

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
January 24, 2017

The regular monthly 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 Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Josh Bentley, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 5 interested parties. City of Sartell Joint Planning Board Members, Ryan Fitzthum and Anna Gruber were also present. Supervisor Shawn Omann was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RORY MROZEK –

Mr. Mrozek presented a petition to the Town Board requesting changes to the township zoning ordinances regarding allowable signs in the township. Town Board members stated they would present the request to the township attorney who is in the process of updating the townships ordinances.

JOHN KREHBIEL - 15th Street Corridor Study –

Mr. Krehbiel attended an informational meeting/study regarding the 15th Street corridor that is being considered between Pinecone Road and 30th Avenue. A representative from the Town Board was not able to attend the meeting due to other conflicts but plan to attend future meetings. Mr. Krehbiel suggested the Town Board adopt a resolution stating their concerns. The Town Board will consider the possibility.

PUBLIC HEARING - WATERS CHURCH – SIGN VARIANCE

Chairman Heim read the public hearing notice requesting a larger than allowed sign for the Waters Church. He opened the hearing to the floor. Clerk Plante received a letter from Ryan & Stacie Corrigan who reside in Evening Star Circle to the east of the church. The Corrigan's stated they are opposed to the sign. They were concerned about the LED lumination shining directly into their home during evening hours.

There were no representatives from either the Waters Church or Scenic Sign Company who designed the sign for the church, so new further comments were heard from the floor and the public hearing was closed.

The Town Board and Joint Planning Board members discussed the matter and were of the consensus to postpone a decision on the variance in order to allow representation from the church and sign company to attend the next scheduled meeting to answer questions and concerns from residents as well as the Town Board and Joint Planning Board members.

The meeting was recessed to allow for the Joint Planning Board Meeting

MINUTES – The minutes of the 1-10-17 regular meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Attorney Report –

Bromenschenkel Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing – The public hearing for the Bromenschenkel Conditional Use Permit application will be scheduled for February 14, 2017. Chairman Heim has been in touch with the township attorney's office regarding possible conditions that may be considered as well as the requested size of the accessory building which Mr. Bromenschenkel has changed to 7210 square feet.

Building Inspector Report – A building report was received from Building Inspector David Barsody which

contained two new building permits.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Pinecone Road & 40th St – Supv Westerlund received a call from Vern Klaverkamp who has a home for sale in the Majestic Pond Addition. He was concerned prospective buyers would not be able to find the home without the street sign for Pinecone Road & 40th Street. The street sign was broken off due to an accident in previous weeks. Supv Westerlund did inform him it wouldn't be until spring before the sign could be replaced.

Stearns County Sheriff – Dead Deer – Supv Westerlund received a call to pick up a dead deer near the Mick home at 1587 6th St. So. The deer was frozen to the ground and could not be moved.

Steve Kostohryz-1345 Riverside Ave. – Mr. Kostohryz contacted Supv Westerlund inquiring about the township ordinances regarding renting property. Supv Westerlund referred him to the Stearns County Ordinances since the township do not have ordinances regarding renting of property.

Emergency Management Meeting – Supv Westerlund reported on the meeting he attended regarding emergency planning in the area. He stated it is basically up to individual townships, cities etc., to draft a plan for a hazardous waste plan. Erin Hausauer from the Emergency Management Planning Committee has offered to attend and upcoming township meeting to discuss the process of drafting a plan. This will be placed on the agenda to look at in the future.

Police Chief Jim Hughes- Supv Westerlund contacted Jim Hughes regarding the use of the enclosed area between the Police station and the Town Hall. Mr. Hughes stated the area could be used for the township clean-up day, calling a week before the event to get the key to the locked area.

Dan Heim –

Ferber Property – Supv Heim said Stearns County and its legal department are working on a default order regarding the Ferber property clean up and septic issues.

Torborg Dirt Pile Clean Up – SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO INFORM ATTORNEY ROBERT ALSOP THE TOWN BOARD ACCEPTS THE STIPULATION FOR DISMISSAL FOR THE TORBORG DIRT PILE SINCE THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF SARTELL, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Supv Heim will contact Attorney Alsop of the decision.

Udermann Property - Supv Heim spoke with Becky of Stearns County Environmental Services informing him the feedlot ordinance enforcement will be handled by individual townships. The Udermann's would like to construct new homes near the farm site, but are within the 750 feet setback required from a feedlot. The Udermann's are in the process of possibly purchasing property from an adjacent neighbor and will then return to the Town Board to request a variance from the setback.

Zimmerman Property – Supv Heim viewed the property and stated several items had yet to be cleaned up; the pallets were not neatly stacked, truck bed liner has not been removed, tires & debris have not been removed plus the shed which is not allowed on the property has not been removed. Since it is winter and this area is difficult to access, the Zimmerman's were told that after the snow melts, everything must be removed as requested previously. If Ms. Zimmerman does not check in monthly with Supv Heim, he will contact her regarding the progress of the clean-up.

Snow Poles – Discussion was held briefly on a standard plastic/fiber glass pole for all residents to use as markers for snowplow drivers.

OLD BUSINESS

Then Property Clean Up – Will remain on the agenda and reviewed in the spring.

30th Avenue Bridge – Will be viewed during the annual road inspection in the spring.

Zimmerman Property Clean Up – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Striping of Township Roads – This item will be left on until spring of 2017 at which time bids will be received.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE –

Audit Meeting Date – This will be placed on the next meeting's agenda to set when a full board is present.

Park Fund – Monarch Meadows Plat 3 – The park fund which should be set for the Monarch Meadows Plat 3 was discussed briefly.

MS4 Workshop – Information was given to Supv Westerlund regarding an upcoming workshop for the Minnesota Stormwater Permit Process.

Broadband Speed Study – An informal study is being done by area townships that have rural areas that do not have access to good broadband speed.

JANUARY ROAD REPORT

Supv Heim and Supv Omann inspected the township roads for the month of January. The report was reviewed noting that most township roads were in fair driving condition with some slush due to the recent snowfall and melting. The 911 signs on 5th Avenue remain on the west side of the road and should be moved to the east side to allow for easier plowing by our snow removal company. Also discussed was a pothole near the entrance of 17th Street.

VOUCHERS

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10872.15 (CHECK #12563 THRU CHECK #12568), SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk