

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting - Via Virtual GoToMeeting
February 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 7:00 p.m. via electronically due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

PRESENT: Supervisor Dan Heim, Supervisor Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, were in attendance at their homes and Clerk Marlyce Plante was at the Town Hall.

ABSENT: Supervisor Shawn Omann

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING THE FEBRUARY ROAD REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 2-0.

OPEN FORUM: No open forum or business from the floor.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 2-9-21 meeting will be reviewed at the next scheduled township meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Accessory Building Requests – Supv Heim received a draft for revisions of the township ordinances regarding placement of accessory building from Attorney Troy Gilchrist, which was forwarded to the Town Board and to Scott Saehr, Anna Gruber and Ryan Fitzthum from the City of Sartell. The Joint Planning Board has final approval of ordinance revisions and this will be placed on the next JPB meeting's agenda to be held on March 23, 2021.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No building inspector report.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Dullinger gave updated balances of the township revenues and expenses. The invoices, claim forms & copies of checks were emailed to the Town Board for review & approval. The checks are later signed by the chairman, clerk & treasurer after approval. Treasurer Dullinger noted she had three separate checks to the St Cloud Times in order to keep better track of how much is paid and what the invoice was for.

Invoices/Vouchers –

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5833.08 (CHECK #13530 THRU 13535), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 2-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Brian Gibson – Area Planning Organization - Supv Westerlund attended the APO meeting at which Brian Gibson, the director, stated there may be funds available for township road systems in the state of Minnesota. He will be getting more details and researching information on the funds and report at the next meeting.

Dan Heim – No report

Shawn Omann – Supv Omann copied the Town Board on his report.

Dick Bitzan – Supv Omann contacted Mr. Bitzan informing him his site plan for his accessory building will not be reviewed until the March 23rd meeting. The hope is to have the Joint Planning Board review and adopt a revision to the township ordinances regarding accessory building placement without the need for a variance.

Derek Hentges – Midco Broadband Expansion of 40th St. – Supv Omann spoke with Mr. Hentges questioning whether he had heard any updates on the broadband expansion by Midco in the 40th Street area. Mr. Hentges had spoken to another neighbor in the area who works for Midco who believes the project is expected to be done in the spring or summer of 2021 with the most recent cost of \$289.00 per household. Supv Omann provided Supv Heim's email address so that Mr. Hentges could add him to the group emails which provide updates regarding this expansion.

Ordinance Draft Regarding Accessory Buildings – Supv Omann stated he was comfortable with the amendments to the zoning ordinances regarding accessory buildings in rear yards for parcel owners who live on the river such as Mr. Bitzan.

OLD BUSINESS: The property clean-up items in old business will not be pursued until early in the spring.

Town Hall – No further information.

Grebinoski Property – No further information has been received.

Zander & Weinand Vehicle Clean Up – No further information.

Thomas Property – No further information.

Kourtney Bradford-Houle Site Plan Approval – No response has been received from Ms. Bradford-Houle.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

FEBRUARY ROAD REPORT: Supv Omann had sent his road report to the Town Board. Supv Omann viewed and traveled the roads shortly after the latest snowfall. He found most roads to be snow covered but melting off, and in good driving condition. He viewed a lot of shrinkage cracks on 40th Street and feels this should be considered for crack sealing in 2021. He also reported no changes at properties in the township that need clean-up, which will be looked into early in the spring.

CLERK REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Apple Duathlon – Clerk Plante received an email from Larry Stracke, Apple Duathlon Course Director, informing the township the race will occur on May 22, 2021 and asked if road improvements could be completed prior to the event or after the event.

Township Clean Up Day – Clerk Plante reported she had a flyer placed in the annual mailing to township residents, informing them the clean-up day will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. She had been in contact with Gary Opatz of Opatz Roll-Off's who penciled in the date for the township clean up.

Mary Sakry Accessory Building, 2668 Winnebago Road – Mary Sakry contacted Clerk Plante regarding the process for construction of an accessory building on her property. Ms. Sakry was informed that a site plan will be needed showing the placement of the accessory building, which should also contain setbacks, septic & drain field, house and impervious coverage. Ms. Sakry's situation is similar to Dick Bitzan's, since they both live on the Mississippi River and may need a variance to place their

accessory building in the front yard unless an amendment is made to our township ordinances. No site plan etc. has been received yet since she is just beginning the process.

Lodermeier Land Split – Clerk Plante received a phone call from a realtor in the Twin Cities area, questioning a possible land split of the Lodermeier property located on County Road 120. The area is being considered for a retail business which would be placed directly across from Kwik Trip. He stated they would only need 1-2 acres but was reluctant to give the name of the business. He questioned how close city services are currently located etc. Clerk Plante suggested he contact Scott Saehr of the City of Sartell, to find out further information, since if this project will be considered, it would need city services which could possibly be provided by the City of Sartell or the City of St. Cloud since services are directly across County Road 120, but the property would need to be annexed to the city of St. Cloud.

Frie/Klaphake Split of Property – Roger Frie, contacted Clerk Plante questioning the possible split of a parcel he and Roger Klaphake own and is located on the west end of 17th St. No., a minimum maintenance road located off Pinecone Road. Clerk Plante provided him with Scott Saehr's contact information since the split of property would require a variance and minor subdivision.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante,
LeSauk Township Clerk