

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
February 28, 2023

The regular 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, Paul Wagner and Jeff Westerlund, Deputy-Treasurer Sue Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 4 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING CRAIG TANGEN TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, MS4 ADOPTION & SUMMARY OF PUBLICATION TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Friedrich Properties, 3714 Riverside Ave. – Doug Friedrich & Craig Wensmann were in attendance, Mr. Wensmann is the surveyor for Mr. Friedrich. A public hearing for the Friedrich Properties was held during the Joint Planning Board meeting held prior to this meeting to rezone & plat a 6.25-acre parcel for Mr. Friedrich. Both Mr. Friedrich & Mr. Wensmann asked to have the matter tabled until the next meeting explaining that issues had come forth which need to be clarified before continuing with the rezoning & platting of the property.

Discussion was held regarding the 60-day time frame when an application is received without a final decision on the matter. The Friedrich application was dated January 25, 2023, but information & payment for the hearing & application were not received until February 13th. Clerk Plante will clarify with the township attorney. They will attend the meeting on March 13th at which time an extension may be requested if necessary.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO TABLE THE FRIEDRICH PROPERTIES REZONE, PRELIMINARY & FINAL PLAT DECISIONS TO MONDAY, MARCH 13TH, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Craig Tangen, 2109 35th St. No. – Mr. Tangen presented a site plan for the construction of a 12 X 24 sq. foot accessory building on his parcel of 9.08 acres. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR CRAIG TANGEN TO CONSTRUCT A 12 X 24 SQ FT ACCESSORY BUILDING, WHICH MEETS ALL NECESSARY SETBACKS AND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH LIKE KIND AND COLOR SIDING TO THE PRESENT HOME, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2023 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2023 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-1. SUPV WESTERLUND ABSTAINED SINCE HE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No Report

TREASURERS REPORT – Claims & Vouchers:

Deputy Treasurer Sue Dullinger presented the claims and vouchers to be paid.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,119.12 (CHECK #'s 13968 THRU 13973, PLUS EFT 247 & 248), SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Area Planning Organization Policy Board Meeting (APO) – Supv Westerlund attended the APO policy board meeting on February 9th. Discussion was held regarding electric charging stations (EV stations) that are being proposed in area cities. Sartell plans to eventually have 16 EV charging stations and plans to lease their stations. St. Cloud has 5 free EV stations and plans to have 7 more. St. Cloud has approximately 42 EV stations at the present time.

CMWEA Meeting – The monthly CMWEA (Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance) was cancelled due to the weather as reported by Supv Westerlund who usually attends the meeting.

Intersection of 27th St & 7th Ave – Supv Westerlund received a call from Steve Schwartz a township resident of Countryside Acres Addition. Mr. Schwartz said the intersection of 27th St. & 7th Ave was not plowed very well which caused several motorists to get stuck in the snow. Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc., was contacted and he sent out a truck to clear the intersection.

Snowplowing Issues – The Town Board Supervisors discussed the calls they had received for several parts of the township. Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc. was contacted regarding snowplowing on 30th Avenue/Townline Road, 17th Street No.

Dan Heim -

ITT Proposal – Supv Heim received the proposal from ITT (Independent Testing Technologies) requesting a signature for the proposal for boring tests. Clerk Plante will also need to sign the documents.

Bonnie & Mark Mehr, County Road 4 – The Mehr's had contacted both Supv Heim and the city of Sartell with questions regarding the splitting of their 5-acre parcel into a 1-acre and a 4-acre parcel. Since the Mehr's are in the U-1 zoning district and near city services, they decided to annex their property into the city of Sartell which was approved at the city of Sartell's meeting on February 27th.

Brian Johnston, 7th Ave. No. - Mr. Johnston has been in contact with Supv Heim requesting to add an addition to his present accessory building. Supv Heim researched the previous requests Mr. Johnston has had the last several years. In 2019 he requested to place a carport on his property which was approved by the Town Board. A carport has a particular definition; it shall be open on at least two sides. Supv Heim viewed Mr. Johnston's parcel and found the "carport" Mr. Johnston has which now has enclosed sides as

well as a garage door and would no longer be considered a carport. Supv Heim will email Mr. Johnston informing him the carport is no longer a carport by definition and is now an accessory building. With two accessory buildings already located on his parcel, Mr. Johnston will not be allowed any expansion of the second accessory building.

Matt Glaesman, 322nd Street – Mr. Glaesman is the zoning & planning director for the city of St. Cloud. Supv Heim contacted him regarding the poor condition of 322nd Street and since the south side of 322nd Street properties are now all in the city of St. Cloud, he questioned whether it will be a possibility the city will take over and annex the road into St. Cloud and maintain it. Mr. Glaesman did inform Supv Heim the possibility of future work on 322nd Street may be advanced since it is in such poor condition.

Joe Perske, 30th Ave. North - Supv Heim received an email from Joe Perske, Stearns County Commissioner stating they are hoping to get the funding this legislative session to complete the Townline/30th Ave Road Reconstruction. He asked that government entities reach out and email Senator Jeff Howe and Representative Tim O'Driscoll, thanking them for authoring the bills and give them support.

Paul Wagner – Supv Wagner discussed the email's regarding 322nd Street.

OLD BUSINESS – Town Hall – No new information

NEW BUSINESS –

MS4 Permit/Ordinance – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION OF THE MS4 ORDINANCE REVISIONS, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 23-01 AMENDING THE LESAUKE TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING STORMWATER PROTECTION, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

FEBRUARY ROAD REPORT –

Supv Westerlund discussed his February Road report stating that all township roads were in generally good winter driving condition though he had completed his inspection prior to the latest snowfall. He noted the Thomas property on Riverside Avenue is again accumulating a lot of abandoned junk & vehicles in the front yard.

Discussion was held with Supv Wagner regarding his upcoming monthly road inspection. Supv Heim will do the March Road Report. Clerk Plante will make a template of Supv Westerlund's road report so that it will be easier for Supv Wagner to follow when doing his inspection. Supv Wagner will do the April Road report with Supv Westerlund riding along. Clerk Plante will post the April road inspection noting there will be a quorum of supervisors.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

2022 Annual Report – Clerk Plante discussed the upcoming annual report stating she will order 20 copies. She also is having the information printed for the annual mailing to township residents which

includes the annual meeting agenda, yearly township newsletter and information required by the townships MS4 permit.

Score Grant Application – Clerk Plante has completed the Score Grant application and returned it to the Stearns County Environmental Services. She noted the deadline to request for reimbursement has been moved up to December 15, 2023 and not the end of the year.

Noxious Weed Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW CLERK PLANTE TO ATTEND THE NOXIOUS WEED MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 7, 2023 AT EITHER THE STEARNS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER OR IN GREENWALD AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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