

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
February 22, 2022

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 7:00 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann, and Jeff Westerlund, Deputy Treasurer Sue Dullinger and Clerk Marlyce Plante.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING KURT DURRWACHTER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND SITE PLAN TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Kurt & Krista Durrwachter, 2489 35th St. No., Conditional Use Permit (CUP)– The public hearing for the Durrwachter's CUP application, was held at the Joint Planning Board meeting prior to the township meeting. The Joint Planning Board recommended approval of the conditional use permit. The Durrwachter's have requested to construct another accessory building on their 14+ acre parcel. The planned building will be a 36 ft X 48 ft pole-type building with siding matching other buildings on the parcel. The Durrwachter's already have a 30 ft X 40 ft accessory building located on their property. The square footage of both buildings will be below the allowed 5000 square feet.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-02 ALLOWING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 36 FT X 48 FT ACCESSORY BUILDING OF POLE-TYPE CONSTRUCTION WITH SIDING OF LIKE KIND AND COLOR TO MATCH THE HOME ON THE PROPERTY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN PRESENTED BY THE DURRWACHTER'S WHICH MEETS ALL SETBACKS, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: No business from the floor.

MINUTES:

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 7, 2022 ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 8, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Kourtney Bradford, 32208 Riverside Ave. – Supv Heim reported that Building Inspector David Barsody has now issued a building permit to Ms. Bradford after giving her a stop order for the demolition being done at her residence without a permit.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Deputy Treasurer Sue Dullinger presented one check for payment which was to ASTECH for snowplowing and sanding of township roads.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY THE VOUCHER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9472.00 (CHECK #13743), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Joint Planning Board Meeting Charges – Supv Westerlund questioned how other board members are charging when a Joint Planning Board meeting is held prior to a regular township meeting. It was the consensus of the board to charge for one meeting (\$60) unless both meetings go over 4 hours, at which time all board members would charge an hourly rate.

Township Clean Up Day – Supv Westerlund has contacted John Uran of the Park Fellowship Church questioning whether the township could hold their annual clean-up day on April 23rd in the church parking lot area which the church elders agreed to. Clerk Plante spoke with Stuart Giffin, LeSauk Lions member, who informed her they were having their clean-up day on that same day. Supv Westerlund will check with Mr. Uran if April 30th would work and Clerk Plante will contact the Minnesota Association of Townships attorney to check if there would be any type of liability on the township's behalf should any type accident occur during the clean-up day.

Stearns County Town Meeting – Supv Westerlund would like to attend the Stearns County Town Meeting that is being held in Freeport on February 23rd. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE STEARNS COUNTY TOWN MEETING AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, PLUS MILEAGE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Temporary Stop Sign – Supv Westerlund spoke with John Kothenbeutel, City of Sartell Public Works Director, who informed him the township could borrow the cities temporary stop signs at any time since they have several.

Dan Heim –

Minnesota Management & Budget (MMB) Email – Supv Heim received an email from MMB requesting confirmation of the ARPA funds our township received along with other questions, Duns #, Contact Information, Amount of ARPA money received etc. Supv Heim provided all necessary information to MMB.

Shantelle Kane - Garage Remodel, 32114 County Road 1 – Supv Heim received an email from Stephen Gritman, Northwest Associated Consultants, stating there are no shoreland issues with the replacement of the garage on the Shantelle Kane property as long as it remains the same footprint and meets all setbacks. Supv Heim will contact the contractor or Ms. Kane informing them they should have the property surveyed since according to the county website, the garage is very close to the side yard.

Ryan Hedin, 3677 Riviera Rd. – Mr. Hedin emailed the township requesting salt & sand on 30th St. North stating it is very icy. ASTECH Inc. was contacted to go out and survey township roads, putting salt & sand down as needed.

30th Ave. Joint Powers Agreement & Letter to Senator Jeff Howe – Supv Heim has been in contact with Joe Perske, Stearns County Commissioner, who is working with jurisdictions on 30th Avenue to sign a joint powers agreement that will be presented by Senator Jeff Howe for possible funding to reconstruct 30th Avenue. Mr. Perske will be meeting with Brockway Township Board of Supervisors after this meeting.

Brian Gibson, Area Planning Organization (APO) Director - Supv Heim has contacted Brian Gibson, APO Director, requesting new traffic counts on 30th Avenue since it has been several years since the last counts were completed. The traffic counts determine the necessary shoulder widths of the road.

Kari Theisen, Sartell City Planning Director – Local Regional Trail – Ms. Theisen contacted Supv Heim requesting a letter of support for the construction of a local regional trail on Heritage Drive on which there are several township parcel owners. Supv Heim sent a letter of support.

City of Sartell Feasibility Study – Medical Hub Road & 15th St. No. – Supv Heim reported the city of Sartell has approved feasibility studies for both the 15th St. expansion from Pinecone Road to 30th Avenue/Town Line Road and several areas for the Central Minnesota Medical Hub area. The studies will take place in 2022.

322nd Street Future – Supv Heim viewed the 2022-2027 Future Planned Road Improvement projects by the city of St. Cloud. The planned projects include 322nd Street, but no definite date for reconstruction.

Shawn Omann –

Joe Lahr – Supv Omann was contacted by Joe Lahr who had questions regarding his property located on Pinecone Road being in the deferred assessment area of the orderly annexation agreement, the proposed Waters Church expansion, Relevant Life Church expansion and building permit questions.

Printer Purchase Research – Supv Omann has been researching the cost of a laser printer that would be kept on the cart holding the townships virtual meeting equipment & TV and then could be used during meetings for necessary printing. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to continue searching for a color laser printer though they are hard to find with supplies being minimal.

ASTECH Inc – Supv Omann contacted Doug Welk of ASTECH after the recent snowfall and wind which caused icy roads and a lot of drifting on roads and at intersections. Several calls had been received by all town board members from concerned residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No further information at this time.

Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean Up – The town board were in agreement these would remain on the agenda, but nothing can be done with the clean up due to the snow cover.

Tree Trimming on 30th Street – This will remain on the agenda to discuss in the spring of 2022.

ROAD REPORT: Supv Omann emailed copies of his monthly road report to all board members. An area of concern were the brush and trees on 35th St. along the Lloyd Traut parcel. It was the consensus of the board to have Able Tree Service look at the area in the spring along with the brush on 30th Street.

Also of concern, was the patching done on 30th Avenue which he felt was not holding up well. He suggested other supervisors view the patching. It can then be discussed at a future meeting. Photos were provided of the Zander property which had several cars on it along with a car that was being repaired. He provided a picture of an area in Pleasant Dale Addition that is low and has pooling water. The area should be watched during the spring thaw. Otherwise, township roads were in good winter driving conditions and concerned icy and drifted areas were handled by ASTECH Inc.

Temporary Stop Sign – Clerk Plante received an email from Tyler of M-R Sign Co. estimating the shipping of the temporary stop sign to be around \$50. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO HAVE CLERK PLANTE ORDER THE TEMPORARY STOP SIGN FROM M-R SIGN COMPANY, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-1. Supervisor Westerlund voted Nay stating the township does not need to spend the money since they can borrow the city of Sartell's temporary stop signs at no charge.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Mailing Information to Township Residents – Clerk Plante included Town Hall discussion & Clean-Up Day discussion on the Annual Meeting agenda that will be mailed to all township parcel owners. The printing is being done by Rengel Printing and should be available so that it is mailed 10 days prior to the annual meeting.

Other items on her list have been discussed and reported on by the supervisors, shipping cost of temporary stop sign, Courtney Bradford building permit, icy & drifted road calls. Clerk Plante also questioned whether the first regular meeting in March was changed due to the annual meeting. After reviewing past minutes, it was changed at the first regular meeting in January. Clerk Plante has put the information on the website and checked with the community center to make sure all meetings were on their calendar.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk