

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
November 26, 2019

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 (4) four interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF KARELL SARTELL, LEROY SWIETER & JOE LAHR TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Karell Sartell – Property on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave** – Ms. Sartell came before the Town Board with questions regarding the Arlis Lundgren property located at 411 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. The parcel is approximately 14 acres. Ms. Sartell questioned whether the parcel could be split and what the process would be. The Town Board explained to her the present moratorium that is in place, so no split of the property could be done until the end of April 2020. If she would choose to split the property, it would more than likely need to be annexed to the City of Sartell. If she would choose to just purchase the property as is, demolish the home and rebuild, the parcel could remain in the township. It was also suggested that she speak to the City of Sartell for further information on the city's regulations regarding annexation costs & platting.

**LeRoy Swieter & Joe Lahr – Waters Church Sign** - Mr. Swieter & Mr. Lahr, represent the Waters Church and came before the Town Board questioning whether a digital sign could replace the church's present sign which located near the church entrance on Pinecone Road. The Town Board reviewed the sign ordinance with Mr. Swieter & Mr. Lahr which does not address digital signage.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Gary Opatz – Township Clean Up Date** – Supv Westerlund contacted Mr. Opatz, owner of Opatz Metals & Roll-Offs in Holdingford, MN to discuss the townships annual clean-up day. Mr. Opatz provided the board with costs of dumpsters and explained that he has worked with cities and townships in the past with their clean up days.

Mr. Opatz was informed of the date the township would be holding their clean-up day and what the township has done in the past. Mr. Opatz is interested in working with the township and asked that we get in touch with him a couple of months prior to the scheduled day, so finalization of what is needed can be done.

**MINUTES:**

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Supv Heim received information from Attorney Troy Gilchrist who has been working on possible changes to the township zoning ordinances. He is suggesting the Town Board consider removing the commercial mining, manufactured home park from the ordinances and include regulations regarding shoreland. It was the consensus of the board to have Attorney Gilchrist draft the possible changes for review by the Town Board.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** No report.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

**Invoices/Vouchers** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8013.18 (CHECK #13242 THRU 13247), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Dullinger spoke with Dawn Taylor of the Stearns County Highway Department, who was able to add LeSauk Township to the list of jurisdictions sheriff & police personnel can choose from to indicate where the violation occurred. This may then allow the township to receive fine reimbursements.

### **SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

#### **Jeff Westerlund –**

**Lisa Blondell** – Ms. Blondell is a Metro Bus driver who drives the Stearns County 1 within the city of Sartell and township route. She contacted Supv Westerlund regarding her concerns of a tree that overhangs the road located at a property just south of Heim's Mill. She was informed to contact Stearns County Highway Department.

**Freeport Stearns County Township District 5 Meeting** – Supv Westerlund attended the District 5 meeting as did Treasurer Dullinger on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Supv Westerlund spoke with Sheriff Steve Soyka thanking him for assigning his officers to attend township meetings, it has been very informative & helpful to the town board.

Treasurer Dullinger gave a report on the various speakers at the meeting which included, Janell Kendall, Stearns County Attorney & Bob Dunning, Stearns County Weed Inspector plus several others. Ms. Kendall gave a report on the continued issue of sex-trafficking in the county and Mr. Dunning discussed the arrival of emerald ash borer in the county.

#### **Dan Heim –**

**Dale Kremers** – Mr. Kremers contacted Supv Heim requesting a building permit for the John Bartlett property – he referred them to Brockway Township & Stearns County, since it is located in Brockway and in shoreland.

**John Weitzel – Split of Property** – Mr. Weitzel contacted Supv Heim inquiring about splitting off 2 acres from the Alex Linn property. He informed him there is a moratorium of any type of splitting or platting in the township.

**Sam DeLeo** – Mr. DeLeo emailed Supv Heim regarding the possible split of a 2-acre parcel to attach to a neighboring parcel. There was no mention of who the parcel owners were. Supv Heim informed him of the moratorium in place until April of 2020.

**S.E.H. Pavement Maintenance Expo** – Town Board members received information on an upcoming pavement maintenance expo being held by S.E.H. Engineering on January 14, 2020. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE PAVEMENT EXPO AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**Shawn Omann** –

**Schreiner Property Split** - Supv Omann has been in contact with the Schreiner family regarding the possible split of the property located on County Road 1. One family member would like to remain there, but others would like to sell their portion. Supv Omann informed them of the moratorium in place until April of 2020.

**Karell Sartell** – Supv Omann had been in touch with Karell Sartell's son, regarding the Lundgren property located on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This was discussed earlier in the meeting with Ms. Sartell.

**Waters Church Sign** – Supv Omann had been contacted by the Waters Church regarding the digital sign they would like to put into place. This was discussed earlier in the meeting with church representatives Swieter & Lahr.

**30<sup>th</sup> Street North – Deer in ditch** – Supv Omann stated there was a deer in the ditch on 30<sup>th</sup> Street, close to Riviera Road. He thought it may be just a carcass. Supv Westerlund will check to see whether it needs to be picked up.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Stearns County Memorandum of Understanding** – No information has been received.

**Fine Reimbursement** – No reimbursements yet, but may change by December since the townships name was now added to jurisdictions officers can input on their reports.

**Bon Homie Valley Drainage** – Nothing has been pursued by the residents of this area.

**Shady Oaks** – No information or applications for a conditional use permit & variance have been received at this time.

**321<sup>st</sup> Street Home (Partially demolished)** – No information.

**Town Hall** – No updated information.

**Township Clean Up Day** – Discussed with Gary Opatz earlier in the meeting.

#### **NOVEMBER ROAD REPORT:**

Supv Heim drove all township roads and stated they looked in relatively good shape. He found the BBQ grill that had been on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue on 17<sup>th</sup> Street (minimum maintenance road). He viewed Winnebago & Riviera Road and suggested talking to Doug Welk of ASTECH, checking to see if seal coating or micro surfacing on these roads would be worth the money.

He noted the grill cover at the entrance to the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Culvert is plugged with debris. Supv Omann will go out and clear if he gets a chance and snow is minimal.

He contacted Doug Welk regarding placing Mastic on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Welk thought the road would need approximately 5800 lbs. of mastic at a cost of \$9000. It was the consensus of the Town Board to leave it for the time being.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No new business.

**CLERK REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:**

**7385 322<sup>nd</sup> St – Land Split-Gavin Henry** – Clerk Plante received an email from Gavin Henry questioning whether the property at 7385 322nd St., St. Joseph (Sy Bueckers) could be split. She informed him of the moratorium that is in place until April of 2020.

**Grace Fellowship Baptist Church Sign** – Clerk Plante was contacted by Jeff Kellerman, representative from Grace Fellowship Baptist Church questioning whether they can upgrade their church sign to a digital sign. She provided him with the regulations regarding allowed signs in the township and invited him to attend a meeting.

**Zell Annexation** – Donald & Cindy Zell, 2156 Pinecone Road – Mary DeGiovanni, administrator of the City of Sartell, received an annexation petition from the Zell's.

**John Mathews - Atty – Split of Property** – Atty Mathews contacted Clerk Plante questioning whether his client on 322<sup>nd</sup> Street could split the property even though there is a moratorium in place. She informed him that at this time they could not. He was not satisfied with the answer and wanted to speak with the township attorney. She provided Attorney Troy Gilchrist's name. He knew Troy and will contact him.

**December Meeting Cancellation** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 24, 2019 TOWNSHIP MEETING DUE TO THE HOLIDAY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Marlyce L. Plante (s)*

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LeSauk Township Clerk