

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
January 9, 2018

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, Jeff Westerlund and Shawn Omann, Treasurer Josh Bentley, Clerk Marlyce Plante and two interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH THE ADDITION OF JOHN PETERSON TO OPEN FORUM, CITY OF SARTELL ATTORNEY LETTER TO NEW BUSINESS AND LRIP (30TH AVE) TO OLD BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

John Petersen – Sign Solutions – Mr. Petersen came before the Town Board to report his completion of replacement of signs and posts on township roads. He stated that 15 need to be ordered with the new reflectivity.

He also presented two estimates for the replacement of the street name signs and discussed the difference of the high intensity vs the diamond graded signs. The Town Board will review the estimates and contact him at a future date.

MINUTES:

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2017, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT –

Preusser Conditional Use Permit – Attorney Gilchrist informed Supv Heim that putting the term within the conditional use permit that it would expire once a primary residence is constructed, would be fine.

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Treasurer Bentley received a brief report from David Barsody, building inspector. Two new permits had been issued during the past month.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Jeff Westerlund -

Sheriff's Call Regarding a Car Fire – Supv Westerlund was contacted by the Stearns County Sheriff's Office regarding a car fire at the intersection of 30th Ave & 17th St. They requested salt & sand for the area sprayed by the fire department. The residue caused slippery road conditions. Since this was in the St. Wendel Township portion of 30th Avenue, they were informed to contact St. Wendel.

Tom Fish – 17th St. No. – Mattress Pick-Up – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Tom Fish, resident of 17th St. No. (Udermann area) requesting him to come and pick up mattresses & box springs that were dumped on 17th. Supv Westerlund picked them up and they are presently behind the town hall until they can be discarded at the appropriate facility.

Board of Equalization Class – Supv Westerlund stated he is scheduled to attend a class given by Stearns County to update his certification for the Board of Equalization. The class is a 2-hour session and will be held on 1-17-18.

CMWEA (Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance) Meeting – Supv Westerlund reported he attended the recent 12-28-17 CMWEA meeting. He stated the townships annual fee and renewal form is due. Treasurer Bentley stated he had the check for the renewal fee ready for signature in this evenings vouchers.

Dan Heim -

New Sign Posts - Supv Heim informed the Town Board that s new six (6) sign posts were delivered and being stored in the storage area of the Town Hall.

Preusser/Pogreba Plat Mylars - Supv Heim reported he had signed the mylars for the Pogreba Plat 3 as presented to him by Mel Preusser. Clerk Plante also signed the mylars.

River Vista Lane Manhole Cover – Supv Heim received a call regarding a manhole cover that was sticking up approximately 6-8 inches at the end of River Vista Lane. After viewing, it was determined it was a manhole owned by Century Link.

Jodi Teich – Stearns County Highway Department – Supv Heim contacted Ms. Teich regarding the county’s ownership of county right of way. She informed him that anything within the right of way will be the responsibility of Stearns County. The intersection aprons of 22nd, 27th & 30th and Riverside Avenue/County Road 1, would be the responsibility of Stearns County.

Jay Weihr – Whispering Pines & Wood - Supv Heim was contacted by Jay Weihr regarding the township’s regulations on outdoor wood burning stoves. He referred him to David Barsody, township building inspector, since the township does not have any regulations regarding outdoor wood burning stoves and there may be possible regulations by the State of Minnesota.

Steve Legatt - Supv Heim responded to an email from Steve Legatt, regarding construction of a new home adjacent to an existing home on the same lot. Supv Heim was informed by Atty Kyle Hartnett that the Township enter into an agreement with the property owner in which the owner agrees to tear down the old home once the new home is built. The agreement would put up a security escrow from the home owner that the Town can use to tear down the old home if the owner fails to do so. The agreement would also grant the Town the right to enter the property to remove the old home if needed

Shawn Omann – No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Street Light @ 21st Street & Monarch Court - Treasurer Josh Bentley reported no information had been received yet from Xcel Energy regarding the cost of a street light at this intersection.

LRIP (Local Road Improvement Plan) Grant – Supv Heim was informed that 217 applications were received for the grant money available from the State of Minnesota. It will be approximately 2-3 months before any decisions will be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Township Ordinance Work Session – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SET THE NEXT WORK SESSION TO REVIEW TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE HOME OF SUPERVISOR DAN HEIM DUE TO THE USE OF THE TOWN HALL BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Audit Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SET THE AUDIT MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2018 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED, 3-0.

City of Sartell Joint Planning Board Members for 2018 – An email was received by Clerk Plante from Anita Rasmussen, Sartell City Planner, informing the Township that Ryan Fitzthum, Pat Lynch & Mike Chisum were named the City representatives on the Joint Planning Board.

Letter from Adam Ripple, Attorney for the City of Sartell – Supv Heim reported a letter had been received by Attorney Troy Gilchrist from Adam Ripple, attorney for the City of Sartell. Atty Ripple wrote on behalf of the City of Sartell Council & City Planner requesting a meeting with the Town Board to discuss several areas the City had concerns about; the Orderly Annexation Agreement, the Joint Planning Board etc. This will be placed on the next meeting's agenda since the request was received late in the day and the Town Board would like to review the requests first and proceed after more information has been reviewed.

BOB SCHEFERS – SPLIT OF PROPERTY

Mr. Schefers came before the Town Board to review a site plan he had showed the Town Board that he would like to split off a 10-acre parcel from his 57+ acre parcel. Mr. Schefers will be constructing a patio home on the 10-acre parcel for himself. He already has the Stearns County septic approval for the site. The property is zoned agricultural and both parcels will remain agricultural.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW CLERK PLANTE TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE TO BOB SCHEFERS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE CORRECT/NEW LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE 10-ACRE PARCEL WHICH WILL REMAIN AGRICULTURAL ZONED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DECEMBER TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Josh Bentley reviewed with the Town Board the December Treasurers Report. He stated the township ended the year with approximately \$404,000 in the bank, an increase from the previous year. He felt the township was in good financial status to continue with the Pinecone Road project during 2018. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED, THE DECEMBER TREASURERS REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

VOUCHERS

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,484.30 (CHECK #12775 THRU CHECK # 12795 PLUS EFT84), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante *Marlyce L. Plante (s)*

LeSauk Township Clerk