

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – Sartell Community Center – Liberty Rm
January 23, 2024

The regular township meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jeff Westerlund at 6:30 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Josh Bentley and Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut.

ABSENT: Supervisor Dan Heim

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OPEN FORUM: None.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 9, 2024 regular township meeting will be placed on the next meetings agenda when a full board is present.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS:

Treasurer Bentley presented 5 claims to the Town Board for payment. The claims/invoices totaled \$25,014.20 which includes the first half payment of \$20,000 to the city of Sartell for the fire department services.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS & VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,014.20 (CHECK #14168 THRU 14172), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

Jeff Westerlund – No report.

Paul Wagner –

Lloyd Traut – Supv Wagner received call from Lloyd Traut regarding the Udermann parcel split. The public hearing was held at the Joint Planning Board meeting held on January 9th. Mr. Traut stated he should have voiced his concerns at that time.

Mr. Traut questioned how the elevation of the property was completed and who measured it. He felt the driveway for Mr. Udermann is too close to the Tom Skaj property and should be reevaluated due to the drainage issues that were discussed at the public hearing. It was noted the survey that Mr. Udermann had done was completed by Matt Welinski of Westwood Professional Services.

Area Planning Organization Meeting (APO) – Supv Wagner attended the monthly APO meeting to represent the township in Supv Westerlund’s absence. This was his first time attending an APO meeting and spent the evening listening to people in attendance and the many area issues that were discussed. He stated a lot of information, projects, issues were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No new information at this time.

Township Clean-Up Day – Will be discussed at the Audit meeting scheduled for February 12th.

Zander Property Clean-Up – Supv Westerlund had received a call from neighboring parcel owner questioning the progress of the clean-up of the Zander property. Clerk Plante stated that Attorney Gilchrist sent a second letter by both regular mail and certified mail. Within the letter, the Zanders were given until February 16th to take care of the abandoned vehicles etc.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – This property will be addressed in the spring of 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ROAD REPORT:

Town Line Road Resolution –

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-06 SUPPORTING THE PURSUIT OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR PAVED SHOULDERS ALONG TOWN LINE ROAD, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Joint Powers Agreement for Town Line Road Cost Sharing – Discussion on parts of the agreement were held and the area of the most concern was the equal “money” participation of all of the jurisdictions involved with the project. If a jurisdiction doesn’t pay the share that equals the amount of road they own on 30th avenue, are the other jurisdictions responsible for the remainder. Clerk Plante did state that Supv Heim has reviewed the resolution and agreement and has attended the meetings regarding this project. He is comfortable with the resolution & agreement as it was presented. Supv Wagner reiterated his concern about what happens if other jurisdictions do not pay their fair share of the extra costs to reconstruct town line road.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH BROCKWAY & ST. WENDEL TOWNSHIP, THE CITY OF SARTELL AND STEARNS COUNTY, SUPPLYING FUNDING NEEDS FOR FEES OUTSIDE OF THE \$7,500,000 ALLOCATED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF TOWN LINE ROAD/30TH AVENUE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

January Road Report – Supv Wagner drove all township roads and reported they were in good driving condition but most were snow covered. He noted some small potholes. He provided pictures of various properties the township is working with for clean-up.

Supv Wagner noted that a home located at 341 Pine Ridge Road had siding wrap on it and questioned whether they received a building permit since he did not see a permit posted. Clerk Plante will check with Building Inspector Barsody and report at the next meeting.

322nd St. North Overlay Project - The proposal sent from the City of St. Cloud for the overlay of

322nd Street was discussed. This road is in very poor shape and depending on the distribution of funds for the town line road project, the township may be able to afford the \$100,000 (1/2 of the estimated amount) with the city of St. Cloud providing the remainder of the approximate \$204,000 cost of the project. This overlay would not include the portion owned by St. Wendel Township.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE & REPORT:

February 27th Meeting Change – Clerk Plante informed the board the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 27th, must be rescheduled due to the precinct caucuses being held that evening. She stated that Supv Heim was okay with any day the board chose. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE FEBRUARY 27TH REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING TO MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. PROVIDED A ROOM IS AVAILABLE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk