

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
October 25, 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, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 5 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING THE GARLOCK SITE PLAN & GEORGE & MARY KAY FEDOR TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR AND LORENTZEN SITE PLAN AND SOLAR GARDENS TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Daryl & Nicole Garlock Variance – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-06 FOR DARYL & NICOLE GARLOCK ALLOWING A 30 X 40 SQUARE FOOT ACCESSORY BUILDING IN THE FRONT YARD, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Daryl & Nicole Garlock Site Plan, 3775 Riverside Ave. – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR DARYL & NICOLE GARLOCK SITE PLAN WHICH MEETS ALL SETBACKS AND TO HAVE THE NEW ACCESSORY BUILDING PLACED IN THE FRONT YARD, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

George & Mary Kay Fedor, 2712 Riverside Ave. – The Fedor's came before the board to discuss the placement of a 4-foot chain link fence on their property line. The board informed the Fedor's that a fence must be placed 5 feet from the property line unless a signed agreement with adjacent neighbors has been obtained to place the common fence on the property line. The Fedor's have tried to get in contact with the north neighbor, Wayne Rosenow, to get approval, but have yet to be able to contact him. The Fedor's will continue to try to contact him, if they are unable, a variance will need to be applied for to place the fence closer than 5 feet from the property line.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

MS4 Storm Water Revised Ordinances – Supv Heim received revised MS4 Storm Water Ordinances from Attorney Troy Gilchrist. Atty Gilchrist informed him the town board would need to amend the current ordinances by changing or adding the MS4 revisions and adopting a resolution with checklists. Supv Heim asked board supervisors to review the revisions. The revised ordinances will remain on the agenda until reviewed and adopted by the Town Board. Supv Heim will also have the city of Sartell review the ordinance revisions.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Wayne Paquin, 7230 322nd St. – Building Inspector David Barsody has received payment from Wayne Paquin for building permits Mr. Paquin requested.

TREASURERS REPORT:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5074.32 (CHECK #'s 13883 THRU 13888 PLUS EFT 237), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Freezer on 35th St. – Supv Westerlund received a phone call from the Stearns County Sheriff's office informing him a freezer was left on 35th Street. Supv Westerlund picked up the freezer and took it to Midway Iron located on Lincoln Avenue for disposal.

Potholes on 21st Street, Rodeo Rd & 30th Avenue – Supv Westerlund placed cold patch in potholes located on 21st Street which was brought to the attention of the town board by resident, Grayce Berg. He also stated that 21st Street is in poor condition, but this is a township road that will be overlaid in the spring of 2023. He also patched several potholes on 30th Avenue.

Dan Heim –

Patrick Michaud, 2741 Winnebago Rd. – Site Plan for Remodel – Supv Heim was contacted by Nick Preusser, contractor for Mr. Michaud. Mr. Preusser stated the Michaud's plan to convert a portion of their garage to a weight/exercise room. Supv Heim reviewed the size that would be allowed for the new garage since it cannot be larger than the foot print of the home. The site plan will be placed on the next meeting's agenda if received.

Sam DeLeo – Tom Frericks – Garage Replacement, 3231 321st St. – Mr. DeLeo emailed Supv Heim regarding the replacement of Mr. Frerick's garage. The previous garage was 2.1 feet from the property line and Mr. Frericks plans to replace the garage, but it would be 3 feet from the property line. Mr. DeLeo & Mr. Frericks were informed this would require a variance since it is less than 10 feet.

Terry Thene & Kari Theisen, 1995 1st St. No. – Supv Heim spoke with Kari Theisen, Assistant Planning Director for Sartell and Terry Thene, township resident, regarding the placement of a storage container on his driveway. Mr. Thene would use the container for storage of wood projects etc. They were both informed the storage containers would not be allowed since they are essentially accessory buildings which would need to follow township regulations.

Brian Donnay, 422 19th Ave. So. Pole Building Construction – Mr. Donnay contacted Supv Heim to discuss the township regulations to place a pole building on a 11.14-acre parcel he purchased to house horses. Supv Heim will check with Stearns County regarding a feedlot which may be required for horses.

County Road 133 Realignment Open House – Supv Heim reminded the board there will be an open house to discuss and review options for the realignment of County Road 133. He felt it was important for all town board supervisors to attend. It will be held on November 1st at 4:30 p.m. at the community center.

Shawn Omann –

Laidlaw & Johnson Certificates of Compliance – Supv Omann reported that he delivered the certificates of compliance to Adam Laidlaw. Mr. Laidlaw will deliver Ms. Johnson's certificate to her.

Chad Perius, 3324 Riviera Road – Shore Reconstruction – Supv Omann was contacted by Chad Perius who is contracting with J.K. Landscaping to reconstruct the Perius's shoreland. Mr. Perius will need to apply for a minor shoreland permit which requires a \$400 permit fee and provide an escrow fund of \$1000. A survey of the property may also be needed since there have been several discrepancies of property lines in this area. It will also be reviewed by Stephen Gritman of Northwest Area Consultants who reviews all shoreland regulations for changes to shoreland along the Mississippi River as well as reviewing the ordinary high-water mark on the property.

OLD BUSINESS –

Town Hall – No further information at this time.

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

MS4 Permit/Ordinance Update – Supv Heim discussed this under the attorney report. This will remain on the agenda until adopted.

17th Street Grading – The grading of 17th Street has been completed and can be removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS –

Kimberlee Lorentzen, 1934 4th Ave. No. – Deck Replacement Site Plan – The site plan for Ms. Lorentzen was reviewed. She is replacing, on the same footprint, a deck on her property. Supv Heim forwarded the site plan to Scott Saehr, City of Sartell Assistant City Administrator, who stated the city had no concerns. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR KIM LORENTZEN WHO IS REPLACING A DECK ON THE SAME FOOTPRINT OF THE PREVIOUS DECK, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Solar Garden/Farm Discussion – The town board discussed the request made by Evan Carlson, Enterprise Energy and Ryan Fitzthum, township parcel owner. Mr. Carlson and Mr. Fitzthum had discussed the construction of a 1-mega watt solar garden on 6-8 acres of the Fitzthum property located on 17th St. No. Solar gardens are not allowed in the township and in order to allow them, an amendment to the township ordinances would need to be done.

It was the consensus of the board to have Supv Westerlund ask other township board members in Stearns County at the Stearns County Township Officers meeting that is being held in Freeport on October 27th. He will report back at the next town board meeting. Clerk Plante will email Margaret Stang, Brockway Township clerk, for information since their township has a solar garden.

OCTOBER ROAD REPORT:

Supv Omann reviewed his monthly road report, stating he drove all township roads which are in relatively good driving condition. The striping done on 30th Avenue was poorly done. He also cleaned the grate on the north end of the 30th Avenue culvert. He reported that fresh patching on 322nd Street had been done and there is a pothole on River Vista Lane. No immediate maintenance is needed on township roads.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Christopher Wills, 1979 Riverside Ave. – Clerk Plante received an email from Christopher Wills requesting the front yard setbacks on his property. She directed him to the Stearns County Highway department since his property is located on County Road 1/Riverside Ave.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk