

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
February 8, 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, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante, and 2 other interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING JOE PERSKE TO OPEN FORUM AND KURT DURRWACHTER UNDER NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Joe Perske – 30th Avenue North – County Commissioner, Joe Perske, presented a Joint Powers Agreement drafted by Jodi Teich, Stearns County Highway Department Engineer. He reviewed with the Town Board that Senator Jeff Howe would try to have money allocated for the construction contract portions of 30th Avenue in this legislative session, but only if all jurisdictions are in agreement to be a part of the agreement. Mr. Perske met with St. Wendel town board who have agreed and signed the Joint Powers Agreement but capped for their portion at \$125,000 but are willing to discuss increasing the amount further if their portion would change. He will also present the agreement to Brockway Township and the City of Sartell.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH BROCKWAY TOWNSHIP, ST. WENDEL TOWNSHIP & THE CITY OF SARTELL, ALLOWING SENATOR JEFF HOWE TO REQUEST ALLOCATION OF MONEY FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF 30TH AVENUE NORTH, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mary Ann Traut – Ms. Traut discussed with the Town Board the outcome of their public access easement.

Ron Naber, 3155 321st Street – Lot Line Adjustment – Mr. Naber came before the board questioning the process of a lot line adjustment between to parcel's he owns on 321st Street. He would like to add 5 feet from Lot 4 to Lot 3. Mr. Naber was informed he would need to complete a lot line adjustment application and have a certificate of survey done in order to have the correct legal descriptions of the lots for filing at county offices. Since the property is in an R-1 zone, the lot line adjustment will need to be approved at a Joint Planning Board meeting which are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Supv Heim emailed him the application and Mr. Naber will contact him when he is ready to proceed with the lot line adjustment. It was the consensus of the Town Board to waive the fee for a lot line adjustment for Mr. Naber.

MINUTES:

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2022 MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Adam Laidlaw, 3898 Riviera Road – Supv Heim was contacted by David Barsody, Township Building Inspector, questioning whether a site plan was approved by the Town Board for Mr. Laidlaw's remodeling project. The exterior of the remodeled 3-season porch will be changed. Mr. Laidlaw's contractor was informed the exterior should match the rest of the home. Supv Heim informed Mr. Barsody the site plan was approved and the contractor is aware of the township regulations.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger provided copies of the January Treasurers Report and stated the balance in the township accounts is \$727,519.00 and reviewed the amounts in the particular funds. She also has updated the townships assets at the bank.

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

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,5854.67 (CHECK #13728 THRU 13742 PLUS EFT's 215 & 216), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Dullinger would like to purchase a new monitor which will make it easier to view her different programs and ledgers while working. She has done a quick search of the cost of a monitor which ranged from \$170 to \$200. The board previously discussed the purchase of a printer to use and remain at the community center on the cart holding the TV and equipment for virtual meetings.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A MONITOR AND LASER PRINTER NOT TO EXCEED \$1200, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Omann will research the printer cost and Treasurer Dullinger will research the monitor price.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS**Jeff Westerlund –**

Board of Equalization Training – Supv Westerlund completed the required training for the upcoming Board of Equalization meeting in April.

Zander Property Viewing – Supv Westerlund viewed the Zander property since an anonymous complaint had been received about the number of vehicles the property has on it. He spoke with Ms. Zander's daughter who allowed Supv Westerlund to view the vehicles and whether they were all currently licensed. One vehicle did not, but Ms. Olson did show current tabs to Supv Westerlund. Clerk Plante will notify the anonymous complainant that all vehicles are currently licensed, also informing them the township currently does not have regulations on how many vehicles can be on a property, only that they need to be currently licensed.

Dan Heim –

17th St. No. (Pinecone Portion) – Supv Heim was forwarded an email from Roger Frie. Mr. Frie owns property at the west end of 17th St. No., and questioned whether the road could be plowed so he can get to his property to do some various work. Supv Heim contacted Doug Welk of ASTECH, questioning the cost. Mr. Welk & Supv Heim both agreed the street has never been plowed during the winter. It was the

consensus of the Town Board, that if Mr. Frie would like it plowed and is willing to pay for the cost, it would be \$140 per hour for a frontend loader which may take up to 3 hours, depending how far they would plow. Clerk Plante will let Mr. Frie know the decision of the board.

Shantelle Kane - Garage Remodel, 32114 County Road 1 – Supv Heim received another call from Joe of Granite City Remodel with questions about the garage remodel for Ms. Kane they have been contracted to do. Since this property is located on the river, he will check with Stephen Grittmann, Northwest Associate Consultants, to review the Shoreland Ordinance.

Wayne Paquin – During his monthly road inspection, Supv Heim noticed an advertising sign on Mr. Paquin's property advertising Mike's Dirtwork as well as the advertising sign Mr. Paquin has for his Lawn Care & Storage business. Supv Heim contacted Mr. Paquin who stated he is allowed to do commercial business on his property through the conditional use permit he received. His original application was for storage in the out buildings on his property and to advertise his lawn care business. Supv Heim contacted Scott Saeher, city of Sartell assistant city administrator, for his opinion on what the conditional use permit actually allows. After discussing the wording of the conditional use permit that was granted with Mr. Saeher and with the town board, it was the consensus to not pursue the two advertising signs Mr. Paquin has on his property, even though he only applied for conditional use permit for one advertising sign.

Realignment of County Road 133 Meetings – Supv Heim reported there will be both a virtual and in-person meeting regarding the realignment of County Road 133. The owners, whose property is involved in this realignment, will be invited to the meetings. They will be held on March 3rd at the Sartell City Hall.

Shawn Omann –

Ed Traut – Platting Questions – Supv Omann spoke again with Ed Traut who again had questions regarding platting the family property on Pinecone Road. Supv Omann told him he will need to get a surveyor involved once they decide what exactly they want to do with the property.

February Road Report – Supv Omann will do the February Road report since Supv Heim did the January Road report when he was unavailable.

Meeting Unavailability – Supv Omann will not be available for the 2nd meeting in March.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No further information at this time.

Thomas & Rosenow Property Clean Up – No change in the clean-up of these properties.

Zander Property – Supv Westerlund visited the Zander property to check on the number of vehicles. This was discussed earlier in the meeting. Since all vehicles are now licensed, this will be taken off the agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ARPA (America Recovery Plan Act) Fund Spending & Resolution – The board discussed the resolution that is suggested to be passed by the Town Board to help keep track of the funds and how they are spent. This will help in reporting how much and where the money was spent. The amount of ARPA funds LeSauk Township will receive is \$190,293.23, plus a supplemental amount. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PASS THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SPENDING OF ARPA FUNDS ON THE LOSS REVENUE REPLACEMENT CATEGORY, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Treasurer Dullinger and Supv Westerlund will watch the recorded webinar video from the Minnesota Association of Townships.

Durrwachter 2nd Accessory Building Conditional Use Permit – Kurt Durrwachter has applied for a conditional use permit to construct a second accessory building on his property. The public hearing has been set for February 22nd at the Joint Planning Board meeting.

Temporary Stop Sign Proposals – Proposals for a temporary stop sign were received from John Pederson of ID Sign Solutions and M-R Sign Company. The proposals from ID Sign Solutions were similar to M-R Sign company between \$175 - \$300, but the shipping was extremely high. The M-R Sign proposal was \$250 but unsure whether it included shipping. Clerk Plante will contact Tyler at M-R Sign, questioning the shipping cost and report at the next meeting.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE:

Mailing Information to Township Residents – Clerk Plante provided copies of the 2022 Newsletter and agenda for the Annual Meeting for the board to review. She also had articles on various ways to retain clean water at home, business etc. Corrections were made to the newsletter and agenda. Clerk Plante has emailed Peter Kedrowski, Sartell Fire Chief, to invite him to the annual meeting. It was the consensus of the board to allow Clerk Plante to choose the information regarding clean water etc. that will be sent to township residents as part of the requirements of the MS4 Permit.

Fine Reimbursement – The township has received \$84.99 in January 2022 for fine reimbursements.

Chad Spoden, 3826 Riviera Road, 4-Season Porch – Just prior to the meeting, Clerk Plante received a call from Michelle Spoden, who questioned the process of receiving a permit to construct a 4-season porch onto their home. Clerk Plante gave her a brief overview of what needs to be done since her home is located on the Mississippi river and also suggested she attend a meeting to discuss with the entire town board.

W-2 Form – Clerk Plante had not yet received her W-2 form. All other town board members had received theirs in the last couple of days. She will continue to look for it, but a replacement may need to be ordered if not received within the next week.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk