of the Sartell & LeSauk Lions Club and came before the Town Board to discuss the possible collaboration of the Clean Up Days the Lions & the Township hold on the same day.

Both Mr. Giffin & Mr. DeLuca discussed the history of the Lions Club, noting they are a club which donates 100% of their fundraising efforts to various groups & charitable events within the local area. Mr. DeLuca was the spear head of the Lions Park for the disabled in Sartell and now would like to construct a shelter in the park that could be used for future events.

Supv Omann discussed the previous township clean up days in which the township has worked with Steve Lovett of Junkman Services. He also stated that he had recently been in touch with Mr. Lovett who decided to discontinue Junkman Services, but would help the township this year if needed. Mr. Giffin & Mr. DeLuca were informed the Town Board will discuss their suggestion at a future meeting when a full board is in attendance.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of 1-7-19 (Reorganization & Qualifications Meeting) and the 1-8-19 (Regular Township Meeting) were both reviewed and corrected, but will be placed on the next meetings agenda for approval when the full board is in attendance.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

**Stearns County Memorandum of Understanding** – A revised resolution was reviewed by Angie Berg, Stearns County Environmental Services. Ms. Berg did have some corrections which were emailed to Atty Jason Hill for review. The Town Board discussed what the possible impact of dissolving the current memorandum with Stearns County could be. Would the township handle shoreland issues? What is the state law on who handles septic & wetland issues in the area. Supv

Heim will check with Angie Berg regarding who would handle the shoreland issues in the township if the memorandum is terminated.

**Small Group Meeting w/City of Sartell Regarding Zoning** – It was the consensus of the Town Board to allow Supv Heim to meet with a small group (Township Attorney Gilchrist, Supv Heim, City Attorney Adam Ripple & a City of Sartell Representative) to discuss issues regarding zoning ordinances, joint planning board authority etc. Supv Heim will email Attorney Gilchrist asking him to review & discuss the agenda for the meeting with him prior to attending the small group meeting.

**Bob Landwehr Request to Annex Back to the Township** – Supv Heim received the process Mr. Landwehr would need to do to annex back to the township from township Attorney Gilchrist. The City of Sartell first must agree, the 2<sup>nd</sup> item would be the building on the property would be considered a non-conforming use and would be able to continue as used, but would not be able to expand. Supv Heim will email Mr. Landwehr the information he received.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** Mr. Barsody will be asked to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss his current contract and possible changes to his fee schedule.

**January Claim Vouchers** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2988.24 (CHECK #13054 THRU 13056 PLUS EFT'S 111 THRU 114), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

## **SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

### **Dan Heim –**

**Doug Welk ASTECH Inc.** – Supv Heim received a call from Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc. informing him the previous payment for services was \$.50 short and would be added to the next invoice. Treasurer Dullinger stated it already has been added to the invoice paid this evening.

**Ehren Timmer's** – Ms. Timmer's was in contact with Supv Heim regarding a remodeling project. Discussion was held on when a permit from Stearns County is needed if the property is located within the shoreland. A permit is needed from Stearns County only if the project is a structure expansion or addition to a home.

### **Shawn Omann –**

**Shrubs & Planting in Road Right of Ways** - Supv Omann reported his research of the City of Sartell and Stearns County regarding the planting and maintaining of shrubs, hedges etc. in the road right of way. In order to have a clearer process & interpretation of how to handle vegetation, shrubs in the road right of way and the removal of them if necessary, Supv Heim will contact township attorney Troy Gilchrist for clarification of the township's ordinances regarding this matter.

**Steve Lovett – Junkman Services** – As reported earlier in the meeting, Steve Lovett is no longer operating Junkman Services, but will help the township this year if needed. This will be placed on the next meetings agenda for further discussion with the full board.

**Doug Welk – Compacted snow & ice on township roads** – Supv Omann discussed the main roads in the township were in good driving condition, but platted areas of the township were very compacted, rough & icy. He viewed this when doing his monthly road inspection. Supv Heim had spoken to Doug Welk of ASTECH and it was decided to scrape just the main roads of the township. If the Town Board receives a call from concerned residents regarding this type of issue, it would be considered on a case by case basis whether to scrape the road in question.

**Printer for Town Hall** – Supv Omann had emailed information regarding an HP Laser Jet printer he has purchased for his business and is extremely reliable and is on sale now for \$269.99. After review and discussion, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE CLERK PLANTE ORDER THE HP LASER/COLOR PRINTER AS SUGGESTED BY SUPV OMANN, USING THE TOWNSHIP CHARGE CARD TO MAKE THE PURCHASE, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Clerk Plante will look at Amazon’s price as well as Office Depot & CDW for comparison before ordering.

**David Barsody – Town Hall** – Supv Omann will contact David Barsody, township building inspector, to give the township his opinion on a new town hall building and its cost.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Memorandum of Understanding w/Stearns County** – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Fine Reimbursement** – Mike Leberg has not contacted Treasurer Dullinger regarding any updated information.

**Trees & Shrubs in Road Right of Way** – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Peter Ferber Mobile Home** – A letter has been sent to Mr. Ferber regarding the non-conforming placement of a mobile home on his property.

**Clerk & Treasurers Positions from Elected to Appointed** - Clerk Plante has been in touch with Laurie Silbernack of Stearns County Elections and Attorney Troy Gilchrist on the process of changing these positions from elected to appointed.

**Township Clean Up Day** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting and will be placed on the agenda to discuss with the full board.

**ROAD REPORT:** Supv Omann discussed his monthly road inspection report, noting that most roads were in good winter driving conditions and platted areas were rough, compacted and in icy condition. He noted that two of the four “End of Road” signs on River Vista Lane were damaged and will need to be replaced in the spring.

Discussion was held whether the monthly road inspection currently done by each supervisor on a rotating schedule, should be included in the monthly supervisor fees or billed separately. Supv Omann will review state statutes or contact MN Association of Townships for the correct billing procedure.

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

**CMWEA (Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance) Agreement** - This will be placed on the next meetings agenda for review and discussion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlyce L. Plante  
LeSauk Township Clerk

*Marlyce L. Plante (s)*