

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
October 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, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 6 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING JOE PERSKE TO THE OPEN FORUM AND ASTECH-RIVER VISTA LANE & PINECONE ROAD SIGN RESOLUTION TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Tim O'Driscoll & Jeff Howe - Mr. O'Driscoll & Mr. Howe, who are running for the Senate & House of Representatives, discussed and answered questions & concerns of township residents and the Town Board.

Joe Perske – Mr. Perske came before the Town Board to briefly discuss items he would like to bring to the Senate seat if he is elected which he stated would be of importance

Don & Cindy Zell, 2201 Pinecone Road – Privacy Fence – Mr. & Mrs. Zell came before the town Board to discuss the replacement of their chain link fence in their front yard with a privacy fence to help alleviate noise etc. from the traffic of Pinecone Road. The Town Board reviewed the setbacks for a fence and other regulations for construction of a privacy fence with the Zell's and stated if they stay within those regulations, they could go ahead and begin construction of the privacy fence.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Building Inspector, David Barsody, was present at the meeting reporting the Divine Grace Mobile Home Park allegedly remodeled the old laundry house into two separate apartments, but the septic system in the mobile home was not built for additional capacity. Mr. Barsody will investigate and contact John Tracy of Stearns County Environmental Health.

Mr. Barsody was contacted by Michelle Hinnenkamp, township assessor, requesting to see the building permits for 2018. He will arrange a time with her to exchange the files. Also discussed was the footing inspection for Chad Anderson which may not be sufficient for the deck Mr. Anderson would like to construct.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Emslander Rezone – Supv Heim was contacted by Jason Hill, attorney working with Township Attorney Troy Gilchrist. Atty Hill questioned the partial rezoning of the Emslander parcel from agricultural to suburban residential. Atty Hill stated it would be better planning to rezone the entire Ed Emslander 10-acre parcel to suburban residential which after the 5-acre parcel that is being attached to their son’s adjacent parcel would then be zoned the same. Supv Heim was in contact with Ed Emslander informing him and has agreed to rezone the entire 10-acre parcel.

Supv Heim also noted that resolutions have been received for the rezoning as well as the ordinance changes which will all be considered at a public hearing on October 30th.

Draft of Township Zoning Ordinance – Attorney Troy Gilchrist has completed the draft of the revised Township Zoning Ordinances and suggested the township forward them to the city of Sartell. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Attorney Gilchrist forward the draft to the City of Sartell.

SEPTEMBER TREASURERS REPORT:

The Town Board reviewed the September Treasurers Report presented by Treasurer Vikki Dullinger. There were several changes the town board suggested. This will be placed on the next meetings agenda.

VOUCHERS – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5269.73 (CHECK #12960 THRU 12970 PLUS EFT’S 103, 104 & 105), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund -

Tri-County Humane Society – Supv Westerlund received a call from the humane society regarding a stray cat at 160 County Road 120.

40th Street Pothole – Supv Westerlund reported he used 2 bags of cold patch to fill a pothole on 40th St. North.

Sinkhole on 40th Street & Majestic Pond Drive – Supv Westerlund used fill he received from John Kothenbeutel to fill a sinkhole at this intersection – he reported it was larger than initially thought, but was able to fill it completely.

17th St. (East & West) Grading – Supv Westerlund has been in touch with Lance of ASTECH Inc. to grade both 17th Street areas. ASTECH is waiting on a new blade, but will blade and possible bring in some fill for 17th Street off of Pinecone Road as soon as it is received. Supv Westerlund will view the area prior to deciding how much fill is needed.

Upcoming Meetings – Supv Westerlund will be attending meetings on October 25th which include a CMWEA & APO Meeting, as well as the District 5 meeting in Freeport.

Dan Heim -

Humane Society Phone Call – The stray cat was found near the home of Doug Brennan at 160 County Road 120 – which was OK'd by Supv Heim. Supv Westerlund received this same phone call.

Sy Bueckers – Mail Box – Supv Heim received a call from Mr. Bueckers who informed him his mailbox had been hit and damaged. Supv Heim informed him the township does not handle the repair of this type, mailboxes are repaired by the snowplowing company when they damage them by the snowplow.

Midwest Asphalt – Pothole Repair – The Town Board discussed at length the delays of the pothole patching which we contracted with Midwest Asphalt. Communication has been minimal from Mike of Midwest Asphalt. Supv Heim tried to receive a definitive proposal similar in nature from Phil Johnson of ASTECH, but was unable to do so. Being so late in the season, it was the consensus of the Town Board to continue with Midwest Asphalt doing the patching of township roads and it will hopefully be completed. Supv Heim will continue to contact Midwest and press them to complete this project as soon as possible.

Steven Johnson – Remodel of Garage – Mr. Johnson lives in the Pleasant Dale Addition and is remodeling his garage and would like to place a temporary 10 X 20 car port for his vehicle over the winter. It was the consensus of the Town Board the car port could be considered a utility shed and he would be within the township zoning ordinances for utility buildings.

ASTECH Inc. Manhole Cover Repair – Supv Heim received a bid for \$400 by ASTECH Inc. to repair the bituminous asphalt near the manhole cover on River Vista Lane. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE \$400 BID FROM ASTECH INC. FOR REPAIR OF THE BITUMINOUS ASPHALT NEAR THE MANHOLE COVER ON RIVER VISTA LANE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Heim will contact ASTECH to go ahead with the project prior to winter snowplowing.

Shawn Omann –

Able Tree Service Bid-Ken Blommer – Supv Omann reported that Able Tree Service has completed the brush trimming and tree removal in areas of the township. He stated the trees on 35th Street near the Hennen property have all been removed and the area looks excellent.

Brent Hamak – 2817 Winnebago Road – Supv Omann discussed the Hamak property which falls completely within the shoreland area of the Mississippi River. He questioned which government entity, the township or Stearns County, would they need to follow since they would like to keep the pumphouse/changing house (which may be considered an accessory building) that is located on their property as well as construct a new 30 X 40 accessory building. The Stearns County Shoreland Ordinance allows two accessory building and their building height is lower than township ordinance regulations. The Hamak's are in the planning stages yet, but a concern would be whether they will be able to meet the impervious property coverage percentage per the county's ordinance. The accessory building may need a variance under township regulations. Once firmer plans are received, the Town Board will again review the Hamak's requests.

Lawn Fertilizer – Supv Omann picked up lawn fertilizer that was dumped on 27th Street. He picked it up and disposed of it properly.

Ron Berg – Potholes on 22nd St.– Supv Omann was in contact with Mr. Berg who questioned whether pothole repair was complete on township roads since repair was not finished on 22nd St. Supv Omann informed him of the issue the township was having with the delays in repair by Midwest Asphalt.

Street Signs for Rodeo Road & 22nd St. No – The street signs for Rodeo Road & 22nd St. No. are missing and it was the consensus of the Town Board to have Clerk Plante order through M-R Sign Company. The street signs will be the double-sided signs similar to the Bon Homie Valley street signs.

John Peterson – Sign Solutions – Supv Omann met with Mr. Peterson at the Town Hall and will hopefully be able to put up the Bonhomie Valley, Majestic Woods & road end signs at the end of the week. Weather and many projects have delayed the completion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Midwest Asphalt - This was discussed earlier in the meeting. The Town Board will continue to work with Midwest Asphalt to assure the patching of township roads is completed soon. This has been an ongoing project that was to be completed in mid-August.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Government Center Meeting – Dates were reviewed to suggest to the City of Sartell when a meeting for the Annual Government Center could be scheduled. Clerk Plante will email the suggested dates of October 29th, November 7th or November 8th at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall to Mary Degiovanni.

Pinecone Road 7-ton per axle Weight Limit Resolution – SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-04 TO POST 7-TON PER AXLE WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNS ON THE TOWNSHIPS PORTION OF PINECONE ROAD, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Michelle Meyer - Clerk Plante received a phone call from Michelle Meyer regarding the shortcut between Winnebago & Via Riviera Addition that has been used for years by township residents walking or biking through. She informed Ms. Meyer the township does not own road right-of-way through this area and it is owned by the Torgimson's who are in the process of building a home and do not want people walking or biking through this area.

Clerk & Treasurer Appointment vs Elected Position – Discussion was held by the Town Board whether to pursue having the Clerk & Treasurer's positions be appointed positions versus elected positions. Supv Heim will get in touch with Attorney Troy Gilchrist to find out the procedure and what the process would be.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marlyce L. Plante (s)
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LeSauk Township Clerk