

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
November 28, 2017

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 Josh Bentley, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 2 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED AGENDA MOVING JOSH BENTLEY, TREASURER TO THE OPEN FORUM SECTION, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

VOUCHERS – Treasurer Bentley presented the vouchers for payment to the Town Board. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4380.63 (CHECK #12755 THRU 12760), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Doug Welk & Spencer Albertine – ASTECH Inc. – Snowplowing – Snow & Ice Policy

Mr. Welk & Mr. Albertine were asked to attend the meeting to discuss their prioritizing of plowing township roads and review of the Snow & Ice policy the Town Board has been reviewing & updating.

Discussion was held by the Town Board with Mr. Welk & snowplow driver Spencer Albertine on their process of plowing township roads; where do they start, are township roads prioritized, what is the amount of snowfall needed to begin plowing etc. These were all areas of the Snow & Ice policy the Town Board had questions about when updating. Mr. Welk provided a map of township roads which marked where they began plowing and what they felt were necessary roads to plow as soon as possible.

The changes will be made to the Snow & Ice policy per the recommendations of Mr. Welk & Mr. Albertine and be placed on the next meetings agenda for review and approval.

MINUTES

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2017 MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT –

Meeting w/Sartell – Attorney Troy Gilchrist received a phone call from City of Sartell Attorney, Adam Ripple of Rinke Noonan Law Firm, questioning whether the township would consider meeting with the City of Sartell to discuss zoning issues. The Town Board was of the consensus they would meet with the City to discuss what issues they have regarding zoning.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT – No report.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Jeff Westerlund-

John Udermann – 17th St. No. – Supv Westerlund was contacted by John Udermann regarding the long-awaited grading of 17th St. No. He questioned whether the township could get quotes from Joe Lahr & Ferche to do the grading once per month. It was the consensus of the Town Board to continue the process as it's been done through the supervisor's monthly road inspection and subsequent report to the Town Board for possible grading more than a couple of times per summer/fall.

Jon Kothenbeutel/Steve Schwartz – Supv Westerlund gave Mr. Kothenbeutel (City of Sartell's Public Works Supervisor) Mr. Schwartz's phone number in order to contact him about possible damage to Mr. Schwartz's accessory building located on 27th St. No. from the snowplow. Mr. Schwartz also wanted to address the speed at which they plow the roads.

Julie Fischer – 321st St. – Ms. Fischer contacted Supv Westerlund, but returned calls have been unanswered at this time.

Dan Heim-

Doug Welk ASTECH Inc. – Supv Heim contacted Mr. Welk with the request he attend tonight's meeting to discuss with the Town Board their snowplowing process for LeSauk Township.

Angie Berg – Stearns County Environmental Services – Supv Heim contacted Ms. Berg of the Stearns County Environmental Services regarding the road right of way in the area of County Road 1 where the new development by Winnebago LLC will take place. Along with the right of way question, they also discussed possible lots in this development that may have river access. According to the rough plat Mr. Huston brought in, there would be no lots in the development that would have river access.

John Peterson – Sign Solutions – Supv Heim emailed John Peterson requesting 6 extra posts and hardware to have on hand if the Town Board must repair any of the sign posts.

Angie Berg – Feedlot Ordinance – Supv Heim questioned Ms. Berg whether she would be able to inform John Krehbiel of the process that occurred when establishing a feedlot ordinance in the township.

Matthew Rakow – Snow Fence – Supv Heim was contacted by Mr. Rakow who lives on the corner of Coneflower Court & County Road 1 regarding the placement of a snow fence.

David Marquart – Street Light @ 21st Street & Monarch Court – Mr. Marquart emailed to question the process of a request to put in a street light at the intersection of 21st St. & Monarch Court. Children must wait for the bus in the area and it is very dark. Clerk Plante will email Josh Bentley to contact Xcel Energy about the cost of a street light etc.

Terri Gerdes – Trees on 30th Avenue – Supv Heim viewed the trees that had been cut down near the Gerdes property. They were found to be Jon Legatt's who cut them in order to enter a field on 30th Ave. John Legatt will contact Ms. Gerdes with the information.

Street & Stop Sign Combination – Supv Heim viewed township roads street & stop signs and felt there were possibly 14 signs that could be combined. This could also eliminate the cost of 14 posts. He will be contacting Jon Kothenbeutel on what the City of Sartell has done.

Sartell's Proposed Public Safety Facilities Committee Report – Supv Heim discussed with the Town Board Sartell's Proposed Public Safety Facilities Committee Report. The report is available on the City of Sartell's website. The Town Board discussed the township's next step for relocation of the Town Hall & Office Space & Storage. It was the consensus of the Town Board to place this on the Annual Meetings Agenda for discussion by township residents.

Shawn Omann-

Nathan Johnson – River Vista Lane – Supv Omann received a phone call from Mr. Johnson who resides at 32628 River Vista Lane. Mr. Johnson reported his concern regarding an animal running at large belonging to a resident at 32632 River Vista Lane. This property is owned by Robert Hernandez. Supv Omann informed Mr. Johnson to contact the county sheriff's office any time he feels there is a

violation of any type by these residents. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Clerk Plante send a letter to Mr. Hernandez regarding the neighborhoods' concern regarding the dog that runs at large in the neighborhood.

Riviera Road Tree Trimming – Supv Omann reported the pine trees had been trimmed along Riviera Road near the Bromenschenkel property.

Obtaining of a Building Permit Guide – Supv Omann has been working with Building Inspector David Barsody to update the Building Permit Guide with some correct information regarding when a building permit is needed when it pertains to fencing, deck heights, swimming pool heights & sizes etc. He will clarify all items and redo the Building permit guide so it can be posted on the website again.

Pinecone Road – Supv Omann suggested have David Blommel attend a future meeting to discuss with the Town Board the process for bidding the Pinecone Road project with the City of Sartell. Clerk Plante will invite Mr. Blommel to the December 12, 2017 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign Solutions – Reported on earlier in the evening.

Able Tree Service – Supv Westerlund reported the trimming of township trees & brush has been completed by Ken Blommer of Able Tree Service.

Fine Reimbursement – No action at this time.

Weno Variance Reimbursement – Township Treasurer Josh Bentley reported the amount spent on the Weno Variance was \$551.81. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Clerk Plante write a letter to Mr. Weno that due to the amount of money spent, which exceeded the \$400 fee changed for a variance, the township would not reimbursement any part of the public hearing fee.

NEW BUSINESS – CORRESPONDENCE

Township Ordinance Work Session – SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO SET THE NEXT WORK SESSION FOR REVIEWING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES & SUB-DIVISION REGULATIONS FOR DECEMBER 4, 2017, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Snow & Ice Policy – Discussed earlier in the meeting with Doug Welk and Spencer Albertine of ASTECH Inc. This will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

NOVEMBER ROAD REPORT

Supv Westerlund provided the November Road Report to all Town Board members and reviewed areas that were in need of repair. He noted that several street signs in the township are crooked.

Supv Westerlund will contact Jodi Teich, Stearns County Highway Department, regarding the aprons that are at intersections of County & Township roads – who handles the replacement and fixing of them.

Discussion was held regarding several possible dates Supv Westerlund and Supv Heim could patch potholes on township roads. Time is of the essence with the fast approach of winter. No specific date could be found for both Supv Westerlund & Supv Heim to patch the roads together. Supv Westerlund will contact Supv Heim when his schedule slows down and a date could be decided.

CLERK & CORESPONDENCE REPORT

Stearns County Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance Change – Stearns County is considering an Ordinance Change regarding Limited Rural Partnerships. It was the consensus of the Town Board it did

not directly affect LeSauk Township and they would indicate on the return form they were “neutral” regarding their opinion of the ordinance change.

Tri-County Humane Society Contract for 2018 – SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT WITH TRI-COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY TO HANDLE ALL STRAY DOGS & CATS FOUND IN LESAUK TOWNSHIP FOR 2018, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

December Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 26TH MEETING DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Reorganization/Qualification Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SET THE REORGANIZATION/QUALIFICATIONS MEETING FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

December Road Inspection – SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER ROAD INSPECTION WHICH IS REPORTED AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE MONTH, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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