

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – Sartell Community Center – Liberty Rm
February 13, 2024

The regular township meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 6:30 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Josh Bentley and Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: None.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

MINUTES:

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2024 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2024 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Supv Heim Abstained since he was not at the meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Town Code Violations – Supv Heim received a list of Town Code Violations drafted by Attorney Gilchrist. Since this was just received and lengthy, it will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for discussion.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Paul Clark – Kitchen Remodel – Mr. Clark questioned whether any building permits are needed for the remodel of his kitchen area. He was informed that both a mechanical and plumbing permit would be needed.

JANUARY TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Bentley reviewed with board members the expenses and revenues during the month of January. The expenses for the month totaled \$41,608.34 and revenues received were \$10,026.38 with an ending balance of \$917,775.61. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED THE JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS:

Treasurer Bentley presented the claims & vouchers for payment to the town board in the amount of \$19,162.67. This included a \$12,415.00 invoice from ASTECH Inc. for snowplowing and salt & sand

mixture. He noted this has been the largest invoice for snow removal for the winter season, but the overall cost of snowplowing, salt & sand had been minimal for the 2023-24 winter season. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS & VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,162.67 (CHECK #14173 THRU 14185 PLUS EFT'S 277 & 278), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

He informed the Town Board of the escrow balances of the Steven Carlson & John Udermann accounts. He is waiting on any further attorney's invoices and will then close the escrow accounts.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

Jeff Westerlund –

Cathy & Randy Van Vickle, 183 30th Ave. No. – Overweight Permit - The VanVickle's contacted Supv Westerlund requesting the renewal of an overweight permit for the use of 30th Avenue which is a 5-ton road. It was the consensus of the Town Board the Van Vickle's should attend the next scheduled meeting to request the permit.

Dan Heim –

Ann Buchvold – Supv Heim received a voicemail from Ms. Buchvold stating she is running for Mayor of St. Cloud. She is contacting all local elected officials in order to get the word out.

Dennis Traut – 1835 27th St. No. - Feedlot Questions – Supv Heim has been in contact with Mr. Traut, who farms on 27th Street and Amber Mielke, Stearns County Environmental Office, regarding a feedlot on the Traut property. There have been no cattle on the property in question for the past 25 years, so it has been agreed to have Ms. Mielke deactivate the feedlot for the property.

Ron & Dennis Traut, 1835 27th St. No. -Split of Property – Ron Traut's daughter lives in and rents one of the two homes located on the property. They are questioning whether that home can be split from the property. Supv Heim gave them information on platting and subdivision of township property, but also informed them that city services are close by and may be subject to annexation.

Mark Halstrom, Deck Addition, 2340 Rodeo Road – Steven Grittmann, Shoreland Specialist, viewed this property for the proposed deck. Mr. Grittmann stated it will need a minor shoreland permit along with a survey of the land in order to have the correct property lines etc. Supv Heim informed Matt Hanson, the contractor of the project.

Josh Carpenter, 1407 Pinecone Road – Supv Heim has not received any further information on the remodel of the home and a site plan.

Leander Drive/Avenue Vacation – Annexation information of Leander Drive/Avenue which occurred in 2015, was sent to Kari Theisen. The city of Sartell is in the midst of vacating a portion of this road for the new daycare center planned for the parcel.

Mark Feldwood – T & A Properties, 17th St. No. – Mr. Feldwood contacted Supv Heim questioning the setbacks for township properties etc.

Nicole Warrick – Ms. Warrick is Senator Jeff Howe's assistant and works with Representative Tm O'Driscoll. She emailed Supv Heim regarding upcoming workshops on federal funding guidelines for District 13.

Jodi Teich – Supv Heim had a Team's meeting with Ms. Teich to discuss her application for an AT (Active Transportation) grant to help with the extra costs of the reconstruction of town line road. She stated there is up to \$648,000 available and expects to hear in April or May whether this project will receive some of the grant money. Project Manager, Jeff Langen from Huston Engineering has set up a Team's meeting on March 18th inviting all involved jurisdictions to discuss the progress on this

project.

Town Line Road Public Open House– Ms. Teich also set up an open house for the public regarding the reconstruction of town line road. It has been set for February 27th from 5-7 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center. Supv Heim suggested all town board members be in attendance in order to answer township resident questions.

3CX Phone System Renewal – It was the consensus of the town board to not renew the 3CX phone system with Tech Check. At this time, it is not needed.

Derek Hentges, 2510 40th St. – Chickens – The Hentges have their home on the market and a buyer is interested in it but would like to raise chickens. Even though the lot is 1.8 acres, it is zoned A20/RO1, residential, no chickens would be allowed even by conditional use permit.

Paul Wagner – No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No new information at this time.

Township Clean-Up Day – The town board reviewed the previous year's flyer sent to township residents with the allowable item's residents can bring. The changes that were made will hopefully help to minimize the extensive items brought to the clean-up day last year. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO SET THE ANNUAL TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH FROM 9 A.M. – 3 P.M., SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Zander Property Clean-Up – The second letter from the attorney had been sent to the Zanders with a date of February 16th to clean up property and remove the abandoned vehicles. Supervisor Heim plans to visit neighboring properties.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – This property will be addressed in the spring.

Udermann Resolution – Legal Description Changes – Revisions to the legal description on the John Udermann resolution were needed in order to allow for a 30-foot drainage easement on the north portion of the parcel. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-05 FOR THE JOHN UDERMANN MINOR SUB-DIVISION WITH THE REVISED LEGAL DESCRIPTION, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Equalization Meeting – This meeting is set by the Stearns County Assessor's Office. The meeting for LeSauk Township has been set for Wednesday, April 10, 2024 from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Clerk Plante will email Ann from the Community Center to make sure there is a meeting room open for that evening.

ROAD REPORT:

322nd St. Overlay Project – Discussion was held whether the township can afford to take part in the partial funding for the overlay of this street. Supv Heim received a bid for just over \$200,000 from Luke Langer, city of St. Cloud Engineer. The township would pay \$100,000 towards the project and it could be done this year. The township does not have to pay anything towards the town line road project until 2025, so the money would be available and it would be one of the last roads in the township to be repaired. Supv Heim will review the cost again with Mr. Langer and question the time frame of the project etc. before a decision can be made.

Heitzman Tire Replacement Claim – Paperwork and pictures from Mr. Heitzman was sent to the insurance department of Minnesota Association of Townships. They emailed Clerk Plante stating that

no tire replacement claims are paid due to potholes since they consider the potholes normal wear and tear on the roads. Clerk Plante emailed Mr. Heitzman the information and told him to attend the next meeting if he wanted to discuss it further with the town board. It was the consensus of the board to not pursue payment of the Heitzman claim.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE & REPORT:

Township Day at the Capitol – SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ALLOW BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE TOWNSHIP DAY AT THE CAPITOL BEING HELD ON April 8 & 9th AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Township Short Course – Information was received detailing dates & locations the township short courses will be held. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ALLOW ALL BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND A TOWNSHIP SHORT COURSE AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

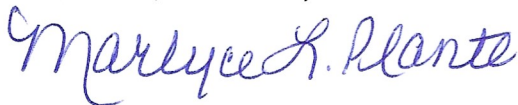
January Fine Reimbursement – Fine Reimbursement for the month of January was \$86.65.

Building Permit-341 Pine Ridge Road - Clerk Plante reported a building permit was issued to 341 Pine Ridge Road who only had wrap on the house. Supv Wagner noted this during his road inspection, and it did not have a building permit in clear view.

Annual Meeting Information Packet – Clerk Plante emailed the information she had put together for the annual packet sent to all township residents. Board members reviewed the information and were satisfied it met the requirements of the MS4 permit. Clerk Plante will also contact both Peter Kedrowski, Sartell Fire Chief and Jen Traver, Community Education Director for District 748, inviting them to the annual meeting to provide information of fire department and community education.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk