

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting - Via Virtual GoToMeeting
February 9, 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: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann, Jeff Westerlund, and Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut, David Barsody, Township Building Inspector were in attendance at their homes and Clerk Marlyce Plante was at the Town Hall.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING THE DURRWACHTER SITE PLAN TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON - ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: David Barsody – Township Building Inspector, David Barsody, was asked to attend the meeting to discuss his contract with the LeSauk Township. Mr. Barsody stated he still uses the 1994 building permit fee schedule while most inspectors use the 1997 schedule. The 1997 schedule runs approximately 6% higher than the 1994 schedule.

The board discussed complaints by township residents regarding the high cost of building permits. The board nor Mr. Barsody, have any control over this issue. Mr. Barsody was also questioned whether he does the majority of the inspections in the township. Mr. Barsody stated since he has moved closer to the area (he now lives near Little Falls, MN), he can be in the area quicker than before, but he contracts with another inspector who lives in the Sartell area.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO UTILIZE DAVID BARSODY AS THE TOWNSHIPS BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR 2021, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

Kurt & Krista Durrwachter Swimming Pool Site Plan, 2489 35th St. No., - The Town Board reviewed a site plan presented by Kurt & Krista Durrwachter to construct a swimming pool on their 14+ acre parcel. This property is located in the A20/RO-10 zoning and will be a Type 1 Review with a Town Administrative Decision.

The site plan met all regulations for setbacks and safety measures for swimming pools as stated in the township ordinances. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE DURRWACHTER SITE PLAN AS PRESENTED TO THE TOWN BOARD, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED, THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2021 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED, THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2021 ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Accessory Building Requests – Supv Heim will contact Attorney Troy Gilchrist requesting he draft a revision to the township ordinances regarding accessory building placement in areas other than the rear yards of township properties. He stated that he hopes to have this revision ready for the Joint Planning Board to review and approve at the March 23, 2021 meeting.

Gary Blascziek Property – 32285 County Road 4, St. Joseph, MN – Mr. Blascziek contacted Supv Heim regarding when the property he owns on County Road 4 was rezoned from industrial to U-1, urban service district. He informed him when the public hearing occurred and that all township property owners were notified. Mr. Blascziek's notice went to the address listed on the county website which is 9275 County Road 4, St. Joseph, MN.

Mr. Blascziek wanted to construct and operate an auto repair business at this location many years ago but this did not come to fruition. He now would like to possibly put a Jiffy Lube and Auto Restoration business at this location. He was informed he would need to go through the process with the final decision being with the Sartell City Council since the property is now zoned U-1.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Durrwachter Swimming Pool Building Permit Site – Building Inspector, David Barsody, emailed Supv Heim questioning whether the Durrwachter's site plan was approved by the Town Board. This was discussed & approved earlier in the meeting. Supv Heim will inform Mr. Barsody to issue a building permit for the swimming pool.

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 was asked by the Town Board to include the check number or whether cash was received for payment of building permits on the Revenue report.

Clerk Plante discussed a St. Cloud Times invoice which was received via email on Monday, February 8th from Josh Bentley, former township treasurer. The invoice was overdue with amounts that were both 30 & 60 days past due. Treasurer Dullinger has contacted the St. Cloud Times regarding this, but has not received a callback from them. She will contact them again to clarify charges that she thinks are not township charges and ask to have the invoices emailed to her.

January Treasurers Report – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY TREASURERS REPORT ADDING THE CHECK NUMBERS TO ALL REVENUES RECEIVED, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

Invoices/Vouchers –

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4936.46 (CHECK #13521 THRU 13529 PLUS EFT'S 183 & 184), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Tire Pick Up on 30th Avenue – Supv Westerlund was contacted about tires thrown in the ditch on 30th Avenue. Supv Westerlund used a trailer to pick up the 11 tires which he took to a recycling place near the St. Cloud Times building. The cost was \$4 per tire.

Dan Heim –

Durrwachter Swimming Pool Site Plan – Supv Heim received this information and it was discussed and approved earlier in the meeting.

Blascziek Property - Supv Heim reported on his phone call from Gary Blascziek earlier in the meeting.

Tires on 30th Avenue – Supv Heim had viewed these tires on his drive home and text Supv Westerlund requesting him to pick them up and to contact him if he needed help.

Wayne Paquin – Storage Building Sign – Supv Heim discussed this earlier in the meeting and letter will be sent to Mr. Paquin.

Fee Schedule Publication – Clerk Plante will contact Attorney Gilchrist whether the revision to the fee schedule needs to be published.

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Wayne Paquin, 322nd Street – Supv Heim will contact Mr. Paquin regarding the sign he has located on his property on 322nd Street advertising a seasonal storage business. Also discussed were approximately 40 tires that were thrown out in the ditch located on 322nd Street. The tires were picked up but unsure of who picked them up for disposal.

Shawn Omann – No Report

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

CLERK REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Dehler Land Split – Clerk Plante was contacted by Brian Engelmeyer, Surveyor for LaVerne & Ralph Dehler. The Dehler's would like to split their parcels located on County Road 120 into three parcels. A rough drawing was sent to the town board to review. Mr. Engelmeyer was given Scott Saehr, Sartell's Planning & Economic Director's, contact information. The Dehler parcels are located in the U-1 zoning district, this will then be a Type 4 (Sartell City Council Final Decision) for the subdivision of parcels containing less than 40 acres.

Fine Reimbursement - \$110.66 was received in fine reimbursements for the month of January 2021.

Stearns County Shape 2040 – The public hearing for comments regarding the Stearns County Shape 2040, will be held on March 2, 2021 at 9 a.m. The hearing will be held virtually with information of how to log into the meeting with your comments located on the Stearns County website.

March Meeting Change – Due to the annual meeting scheduled for March 9th, the regular township meeting will need to be changed. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HOLD THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH, ON MONDAY, MARCH 8TH BEGINNING AT 7 P.M., SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

Shawn Widmer – Stearns County Sheriff – Mr. Widmer will be taking Zach Sorenson's position as the township liaison officer from the Stearns County Sheriff's office. Mr. Widmer will be logging into our virtual meeting on March 23, 2021.

Annual Township Mailing – Clerk Plante will email drafts of information to be sent in the annual township information mailing. This information will need to be copied and mailed out by February 27th.

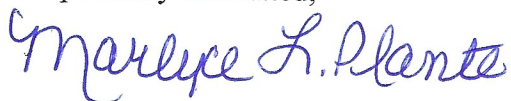
Board of Equalization Meeting – Supv Omann questioned whether Stearns County had been notified we will hold our Board of Equalization Meeting virtually. He noted this needs to be done prior to 2-19-21 so it allows them enough time to include that information on notifications sent to property owners that includes the meeting date and time. Clerk Plante will contact Jake Pidde, Stearns County Assessor, informing him LeSauk Township will be holding the meeting virtually.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante,
LeSauk Township Clerk