

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
October 30, 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, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 8 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING DAVE BENTRUD, LORI KELZENBURG & PETE FERBER TO THE OPEN FORUM, REMOVING ANNUAL GOVERNMENT CENTER MEETING & PINECONE ROAD 7-TON WEIGHT LIMIT RESOLUTION FROM NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Dave Bentrud – Mr. Bentrud, candidate for Stearns County Sheriff, came before the Town Board to briefly discuss his experience in the areas of the police & sheriff's department. He would also like to utilize the use of technology with the county sheriff's department & local jurisdictions.

Pete Ferber – 32725 River Vista Lane - Mr. Ferber came before the Town Board to discuss the possible split of two lots he owns on River Vista Lane located on the Mississippi River. The Town Board provided information to Mr. Ferber regarding required lot width & size. Mr. Ferber also was informed he would need to re-plat the property and briefly discussed the cost of platting. Mr. Ferber will contact the Town Board when he has decided whether to go forth with this process.

Lori Kelzenburg – 3157 Riviera Road – Ms. Kelzenburg informed the Town Board of her concern of a neighboring parcel owned by Tim Broda, 3179 Riviera Road whose arborvitae bushes that have grown quite large and are blocking their view when exiting or backing out of their driveway. She requested the removal of the bushes. Pictures of the area were viewed by the Town Board.

EMSLANDER PUBLIC HEARING – REZONE OF PROPERTY

Chairman Heim read the public hearing notice for Ed & Sharon Emslander, 2762 17th St. North, who have applied to rezone their 10-acre parcel from agricultural to suburban residential. The public hearing was open to the floor.

Ed Emslander stated they are requesting to rezone their property in order to attach a 5-acre portion of the 10-acre parcel to the adjacent property owner, Eric Emslander. Eric Emslander's septic system was placed on the 5-acre area of the Ed Emslander parcel when the construction of his home occurred in 1998. A utility easement for the septic system has been on file since that time.

Mr. Emslander noted they are requesting the rezoning to clean up possible legal issues if and when they decide to sell their remaining 5-acres in the future. The 5-acre parcel being attached to the Eric Emslander parcel (which is already zoned suburban residential) will then consist of 10-acre parcel and be zoned suburban residential. Eric Emslander has stated he has no intention of sub-dividing the 10 acres.

Ryan Fitzthum, Joint Planning Board member, stated this area is slated for suburban residential development in the City of Sartell's future comprehensive plan.

No further comments were heard from the floor. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-05 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE REZONING REQUEST RELATED TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2762 17TH STREET NORTH, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO RECESS THE TOWNSHIP MEETING TO ALLOW FOR THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO RECONVENE THE LESAUK TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ED & SHARON EMSLANDER CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUEST

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE TO SPLIT AN APPROXIMATE 5-ACRE PARCEL FROM THE ED & SHARON EMSLANDER WHEN THE CORRECT LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE 5 ACRES IS RECEIVED FROM SAM DELEO, SURVEYOR FOR THE EMSLANDERS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Wayne Paquin – Robert Stangler Property Split – Mr. Paquin came before the Town Board to discuss a possible split of property from the Robert Stangler property located on 322nd Street in LeSauk Township. Mr. Paquin has been working with Supervisor Heim and Dan Kron, a surveyor for Mr. Stangler.

The Town Board discussed with Mr. Paquin the necessary acreage needed for the property to remain agricultural, the setbacks needed for the present buildings on the property etc. He will contact Supv Heim when the necessary survey of the property is complete and he is ready to move forward.

MINUTES:

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2018 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Emslander Rezone – Supv Heim discussed his contact with Attorney Jason Hill clarifying the necessity of rezoning the entire 10-acre parcel owned by Ed & Sharon Emslander in order to have the zoning of the parcels match the Eric Emslander property when it is split and attached.

Draft of Township Zoning Ordinances – The draft of the Township Zoning Ordinances was sent to the City of Sartell. Adam Ripple, Attorney for the city of Sartell, informed Supv Heim due to the changes in council members that will occur after the elections, they will review and comment after the new council members have taken office in January 2019.

Township Clerk & Treasurer Appointed Offices – Attorney Troy Gilchrist provided Supv Heim with the procedure for the Town Board if the decision is made to change the clerk & treasurers elected offices to appointed positions. This will be placed on Old Business for further discussion.

MN Data Practice Act & Information Email Request – An email was received requesting information on all town board members payment schedules for 2017. Attorney Gilchrist informed Supv Heim the township is not bound by the MN Data Practice Act.

Angie Berg – Stearns County Environmental Services – Ms. Berg contacted Supv Heim regarding the Memorandum of Understanding the township has with Stearns County. This will be placed under Old Business to discuss at a later meeting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Sue Larson – Siding on a Pole Type Building – Building Inspector David Barsody contacted Supv Heim regarding the residing of a pole barn on the Sue Larson property. Mr. Barsody questioned whether siding will be of materials that would match other buildings on the property.

SEPTEMBER TREASURERS REPORT: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE UPDATED SEPTEMBER TREASURERS REPORT PROVIDED BY TREASURER DULLINGER, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

VOUCHERS – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,200.02 (CHECK #12976 THRU 12980 PLUS EFT 106), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Dullinger asked Town Board members to have their vouchers to her by November 5th in order to allow enough time to process them prior to the November 13th meeting. She also questioned the tax charged on the Sign Solutions invoice. She will contact them to have the charge removed.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund -

Dennis Borud – Hedge Removal – Supv Westerlund reported the Borud's are approximately ¾ completed with the removal of the hedge that has grown into the road right of way on their

property. Supv Westerlund has informed Mr. Borud to have the project completed before the winter season begins.

CMWEA, DISTRICT 5 & APO MEETINGS – Supv Westerlund reported he attended these meetings on October 25th. Supv Westerlund reported that at the CMWEA (Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance) meeting, discussion was held on projects they will be considering for 2019 as well as setting their budget. The APO (Area Planning Organization) meeting was a policy board meeting which may be the last one for the year. The District 5 meeting which was held in Freeport, was attended by both himself and Treasurer Dullinger. Treasurer Dullinger gave a report of the various topics discussed.

Dan Heim -

Alex Udermann – 17th St. North (West end) Grading – Mr. Udermann contacted Supv Heim regarding whether grading will be done on 17th St. No. Supv Westerlund noted the grading has been completed.

Midwest Asphalt – Pothole Repair – Supv Heim has been in contact with Midwest Asphalt informing him there had been some issues with assignments of a crew to complete the patching of the township roads. The blow patching has been completed as of 10-25, they used 5 ½ loads, but will only bill for 5 loads.

Phil Johnson – ASTECH Bid for Road Repair - Mr. Johnson completed a bid for the patching of township roads, but this has been completed by Midwest Asphalt.

Dan Carlson, 2013 35th St., Sub-Division of Property - Supv Heim was contacted by Mr. Carlson with questions regarding the possibility of sub-dividing a 10-acre parcel which is part of the Fenlason Woods Plat. Supv Heim provided him with the Fenlason Woods development agreement.

Shawn Omann –

John Peterson – Sign Solutions – Supv Omann reported that Mr. Peterson has completed the installation of street signs in the township. Supv Omann questioned whether the street signs for Rodeo Road & 22nd Street North had been ordered. Clerk Plante stated they had been, but have not been received yet.

Ron Berg – 22nd Street North - Pot Hole Patching & Visibility Concern – Supv Omann has been in contact with Mr. Berg regarding the pothole patching on 22nd Street North near the Ron Berg property. Mr. Berg was also concerned about the visibility at 22nd Street and Rodeo Road as well as the inside corner of this intersection which could possibly use some fill. Supv Omann will contact Doug Welk of ASTECH regarding the cost of fill for this intersection.

22nd Street North & Rodeo Road, Foley Street, Via Riviera & 30th Street – Brush Trimming – Supv Omann discussed several areas of the township that may need brush trimming, he will contact Able Tree Service for an estimate of the trimming the brush in areas listed and report at the next meeting.

Weight Limit – Pinecone Road & 35th Street – Supv Omann discussed the weight limit on Pinecone Road & 35th Street since a Sysco food delivery truck planned to use it. The new 7-ton per axle weight limit signs are now in place on Pinecone.

Area Planning Organization – Supv Omann attended the 10-25-18 APO meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Midwest Asphalt – Patching of township roads – This was discussed earlier in the meeting and has been completed by Midwest Asphalt. It was the consensus of the board they did an excellent job blow patching 30th Avenue and patching of other township roads, but were disappointed with the length of time it took to complete the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certification of Road Mileage – The Town Board certified the township road mileage requested by Stearns County.

Kelzenburg Complaint – Supv Omann will meet with Tim Broda to discuss possible shrub trimming along his property and trimming of the bush around his mailbox.

OCTOBER ROAD REPORT: Supv Westerlund provided copies of his monthly road report to all board members. He stated township roads are in good driving condition, noting the blow patching on 30th Avenue was completed and looks excellent, improving the road tremendously. Discussion of the brush trimming he had noted in his road report, was discussed earlier in the meeting.

CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: Clerk Plante stated that items she received phone calls or emails on, were handled by the Town Board members.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante (s)

Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk