

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
December 11, 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 plus four interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING BOB LANDWEHR TO THE OPEN FORUM, STEARNS COUNTY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING & FINE REIMBURSEMENT TO OLD BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Bob Landwehr – Annexation of Property from City of Sartell back to LeSauk Township – Mr. Landwehr came before the Town Board representing his son Dalton Landwehr, who has property on County Road 1 and has built a shouse on it. Mr. Landwehr stated the property is approximately 1 acre, the shouse structure is roughly 50 X 100, with a 60 X 50 garage space and 40 X 50 living quarters area. Speaking on behalf of his son, he is requesting the Town Board research whether the property can be annexed back into the township. The reason is due to the high taxes which in his opinion, covers very little services provided by the City of Sartell. Supv Heim will email township attorney, Troy Gilchrist, to research and get back to Mr. Landwehr.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Tim Broda – Shrub Trimming/Removal – Mr. Broda was asked to attend the meeting to discuss the complaint from neighbors, Duane & Lori Kelzenberg, regarding the height of his shrubs which limits the Kelzenberg's ability to see traffic when exiting their driveway.

Mr. Broda stated he trims his shrubs every other year, but did not get them done this year due to personal circumstances. He did state however, that he trimmed around his mailbox as the Town Board requested. He will trim the shrubs in the spring, since trimming arborvitae in the winter will kill the shrubs. Mr. Broda also spoke about previous issues he has endured living adjacent to the Kelzenberg's.

Duane & Lori Kelzenberg were in attendance and again asked the Town Board to follow the township code, 300.04, which states that "No person may cultivate, plant, harvest or maintain agricultural crops, trees, bushes or shrubs within a right of way". They feel the bushes are in the right of way and obstruct their view when backing out of the driveway. They also provided pictures they had taken of the shrubs.

Supv Heim stated he has driven the area, driving into the Kelzenberg driveway, then backing up to view the possible obstruction of the bushes, plus took pictures of the area. Mr. Heim was of the opinion that, if backing up carefully & watching closely, a person could view traffic and or pedestrians. He questioned the Kelzenberg's on whether they could turn around and drive

out forward, which would make viewing much easier. The Kelzenberg's stated they do not have enough room to turn around and again asked the bushes be removed completely.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Town Board to have Mr. Broda trim the shrubs in the spring and have the area surveyed by the township engineer in the spring in order to determine if the bushes are planted in the right of way. After information is received from the township engineer, the Town Board will determine what the next step will be in order to resolve this situation. The Town Board asked the Kelzenberg's to be patient through the winter since nothing can be determined right now.

MINUTES:

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2018 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Supv Heim had emailed Attorney Jason Hill regarding the Stearns County Memorandum of Understanding, but had not heard back.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No Report

NOVEMBER TREASURERS REPORT: Supv Heim had received a copy of the November Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting and had asked Treasurer Dullinger to fix some clerical errors but all pertinent numbers were correct. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE NOVEMBER TREASURERS REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

VOUCHERS – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,062.66 (CHECK #13013 THRU 13031, PLUS EFT'S 107, 108, 109 & 110), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

APO & CMWEA December Meetings – Supv Westerlund reported both meetings for the Area Planning Organization and the Central Minnesota Water & Education Alliance have been cancelled for December.

Deer on 27th St. & County Road 1 – Supv Westerlund picked up and disposed of a deer which was struck at the intersection of County Road 1 & 27th Street.

Dan Heim –

Doug Hansen – Mr. Hansen contacted Supv Heim questioning whether a demolition permit is needed for a home at 306 Rosewood Road.

Jodi Holbrook – Ms. Holbrook contacted Supv Heim regarding the speed limits on Pinecone Road and within roundabouts.

Matt Landsberry – Mr. Landsberry had questions for Supv Heim regarding the Pete Ferber property on River Vista Lane and the process of platting it.

Sandra Bauer – Ms. Bauer contacted Supv Heim stating a car had gone off the road on the Bauer property and questioned who is responsible for the damaged a culvert. Supv Heim researched the area and found that it is located in the Stearns County jurisdiction area.

Ryan Hennen of Santec Engineering – Mr. Hennen contacted Supv Heim questioning whether an Administrative Certificate of Survey would be sufficient to divide the Pete Ferber lots from two lots to three lots. Supv Heim informed him that Mr. Ferber will need to re-plat his property in order to split the lots.

George Fedor – Dead Deer – Mr. Fedor reported a dead deer at the intersection of County Road 1 & 27th Street, which Supv Westerlund had taken care of.

David Bozych – Mr. Bozych inquired about the construction of another shed on his property at 316 21st St. North.

Pete & Kathy Lahr – The Lahr's contacted Supv Heim questioning whether the small residual parcel left over would need a Certificate of Compliance to be added to one of their newly split parcels. Supv Heim stated it would not; they just need to go to the county and request the combination of the small piece with one of the lots so they will only have two parcel identification numbers.

Jason Ehlinger – Mr. Ehlinger is interested in purchasing an approximate 10-acre parcel owned by Bob Schefers. He is questioning whether the Conditional Use Permit he understood Mr. Schefers had on the property, would transfer to him. Clerk Plante researched whether Mr. Schefers had a conditional use permit, which there was none. The Town Board reviewed the incidental home occupation portion of the township zoning ordinances/code and was of the consensus to have Mr. Ehlinger attend the next schedule meeting in January to discuss what his plans and business are and whether it would fit as an incidental home occupation. Supv Heim will contact Mr. Ehlinger.

Shawn Omann –

Sign at Rodeo Road & 22nd St. No. - Supv Omann has been working on the replacement of this street sign, but will need to be replaced in the spring when a new post can be put in.

OLD BUSINESS:

Memorandum of Understanding w/Stearns County – Supv Heim had sent the changes to Jason Hill, Township Attorney; no response has been received yet.

Fine Reimbursement – Treasurer Dullinger reported that she has had no response from the county attorney's office yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tri County Humane Society 2019 Contract – SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO THE 2019 CONTRACT WITH TRI-COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY FOR HANDLING STRAY ANIMALS IN LESAUK TOWNSHIP WHICH INCLUDED AN INCREASE OF \$5.00 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Trees in Right of Way – Supv Omann discussed the continued issues the township is receiving regarding trees, bushes, shrubs etc. in the township right of way. He suggested a clearer process should be drafted for handling these issues in the future. This will be placed on the next meeting’s agenda.

December Road Report: The December road report was cancelled for the month of December and will be continued on a regular rotating schedule in January of 2019.

CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Raising Chickens in the Township – Clerk Plante reported that she had two phone calls inquiring whether residential zoned parcels in the township can raise chickens. She informed them they cannot.

Minnesota Association of Township Email – Clerk Plante received the December 2018 Update email from the Minnesota Association of Townships. The email had information for upcoming clerk trainings, events & training opportunities.

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