

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
March 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

**PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 3 interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, ADDING SHAWN KROLL TO OPEN FORUM, 2-27-19 AUDIT MEETING ON MINUTES APPROVAL & 40<sup>TH</sup> STREET & BONHOMIE VALLEY ON OLD BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Shawn Kroll – County Road 1 – Stearns County Construction Permit Approval** – Mr. Kroll is remodeling his home located on County Road 1 and within 300 feet of the Mississippi. He is requesting approval of the Stearns County Construction site plan by the Town Board. After review of the site plan, which met all necessary township setbacks, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE STEARNS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND SITE PLAN AS PRESENTED BY SHAWN KROLL, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Peter & Kathy Lahr & Brian Donnay Property Split and Conditional Use Permit Application**

Supv Heim was in contact with Sam DeLeo, surveyor for the Lahr's & Mr. Donnay. He could not attend the meeting this evening, so this will be placed on the next meetings agenda. Discussion was briefly held on the size of building Mr. Donnay was requesting which was approximately 10,500 square feet. Supv Heim will contact Mr. Donnay regarding whether he would reconsider the size of the building as well as possible conditions on the roofing business Mr. Donnay would like to have on the property.

Also discussed was a time frame of Mr. Donnay's request since it will fall just after the 60-day rule.

**MINUTES:**

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE 2-26-19 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE 2-27-19 ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING MINUTES, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

**Stearns County Memorandum of Understanding – Authority on Shoreland Management**

Supv Heim rechecked with Attorney's Gilchrist and Hill whether Stearns County will still be the authority regarding shoreland within the township if the Memorandum of Understanding is dissolved. Atty Gilchrist stated the county is required to regulate shoreland per Minnesota State Statutes.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** No Report

**TREASURERS REPORTS:**

**January Treasury Report** - SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED THE REVISED JANUARY TREASURERS REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**February Treasury Report** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED THE FEBRUARY TREASURERS REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**Invoices/Vouchers** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,696.27 (CHECK #13077 THRU 13088, PLUS EFT'S 118 & 119), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

There were several items Treasurer Dullinger asked of the Town Board:

- Renewal of Office 365 for township computers – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE TREASURER DULLINGER RENEW OFFICE 365 FOR THE TOWNSHIP BOARDS USE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.
- Township Treasurer's Credit Card – Treasurer Dullinger would like to have a credit card for necessary office supplies. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ALLOW TREASURER DULLINGER TO USE SUPV HEIM'S CREDIT CARD, WHICH FALLS UNDER THE SAME CREDIT LINE AS SUPV WESTERLUND AND CLERK PLANTE, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.
- P.O. Box Renewal – SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO HAVE TREASURER DULLINGER RENEW THE POST OFFICE BOX FOR \$70/YEAR USING THE TOWNSHIP CREDIT CARD, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

**Jeff Westerlund –**

**Minnesota Legislature Member Directory** – Supv Westerlund provided a directory of the MN Legislature members to all board members which he received during Township Day at the Capitol.

**CMWEA (Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance)** – Supv Westerlund received a call from the office of CMWEA stating they received the signed agreement but it did not include the yearly renewal payment. Treasurer Dullinger will look into whether the check was issued and or cashed.

**Stork Drive Water Issue/Bonhomie Drainage Issue** – Supv Westerlund has been in the Stork Drive area where there is a good possibility of flooding due to the heavy snow, but as of yet, there is no water issue. He will look at it again during his monthly road report.

The Town Board discussed options that had been given to the Town Board a couple years ago by the township engineering firm, S.E.H. Engineering. The options were quite expensive, the easiest and

possibly cheapest would be purchasing of 2+ acres or an easement from the adjacent property owner to create or build a retention pond for the Bonhomie area. Supv Heim will contact the property owner, Maleska, questioning whether he would be willing to grant an easement or require the township to purchase the acreage. Supv Omann will contact David Blommel, our present township engineer, to get his opinion on the township's options for the drainage in this area.

#### **Dan Heim –**

**Nels Christensen – Bonhomie Valley** – Mr. Christensen again contacted Supv Heim regarding the possible flooding of the Stork Drive area near his home.

**Shawn Kroll – Site Plan Approval** – Mr. Kroll was present earlier in the meeting to request approval of his site plan and signature of approval on the Stearns County Construction Site Permit.

**Jon Kothenbeutel – Burning of Brush on Compost Site** – Supv Heim was contacted by Mr. Kothenbeutel regarding the burning of brush on the Sartell Compost site which took place on 3-5-19.

**Andy Swartout/Anita Archambeau Email** – Mr. Swartout emailed Anita Archambeau questioning whether the Swartout's could meet with her and discuss a possible solution to reconsider the split of the Swartout's 19+ acre lot located in Fenlason Woods. Ms. Archambeau relayed to the Swartout's they could go through the process of requesting the split, but there would be no guarantee's since regulations and circumstances have not changed.

#### **Shawn Omann –**

**Community Education Advisory Council Meeting** – Supv Omann attended the Community Education Advisory Council Meeting as the township's representative. This council handles the summer recreation & community education programs. The director, Kris O'Brien, informed the council they will now be housed at the Sartell Community Center and hope to offer new programs as well as increase participation. She stated more staff will be needed for the programs being offered.

**Steve Lovett – Junkman Services – Township Clean Up Day** – Supv Omann spoke with Mr. Lovett who will be handling the 1-day clean up in the township. Mr. Lovett will contact the Sartell Police department for the use of the fenced in area between the police station and the town hall.

**Doug Welk – ASTECH Inc.** – Supv Omann spoke with Doug Welk of ASTECH regarding costs of preventative maintenance of township roads. Some basic prices were chip seal at \$2.00/square yard, plus an additional \$.50 per square yard for fog seal. Crack sealing would need to be done prior to chip & fog seal. For a 1 mile, 22-foot wide roadway, it would be approximately \$32,208. Mr. Welk said he would do a "ride along" with a town board supervisor and give estimates after the annual road inspection is completed in the spring.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Memorandum of Understanding w/Stearns County** – Presenting the resolution for dissolving the memorandum of understand with Stearns County to the Joint Planning Board will be postponed until the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in April.

**Fine Reimbursement** – Treasurer Dullinger will check in about a month the progress of the fine reimbursement for the township.

**Trees & Shrubs in Road Right of Way** – This will remain on the agenda under Old Business until it can be addressed in the spring and areas are viewed during the annual road inspection.

**Peter Ferber Mobile Home** – This will remain on the agenda until we hear from Mr. Ferber.

**Clerk & Treasurers Positions from Elected to Appointed** - Clerk Plante reported that all is set with the county & state to hold the special election on May 14, 2019. Ballots will be printed by Stearns County since the Automark machine will need to be used by state regulations.

**Township Clean Up Day** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting by Supv Omann.

**40<sup>th</sup> Street North Quotes** – Supv Heim will contact David Blommel, township engineer, to begin the process to quote this road project for completion this summer.

**Bonhomie Valley Flooding** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting – The Town Board will continue to monitor the area.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lodermeier Shouse** – Duane Lodermeier, who owns property at the intersection of County Road 4 and County Road 120, would like to move into the building on his property and use it as his home. His present house will be demolished due to the roundabout that is being built at this intersection this summer. Building Inspector David Barsody stated a change of use would need to be made for the shed/shouse Mr. Lodermeier would like to move into. The shouse would also need to meet current requirements. David Barsody will contact Mike Decker for the building plans for the shed/shouse.

#### **CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**E Poll or Mail Ballot Precinct** – Clerk Plante attended a meeting for all townships who currently use paper rosters for elections. They were informed that all townships and cities in the county will be converted to either an E-Poll or Mail Ballot precinct. Clerk Plante would like to recommend going to an E Poll precinct which will still allow all township residents to come in to vote rather than having ballots mailed to residents.

#### **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