

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
March 13, 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, Jeff Westerlund, Paul Wagner, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut and 0 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Friedrich Properties – DSF Acres – Resolution to Approve Rezone, Prelim & Final Plat – Rezone Ordinance Approval & Summary Resolution Approval (from 2/28 mtg.)

Supv Heim received an Extension Letter from Craig Wensmann, the surveyor for Doug Friedrich, and suggested to Supv Heim that the 60-day Rule would apply.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO EXTEND AND TABLE THE RESOLUTION UNTIL THEY HEAR BACK FROM THE INTERESTED PARTIES, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Supv Heim emailed Attorney Gilchrist requesting MS4 changes into ordinances. Attorney Gilchrist responded that he is working on them.

Supv Heim had inquired of Attorney Gilchrist as to whether the Town is responsible for prosecuting an offense if it's listed in the Town's Ordinance. Atty Gilchrist suggested the township confirm with the county attorney if we provide a list of our ordinances whether the township is responsible for prosecuting the offenses.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT – Claims & Vouchers:

Discussion was held regarding the current interest rate at Falcon Bank and whether a change had been made to the interest as promised by the bank in December.

Other open discussion centered on taking advantage of some of the current higher CD rates and moving some funds into one. Supv Heim tasked Treasurer Dullinger with researching rates for a 12-month CD using a range of \$150,000–\$500,000.

Supv Heim questioned Treasurer Dullinger about the escrow accounts for Chad Perius and Andy Swartout. Treasurer Dullinger stated that there is sometimes confusion because no labels are specified on the invoices that are received; she will investigate and work to close out the escrows.

Additional discussion centered on the township levy. Should it stay as is? Treasurer Dullinger shared concerns that taxes will be increasing in the county, etc. Supv Heim stated that road improvements are needed for 22nd Street/Rodeo Drive and Winnebago Road. Further discussion was tabled.

Treasurer Dullinger gave an updated report on the township funds: General = \$330,202.01; Road & Bridge = \$601,725.1678; Fire = \$5,072.99; Park = \$24,138.52.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,405.75 (CHECK #'s 13974 THRU 13989, NOTING THAT CHECK #S 13987 AND 13988 ARE VOID), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF TWO SEPARATE MEAL REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SUPV WAGNER; ALSO, SUPV WESTERLUND'S FEB MILES BE PAID AT A FUTURE MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Dullinger stated that the township printer that is in her home is not working properly, but that she does not want a new one. She will utilize her personal printer for town business.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

APO Board Meeting - Supv Westerlund attended the March 9th meeting. He reported that Sartell had purchased part of the Paper Mill property on the east side of town. With a \$179,000 grant, they hope to open the old one-lane bridge connecting the paths for walking and biking traffic. They also plan to conduct a study for improving that area.

Dan Heim –

Supv Heim received a voicemail from Bridget who inquired about what the set-backs were for a ground-mounted solar system. Supv Heim returned the call and receiving no answer left a return message. There has been no response.

Brian Johnston, 7th Ave. No. - Supv Heim emailed Mr. Johnston stating the Town board had discussed his request to expand his carport. Supv Heim reviewed the past requests from Mr. Johnston in the email; Supv Heim explained that the remodeling Mr. Johnston had already completed on the garage did not meet the definition of a carport as it is now enclosed. Mr. Johnston responded via email and stated that since he owns the adjacent lot (2647 7th Ave. No.), he will build a new building on it. Supv Heim informed Mr. Johnston that he would still need to submit a site plan.

Brian Donnay, 568 19th Ave S, Sartell – At the Feb. 28 meeting Mr. Donnay had discussed putting up a shed on one of his three lots. After the meeting, Supv Heim emailed him to inform him that he would need a variance or a conditional use permit because he already has a detached garage and an accessory building. Mr. Donnay emailed back with the idea that he would put up the shed on the lot where his house is located. Supv Heim informed him that he would still need a site plan because it would be a Type 3 in the U1 zone, so the Joint Planning Board would have the final say. Mr. Donnay indicated that he'd think about it.

Zack Stommen, 307 Riviera Road - Dave Barsody received an email from Mr. Stommen, which was forwarded to Supv Heim. Mr. Stommen inquired about whether he could build an addition (16 feet) on the south side of their house; he is not on the river. Mr. Stommen also wondered about building a garage in the backyard. Supv Heim emailed informing him of what is allowed and that the township board would need to see a site plan. Mr. Stommen has not responded.

Joe Perske, 30th Ave. North – Supv Heim received an email from Joe Perske, Stearns County Commissioner asking the supervisors to email Senator Jeff Howe and Representation Tim O'Driscoll regarding the Townline/30th Ave Road Reconstruction. Rep O'Driscoll emailed Supv Heim on March 8 stating that the Townline Road Project was a provision in the cash Housing bill HF No. 670; it passed the House floor and was moved to the Senate. It's now at the Senate and support is needed.

MN Association of Townships (MAT) - On March 8, they sent an email stating that they are working to pass \$40 million additional transportation budgeting for township road improvements. Township Supervisors were requested to respond to a link to help support the effort.

Sartell City Council Meeting (3/13/23) - Property owned by Ferche Properties may be annexed into the City for the purposes of a solar garden.

Kari Theisen, Sartell City Project Supervisor – A developer is talking about buying a portion of an 8.38 acre lot, Parcel #17.09169.0500, near Perkins and building a child care facility and swim school.

Katie Stang, Brockway resident – Ms. Stang had emailed Clerk Plante to complain about the snow plowing on LeSauk's portion of North Pine Cone Road.

Paul Wagner – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Extension of Friedrich rezoning (previously discussed).

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

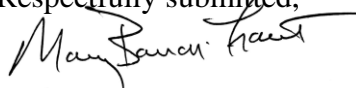
February Fine Reimbursement – \$65.00

Jessie Douvier - Shoreland improvements on his parcel.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Barron-Traut,
LeSauk Township Deputy Clerk