

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
October 26, 2021

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 Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante, plus 2 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING LAURA BURNS AND KAYLA FOSS TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Laura Burns, 1457 6th St. So., Sartell – Ms. Burns owns a 16-acre parcel in LeSauk Township. She would like to split a portion of her parcel to allow her son to build a home. The board informed her she would need to contact Scott Saehr, City of Sartell Assistant Administrator & Planner, because her property is zoned U-1, for an application for a variance and minor subdivision. She will also need to have her land surveyed and was given contact information on local surveyors.

Kayla Foss, 32502 County Road 1 – Ms. Foss came before the Town Board to discuss the Thomas property clean-up that has been ongoing. She stated they did sell one vehicle, but no further clean-up has been completed. Ms. Foss was again given copies of the township's regulations regarding abandoned vehicles & property which she will give to Ted Thomas. Mr. Thomas resides in the home and is the son of Shirley Thomas who owns the home.

The town board discussed the townships ongoing problem with the Thomas property clean-up with no resolution, questioning what steps could possibly be taken.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CONTACT TROY FREIHAMMER WITH STEARNS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO REQUEST THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CLEAN-UP OF THE THOMAS PROPERTY, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED, THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED, THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2021 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Buecker's Property Split – 7385 322nd St. – The Buecker's property is located on 322nd Street and is the only remaining township parcel on the south side of 322nd. It is surrounded by property annexed to the city of St. Cloud. Atty Troy Gilchrist received a call back from St Cloud City Attorney. Since this property is

located in an Orderly Annexation Agreement with St Cloud City, it would need to be annexed into St Cloud if the property owner wants to split or develop the property.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No Report.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Dullinger reported there were two Stantec invoices from May and July that had not been paid but she had not received. Both have been included for payment in this evening's invoices. Supv Westerlund questioned whether the \$3000 invoice to Josh Skinner of Guardian Tree Trimming had been included in this evening's invoices. She stated it wasn't, but will include it in the invoices for the November 9th meeting.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4121.87 (CHECK #13680 THRU 13688 PLUS EFT #205), MOTION SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Deb Sauer, 1847 35th St. No. - Tires – Ms. Sauer contacted Supv Westerlund regarding several tires that were thrown in the ditch on 35th Street just west of her property. Supv Westerlund will pick the tires up within the week.

Area Planning Organization (APO) Meeting – Supv Westerlund reported on several topics discussed at the monthly APO meeting. Items discussed were the new construction of a Food Distribution Center & Amazon Distribution Center located on Opportunity Drive in St. Cloud. He also informed the Town Board the APO will spend available funds for traffic study in the area.

Sauk Rapids Herald Article – Supv Westerlund provided a copy of the Sauk Rapids Herald which included an article that Watab Township Board had recently approved spending \$13300 of ARPA funds for culvert & storm sewer repair & tree trimming on their township roads. Supv Westerlund questioned whether this could be done with ARPA funds and will check into it more.

Tree Trimming Proposal - Supv Westerlund received a proposal of \$500 from Guardian Tree Trimming to trim branches & remove all debris from a tree located near 6204 322nd St. The tree is located on an easement parcel owned by LeSauk township. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO CONTRACT WITH GUARDIAN TREE TRIMMING TO TRIM BRANCHES AND REMOVE DEBRIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 AT 6204 322ND STREET, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Westerlund will contact Josh Skinner of Guardian notifying him of the approval.

Elm Brush on 30th Street – After discussion by the board, it was their consensus to deal with the continued growth of elm brush in the spring of 2022.

Dan Heim –

Buecker Property Split – Reported on in the Attorney Report.

Lisa DeLaGarza, 1659 Riverside Ave - Fence - Supv Heim was contacted by Ms. DeLaGarza who was inquiring about what type of fence regulations the township has. He provided information to her.

Deb Wildeson, 32148 County Road 1 – Ms. Wildeson contacted Supv Heim regarding the traffic issues on County Road 1, the speed and continued accidents. Supv Heim gave her Jodi Teich's contact information with Stearns County Highway Department since County Road 1 is in their jurisdiction.

Melissa Wolf – Midco Communications – Supv Heim had requested Ms. Wolf's broadband team take a closer look at areas in LeSauk Township that may not have sufficient broadband. She reported to him that they found all areas of LeSauk Township are properly served with broadband.

Scott Saeher – Affordable Lot – Mr. Saeher contacted Supv Heim questioning whether the township has an affordable lot for a home being constructed by Sartell High School students for Habitat for Humanity. Supv Heim did state there were a couple lots located on 40th & 35th Streets, but would be quite pricey. The other one would be the small one on County Road 120 intersection.

Anna Gruber – 15th St. Funding – Supv Heim received an email from Anna Gruber requesting a letter of support for possible future funding for reconstruction of 15th Street from Pinecone Road to 30th Avenue. The city of Sartell had requested funding previously, but did not receive it, so are again applying for possible funding. Supv Heim provided the letter of support.

Revenue Loss – ARPA Funds – Supv Heim reported that he used the revenue loss calculation guide provided by the Minnesota Association of Townships and after putting in the townships revenues for 2019 and 2020, the township did not have a revenue loss due to COVID-19.

Shawn Omann –

Tree Removal – Warnert's Addition – Supv Omann was contacted about a downed tree on 5th Avenue which caused a power outage in the area. He reported the tree was laying on power lines and Xcel workers cut and removed the tree from the lines. Since this needed immediate attention due to no power to township residents, Supv Omann contacted Able Tree Service who were able to come out, cut and remove the tree. An invoice will be forthcoming.

30th Street Elm Brush Removal – This was discussed earlier in Supv Westerlund's report and will be dealt with in the spring of 2022.

Wayne Rosenow, 2734 County Road 1 – Property Clean Up – Mr. Rosenow contacted Supv Omann requesting 30 days to clean up his property. Supv Omann informed him that would be fine, noting the board will view his property during next month's road inspection.

Kamco – Ken Tormansen - Supv Omann has been trying to contact Mr. Tormansen to discuss the completion of township road projects. As of yet, no response has been received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No further information at this time.

Zander Property Clean Up – Supv Westerlund reported the Zander's have one vehicle that will be licensed by December 1st. Two vehicles remain in the rear yard, one licensed and one un-licensed. He will continue to check on these and update the Town Board.

Thomas & Rosenow Property Clean Up – These were discussed earlier in the meeting.

America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Discussion was held earlier in the meeting – there is no revenue loss in LeSauk Township.

Tree Trimming – Discussed and acted on.

Proposals from Tech Check – The board reviewed and discussed proposals from Tech Check for the YeaLink Conference Unit. Proposals were received from Tech Check and Windahl Technology for laptops for Town Board members.

It was the consensus of the Town Board the YeaLink Conference Unit demonstrated at a previous meeting, would be more suitable to the townships needs versus the projection screen set-up proposal received from Windahl Technology. There was quite a price difference for laptops between the Tech Check & Windahl proposals. Supv Omann will look into laptops and report at the next meeting. These items will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Buecker's Property Split – This was discussed in the Attorney Report.

OCTOBER ROAD REPORT:

Supv Westerlund viewed and drove all township roads on October 23rd. The majority of roads in the township are in good driving condition. He noted that 322nd Street is one of the township roads that is in poor condition and suggested to consider asking the City of St. Cloud to take it over. There is a lot of travel on 322nd Street which mainly serves the city of St. Cloud residents. The township only has a couple of property owners located on the road.

Supv Westerlund also suggested to the Town Board we should consider overlaying 17th Street, the Udermann portion. Boring tests have been completed on this road which indicated there were no timbers located under the road. Supv Heim will contact David Blommel, township engineer, to discuss the process for bidding this project and what the best solution would be for this street.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE:

Items listed on the agenda under the Clerk Correspondence & Report were discussed within the Supervisors reports - they included: Lisa DeLaGarza, fence regulations, Laura Burns, subdivision of parcel, Becky Spanier, Heim property question, Deb Wildeson, County Road 1 traffic concerns & Deb Sauer, tire pick-up on 35th Street.

Re-Roofing Permits – Clerk Plante received several phone calls regarding building permits to re-roof homes and whether they needed a permit. She provided contact information for David Barsody, township building inspector.

Election Polling Place – Clerk Plante stated she will begin the process of declaring a polling place for upcoming township elections. This must be completed before December 31, 2021.

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