

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
December 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 6:00 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and Stearns County Deputy Sheriff Craig Pogatschnik. Supervisor Omann and Treasurer Dullinger attended remotely.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING REORGANIZATION MEETING & TIME TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Craig Pogatschnik, Stearns County Deputy Sheriff – Deputy Pogatschnik attended the meeting to give the Town Board the quarterly update of the sheriff's department calls within the township. He stated there were 56 calls in September and 46 calls in October with the majority being traffic related. He also informed the board there has been an uptick in burglaries within the county the last quarter.

Board supervisors questioned whether a speed trailer could be placed on town line road (30th Avenue). Deputy Sheriff Pogatschnik will speak to the Stearns County Community Service Officer who handles the placement of the speed trailers. The Town Board and Deputy Sheriff Pogatschnik were in agreement to have the speed trailer placed on a field approach in the near future. He will inform the Town Board when the trailer will be in place and operable.

Chad & Nicole Perius, 3324 Riviera Road, Sartell – Minor Shoreland Alteration – The Perius's applied for a minor shoreland alteration which includes the allowable 4-ft wide stairs and new rip rap on the shoreland. The area has been reviewed by Stephen Grittmann of Northwest Area Consultants. Mr. Grittmann stated a variance wasn't needed and both the rip rap and stairs will be above the high-water mark which is allowed. Clerk Plante informed the board payment had been received from JK Landscaping of \$1400, \$400 for the application fee and \$1000 escrow account. Monies from the escrow account will be refunded after invoices pertaining to the shoreland review have been received and deducted.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINOR SHORELAND ALTERATION APPLICATION FOR CHAD & NICOLE PERIUS ALLOWING PLACEMENT OF 4-FOOT-WIDE STAIRS AND NEW RIP RAP ON THE SHORELAND, BOTH ABOVE THE HIGH-WATER MARK, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Enforcement of Town Code - Dog Ordinance – The board discussed an email received from Attorney Gilchrist regarding a Stearns County Sheriff not being able to write a dog running at large citation since

the town codes are not coded into the court system. Atty Gilchrist questioned whether the board would like his office to do that work. After discussion, Treasurer Dullinger said she would check with the County Attorney what would need to be done in order to have our code within the county court system.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Bob Fowler, 920 County Road 120 – Supv Heim emailed David Barsody, Building Inspector regarding his building permit to pour concrete in the shed. He does not need a building permit. Mr. Fowler had questions regarding a 20 X 30 foot shed on his property –

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger gave updated balances of all township funds. The current balance is \$889,266.54 which does not reflect real estate tax money received the first part of December. She also stated an updated interest of 1.5% at Falcon National Bank where approximately \$636,000 township funds have been placed in a demand deposit marketplace fund. It was previously 1%. Supv Heim noted several errors on the November Treasurer's Report which were corrected.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER TREASURERS REPORT AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Checks and vouchers were reviewed. Treasurer Dullinger had signed checks for board members and some election judges and left the checks with Supv Westerlund since she was on vacation. She planned to attend the meeting but was unable to due to the weather. She will not be returning until Saturday; at which time she plans to sign the remainder of the checks and mail them. She stated that Supv Westerlund could sign in the Treasurer's signage portion of the check, Supv Heim did not agree with that. It was the consensus that Clerk Plante will mail out the signed checks for Supv Omann & election judge checks that were signed immediately on Wednesday. Supv Westerlund will take home the remaining checks to be signed and mailed out immediately on Saturday when Treasurer Dullinger returns and picks them up.

Two election judge checks were processed incorrectly. Clerk Plante will contact Mary Sehnert who did not include her meal reimbursement and Josh Bentley had \$9.00 more on his check but he did not have a meal and did not include that on his claim voucher.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,700.59 (CHECK #'s 13903 THRU 13934, PLUS EFT 241 & 242), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Check numbers 13906 thru 13910, 13927, 13929 thru 13931 WERE VOIDED.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

County Road 133 Realignment – Supv Westerlund received a call from Sandy Klocker informing him that Stearns County had decided to go back to the drawing board regarding the realignment of County Road 133.

Rick Willey – Supv Westerlund questioned when and what Mr. Willey will be speaking about at the upcoming January meeting. He is scheduled to come to our January 24th meeting, Clerk Plante forwarded a one-page synopsis on what Mr. Willey speaks about which was sent to her by Greg Smith, Little Falls

Township. It is basically on unrealized powers at the local level. The board will limit his talk to 5 minutes.

Dan Heim –

Arvig Communications Reimbursement– Supv Heim discussed the \$400 reimbursement to Arvig after they receive approval of the new reroute. It was the consensus of the board to leave as is until further communication is received from Arvig.

Diane Fish, 1701 19th Ave. So. – Ms. Fish contacted Supv Heim with questions on the revised orderly annexation agreement and how it may affect her property. She also had questions regarding the final assessment hearing which is planned for the Spring of 2023. 19th Avenue was reconstructed with curb and gutter, widening etc., during the summer of 2022.

Dan Dockendorf, 40th Street No – Mr. Dockendorf contacted Supv Heim regarding a rumor he had heard the township was placing a water treatment facility on 40th Street. He was informed by Supv Heim that it was not the township and we are unaware of a treatment facility being constructed in the area.

Alex Udermann, 17th St. No. – Mr. Udermann contacted Supv Heim regarding the possibility of the township receiving and using bulk salt near the Udermann's. Supv Heim asked Mr. Udermann to attend a township meeting to discuss with the entire town board.

Amanda Ertl, Stearns County Human Services – Ms. Ertl has been in touch with Supv Heim and Clerk Plante regarding a vulnerable adult individual living in poor conditions within the township. She was informed the township would only have regulations for abandoned property & vehicles outside of the home. Supv Heim did view the property where there were several abandoned vehicles, lawn tractors & garbage cans outside of the building. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE CLERK PLANTE SEND A LETTER TO SANFORD HARLES, 32522 RIVER VISTA LANE REQUESTING REMOVAL OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLES & PROPERTY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Charlie Bradley, Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park – Mr. Bradley contacted Supv Heim stating he would like to construct an RV park to the east of the trailer park. Supv Heim stated the township does not have an ordinance regarding recreational vehicle parks. The trailer park is in a U-1 zoning district. Supv Heim has sent the information to Stearns County Environmental Services as well as Troy Gilchrist for guidance. Mr. Bradley will be attending the first meeting in January to discuss his request.

Shawn Omann –

Theresa Grebinoski Property, 1624 Riverside Ave. – Supv Omann questioned whether this parcel may be a possible site for a new town hall though it is in a residential neighborhood. It was the consensus of the board the parcel would not be large enough.

County Road 133 Realignment – Supv Omann also received the information regarding Stearns County deciding against Option C of the realignment of County Road 133.

OLD BUSINESS –

Town Hall – The Grebinoski parcel was discussed with no further information of other parcels available for a new town hall. The Klaphake parcel remains a possibility but available contact information has not been found.

MS4 Permit/Ordinance Update – This will remain on the agenda until all board members have read and reviewed the updates.

NEW BUSINESS –

Noise Complaints – 2620 7th Ave. – Clerk Plante informed the Town Board she has sent a letter to the property owner, Tony Leiser who resides in St. Joseph, Mn. No update or correspondence has been received to date.

Cancellation of December Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 27TH REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Reorganization-Qualifications Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SET THE REORGANIZATION-QUALIFICATIONS MEETING FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023 BEGINNING AT 6 P.M., SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Meeting Time Change – This was discussed briefly but will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for discussion with new board member Paul Wagner who was unable to attend this evenings meeting.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Polling Place Resolution – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-09 DESIGNATING PARK FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 32939 COUNTY ROAD 4, AS THE TOWNSHIPS POLLING LOCATION FOR 2023, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

November Fine Reimbursement – Clerk Plante stated that \$25.00 fine reimbursement has been received.

2022 Annual Weed Report – Since the final amount of \$2450 has been paid to Chuck Ertl for the township ditch mowing, the 2022 Annual Weed Report can be submitted to Bob Dunning, Stearns County Agricultural Inspector.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante,
LeSauk Township Clerk