

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – Sartell Community Center – Liberty Rm
February 26, 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 and two interested parties.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING MARY BARRON-TRAUT TO OPEN FORUM AND REMOVE THE VANVICKLES SINCE THEY WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Udermann Mylar Signing – John & Mary Lou Udermann presented the mylars to the town board for signing. Chairman Heim and Clerk Plante signed the mylars.

Mary Barron-Traut, 3872 Pinecone Road, Sartell – Pole Shed – Ms. Traut came before the Town Board to request site plan approval to construct a 60 X 120 machine shed on their 119-acre parcel. The property is zoned A20 and would not require a building permit, but does require site plan approval. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR ROYS & MARY BARRON-TRAUT TO CONSTRUCT A 60 x 120 SQUARE FOOT MACHINE SHED ON THEIR 119-ACRE PARCEL WHICH MEETS ALL SETBACKS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2024 ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Supv Wagner abstained since he was not in attendance at the meeting.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Town Code Violations – It was the consensus of the Town Board the town code violation was okay as they are written and Attorney Gilchrist can contact the Stearns County Attorney's Office to review with him all code violations that pertain to LeSauk Township.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Building Inspector Barsody contacted Supv Heim regarding the site plan approval of the Roys & Mary Barron-Traut machine shed. This was discussed and approved during the open forum of this meeting.

JANUARY TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Bentley presented three invoices for payment totaling \$481.31. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS & VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$481.31 (CHECK #14186 THRU 14188), SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Bentley questioned whether he could attend the spring short course in Alexandria on Friday, March 29th since he has the day off due to spring break at the school district. The Town Board had approved attendance at the regular rate of pay at the previous meeting and were of the consensus that Treasurer Bentley could attend the Alexandria short course.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

Jeff Westerlund –

Home Sale in the Township – Supv Westerlund discussed a home sale in the township that was well above the estimated market value. The town board discussed how it effects the value of neighboring homes. They also discussed the Board of Equalization meeting which will be held in April and whether all supervisors were currently trained. Supv Wagner will need to complete his training prior to April 10.

Dan Heim –

Park Fund – Spending of the Park Fund will be discussed with residents who attend the annual meeting on March 12, 2024. The Town Board has been given several options for scheduled projects in Sartell that would meet the criteria for the park money.

Jeremy Mathiasen – Stantec – Mr. Mathiasen contacted Supv Heim informing him he has updated the zoning map for the township. Supv Heim asked to have a large map and several smaller ones made for the town board and a pdf of the new zoning map for placement on the township website.

Leander Drive Vacation – Supv Heim reported the vacation of a portion of Leander Drive/Avenue has been resolved by the city of Sartell. The city needed to resolve the issue for the upcoming construction of a day care center in the Leander Drive/Avenue area.

LaVerne Dehler, 40 County Road 120 - Ms. Dehler contacted both Supv Heim and Kari Thiesen, city of Sartell Project Planning Director, questioning the possible annexation of her parcel since it is considered an encompassed parcel.

Paul Wagner – No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No new information at this time.

Zander Property Clean-Up – Attorney Gilchrist sent a copy of the summons which has been sent to the Zander's. It outlined what they will need to do to comply with the summons. The Town Board viewed pictures and video that was taken by Supv Heim from neighboring properties. The Zander's have cleaned up the front of their yard, but have moved most of the items to the rear yard, even placing items on the neighboring parcel owned by Tad Farris. It was also noted by the town board this may be something to consider to clean up the Thomas property located in the township.

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

Website Redesign – Clerk Plante stated she has not researched yet.

Town Code Violation List – Discussed under attorney report.

NEW BUSINESS:

March 12th Meeting Change – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE REGULAR MEETING TO THURSDAY, MARCH 14th BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. DUE TO THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ROAD REPORT:

February Road Report – Supv Westerlund reported there are small potholes in several areas which he planned to place cold patch material. He stated township roads are in good driving condition. He also reported that 17th Street (Udermann area) is quite rough and needs grading.

322nd St. Overlay Project – Supv Heim reported no further information has been received from St. Cloud regarding this overlay project.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE & REPORT:

Weed Inspector Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW CLERK PLANTE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL WEED INSPECTOR MEETING ON APRIL 3RD AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Building Permit – Faue – 61st Ave. – Clerk Plante received a call from a neighbor questioning whether a building permit was received for this property since it was not posted anywhere in sight. He was also concerned about their putting on a steel roof. Clerk Plante did inform the neighbor a site plan was approved for the property and building permit issued.

PNP (Presidential Nomination Primary) Election – Clerk Plante reminded the board of the upcoming PNP Election on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – polling hours are from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. She asked Supv Westerlund to take the swing sign out to the church as soon as he could. She has updated the sign with information regarding the election.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk