

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
October 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 6:00 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger and Clerk Marlyce Plante.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Adam Laidlaw, 3898 Riviera Road – Certificate of Compliances – Supv Omann spoke with Mr. Laidlaw who was scheduled to attend this evening's meeting, but is unable to. Mr. Laidlaw and adjacent neighbor, Lenore Johnson, have worked out the boundary lines between their properties. Their surveyor has provided legal descriptions for the new property lines. Mr. Laidlaw and Ms. Johnson are requesting certificate of compliances needed to legally record the new property lines.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCES FOR BOTH ADAM & ALYSON LAIDLAW AND LENORE JOHNSON, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. The certificates were signed and notarized. Supv Omann will give the originals to Mr. Laidlaw & Ms. Johnson.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Town Hall – Supv Heim contacted Attorney Troy Gilchrist regarding the proper procedure for the construction or purchase of a new town hall. Atty Gilchrist stated the town board can get a site for a town hall, but the site must not be changed except by a vote choosing a new site by the electors. That vote must receive two thirds of the votes in favor of the new site.

Fitzthum – Solar Garden – Supv Heim was contacted by both Ryan Fitzthum and U.S. Solar Energy regarding the placement of a solar garden on a 20-acre parcel Mr. Fitzthum owns in the township. Atty Gilchrist informed Supv Heim that solar gardens are not allowed in the township. Residential solar panels would be allowed. Mr. Fitzthum may be able to annex his property to the city of Sartell which allows solar gardens or request an amendment to the township's ordinances.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Wayne Paquin Letter – Building Inspector David Barsody sent a copy of a letter to Supv Heim which Mr. Barsody sent to Wayne Paquin, 7230 322nd Street, regarding non payment of building permits for alterations to buildings on his property. The alterations have already begun.

Cory Peeters, 2236 40th St. No. – Building Inspector David Barsody was contacted by Supv Heim whether Mr. Peeters needs a building permit for a utility building that will be 10 X 16 (160 sq ft) square feet. Since it is less than 200 square feet, a building permit is not required.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger reported a balance of \$931,597.35 in township funds. Deposits totaling \$636,000 have been placed in the Demand Deposit Marketplace through Falcon Bank. She stated the funds are in various banks throughout the U.S. Supv Heim questioned the check numbers 13849 & 13850 on the September Treasurers report that state they are void. He informed her to put VOID in those check number areas instead of repeating check numbers 13849 & 13850.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,411.55 (CHECK #'s 13870 THRU 13882 PLUS EFT'S 235 & 236), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Dead Tree @ 2607 7th Ave – Supv Westerlund discussed the dead tree that is possibly in the road right of way near the Derek Kiffmeyer property located in Countryside Acres Addition. Supv Westerlund measured from the center line which was 44 feet, so it does not fall in the road right of way and the township is not responsible for removing the dead tree.

Stearns County Sheriff Phone Call – Supv Westerlund received a call from the sheriff's office informing him a 911 sign & the pole was damaged and may need repair. The address is 32157 County Road 1 which is owned by Donald Anderson. The cost of a new 911 sign is \$45.

Stearns County Township Association Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE STEARNS COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING IN FREEPORT AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY ON OCTOBER 27, 2022, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Building Permit Questions – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Kim Lorentzen, 1934 4th Ave. No., regarding building permit questions for placement of fences.

Dan Heim –

Megan – Watab- Inc. – Supv Heim received a call from Megan of Watab Inc. with questions regarding septic system hook up in the township. She was referred to Stearns County Environmental Services who handle septic system questions within the township.

Joshua Carpenter, 1407 Pinecone Road – Supv Heim reported that Mr. Carpenter did not have his septic system installed, but has only been designed at this time and would cost approximately \$20,000. This parcel is in an area that is to be annexed within three years as part of the revised orderly annexation agreement, but as of right now, services are not located within the area.

Meeting with Scott Saehr & Kari Theisen – Supv Heim met with Mr. Saehr and Ms. Theisen from the city of Sartell, to discuss the two parcels located at 581 County Road 120 and are owned by Minnesota United Methodist Church. The parcels are likely being annexed to the city of Sartell for development.

Roys & Mary Barron-Traut - An email was received from Roys & Mary Barron-Traut regarding re-registration of their feedlot located on their farm at 3872 Pinecone Road. The Stearns County Environmental Services Department contacted the Trauts informing them their feedlot registration was out of compliance. Corrections have been made to the registration with the correct number of animal units and they are now in compliance.

Resurfacing of 322nd Street – Supv Heim reported to the town board the city of St. Cloud has 322nd Street resurfacing on their future road projects to be done some time between 2023 to 2028.

County Road 133 Realignment Study – Supv Heim discussed the November 1st meeting that will be held regarding the realignment of County Road 133. He suggested that all town board supervisors attend the meeting. Emails have been received from residents in the area questioning why they have not been informed of these meetings. Clerk Plante has forwarded the information about this meeting to those residents. The board discussed the options outlined in the latest study. Options are being pursued to get traffic off Pinecone Road, but the options to do this, would drastically affect township parcel owners and a populated area of Sartell where homes are already established.

Shawn Omann –

Jodi Wilken, 2660 7th Ave. No. – Tree Removal – Supv Omann received a text from Ms. Wilken questioned when the dead trees will be cut down near her property. She believes the trees are in the road right of way. Supv Omann will view the trees during his monthly road inspection and report at the next meeting.

Kamco Road Striping – Supv Omann reported that Kamco completed the striping on 30th Avenue. Supv Omann also reported he needed to contact Kamco again since the mailbox owned by Tom Miller, had not had the tar removed. He contacted Kamco and they immediately came out to clean it.

Laidlaw Certificate of Compliance - This was discussed and taken care of earlier in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS –

Town Hall – Discussed under attorney report, but no updates on a possible site or building.

Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean-up – No further information at this time.

MS4 Permit/Ordinance Update – Supv Heim received the coded and corrected ordinances from Atty Gilchrist, but has not reviewed them yet. This will remain on the agenda.

17th Streeting Grading – The grading equipment is not back from the metro area yet, but when it returns the grading will be completed.

NEW BUSINESS –

3CX Phone Renewal – The annual renewal of the 3CX phone system was received from TechCheck. The annual fee is \$515.00 After discussion, the board stated it is a necessity if we need to go back to remote meetings. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AND ENTER INTO THE RENEWAL OF THE 3CX PHONE SERVICE, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

November Meeting Date Change – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE FIRST MEETING IN NOVEMBER DUE TO THE ELECTION FROM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH BEGINNING AT 6 P.M., SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante will notify the community center of the meeting date change.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

November Election Update – Clerk Plante provided an updated list of election judges that will be assigned for the November 8th General Election. She will be contacting Park Fellowship to inform them of various times we will be using the church for election set-up, Public Accuracy Testing, the election, etc.

Carita Haehn, 2197 19th Ave. So. – Sign Regulations – Ms. Haehn emailed Clerk Plante stating she has been approached by a company who would like to place a sign on her parcel. Clerk Plante emailed her the sign regulations pertaining to the U-1 zoning district Ms. Haehn is located in.

Minnesota Association of Townships Annual Meeting - The annual meeting will be held in St. Cloud on October 14 & 15.

Public Health Concern – Clerk Plante stated she was contacted by the Stearns County Human Services office regarding a public health concern they had regarding a vulnerable adult living in an area of the township. She provided them with possible townships regulations regarding health & welfare, but those regulations usually are limited to the outside of a residence.

Township Road Miles Certification – SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO CERTIFY THE TOWNSHIP ROAD MILES AT 25 MILES, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Chrm Heim signed the certification and it will be emailed to Chris Scepaniak of Stearns County.

Township Weed Inspection Annual Report – Clerk Plante will wait until the brush cutting is completed by Chuck Ertl and will then file the annual weed inspection report. To date, the ditch mowing has been completed, but the invoice has not been paid since it included the brush cutting, which has not been completed.

22nd Street Potholes – Clerk Plante received a call from Grayce Berg, resident on 22nd Street, regarding the large potholes on 22nd Street. She informed Ms. Berg that 22nd Street is to be resurfaced in the spring of 2023 and will ask the board supervisor to view the potholes on his monthly road inspection. Possibly some cold patch can be used in the larger potholes. Supv Omann will be doing the October road inspection and will view the area and report at the next meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk