

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
March 22, 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 two interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING 2023 LEVY TO NEW BUSINESS AND ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION MEETING TO THE ROAD REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Brian Bohlig, Stearns County Sergeant** -Sergeant Bohlig will be the new reporting officer for LeSauk Township replacing Shawn Widmer who has taken a different position in the Stearns County Sheriff's Office.

Sergeant Bohlig has been a detective in the sheriff's office for the past 6 years and has now become a patrolling officer. He discussed the last three months of sheriff's calls in the township, December there were 50, January, 52 and February 36. The township has been substantially quieter since the removal of the Ferber home on River Oaks Lane. He asked the Town Board to contact him if there are any future concerns or questions. He will attend the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to give his quarterly report.

**MINUTES:**

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 7, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The annual meeting minutes held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, were reviewed. These minutes are approved by township residents at the next annual meeting.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

**Sylvester Bueckers Property Annexation:** Mr. Bueckers property is located at 7385 322<sup>nd</sup> St. and is the last remaining township parcel south of 322<sup>nd</sup> St. Relatives of Mr. Bueckers, have asked to have the parcel annexed to the City of St. Cloud. Attorney Gilchrist drafted a resolution approving the annexation to St. Cloud. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-03 APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE BUECKERS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7385 322<sup>ND</sup> ST., ST. JOSEPH, MN TO THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:**

**Wayne Paquin, 7320 322<sup>nd</sup> St., St. Joseph** – Supv Heim contacted Building Inspector David Barsody regarding a remodel of a shed on the Paquin property. The remodel includes a bathroom, new windows & a garage door. Supv Heim suggested Mr. Paquin contact Stearns County Environmental Services whether Mr. Paquin's septic will need to be certified with the bathroom addition or whether Mr. Paquin will only need a holding tank.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Dullinger gave a report of the townships fund account balances and presented vouchers for payment to the Town Board. Treasurer Dullinger purchased a color laser jet printer to remain at the community center on the cart which holds the TV and remote video equipment.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,075.26 (CHECK #13757 THRU 13767), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

## **SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

### **Jeff Westerlund –**

**Area Planning Organization (APO) Meeting** – Supv Westerlund attended the APO meeting held on March 10<sup>th</sup>. A major project in 2023 will be the replacement of the bridge near Mill Fleet Farm and the reconstruction of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue between County Road 4 and 6<sup>th</sup> St. So.

### **Dan Heim –**

**St. Wendel Township New Board Members** – Supv Heim reported the St. Wendel Town Board has two new members, Scott Volkers and Dave Sand, replacing Greg Salk & Carly Stich.

**Adam Laidlaw Remodel** – Supv Heim was contacted by Kurt of Infinity Homes who is remodeling the Adam Laidlaw property located at 3898 Riviera Road. Supv Heim was told the Laidlaw's are now changing the deck size which may need to be reviewed since the property falls within the Shoreland Ordinance. He asked for revised plans for the deck plus other planned remodeling projects. He will then have Stephen Gritman of Northwest Associates review the plans.

**Alex Udermann – Meadowbrook Farms – 17<sup>th</sup> St. No.** – Mr. Udermann contacted Supv Heim to request the township regulations regarding duplex housing and what type & size of sign they would be allowed to place on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> St. North. Supv Heim informed him the township does not allow any type of duplex, tri-plex or multiple housing in the township. The Udermann's would be allowed a 4 X 4 foot identification sign, but placement may be difficult since their property along 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue is all wetlands, unless they would receive permission to place the sign from other property owners on 30<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Shawn Omann –**

**Able Tree Service** – Supv Omann has been in touch with Ken Blommer of Able Tree Service. Mr. Blommer would like to wait to give the township a proposal on the eradication of brush & trees on 30<sup>th</sup> St. and an area along 35<sup>th</sup> Street closer to the time he would do the work.

**Rory Mrozek Property Split & Purchase** – Mr. Mrozek contacted Supv Omann regarding the purchase of 10 acres from the Traut property west of his storage units.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Hall** – No further information at this time – brief discuss was held regarding various properties that were sale in the area.

**Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean Up** – The town board were in agreement these would remain on the agenda, but nothing can be done with the clean-up due to the snow cover.

**Tree Trimming on 30<sup>th</sup> Street** – Supv Omann is working on a proposal from Able Tree Service.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**



**Mrozek-Traut Property Split** – Both Supv Heim & Supv Omann have been in touch with Rory Mrozek about the 10-acre parcel Mr. Mrozek would like to purchase from the Traut property located west of Sartell Storage Units owned by Mr. Mrozek. Supv Heim was contacted by Connie Castonguay of the Homer Group to discuss this purchase. Supv Heim discussed the possible split with Scott Saehr of the city of Sartell. The Traut property is zoned U-1, no parcels smaller than 40 acres can be split without a variance. Since the Mrozek-Sartell Storage property is zoned C-1, the new 10-acre parcel which would be attached, would need to be rezoned, which may also trigger a conditional use permit for the expansion of the storage unit business owned by Mr. Mrozek. This would be a Type 4 review, with the Joint Planning Board recommending and final approval by the city of Sartell.

**2023 Levy Split** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SPLIT THE 2023 LEVY AS FOLLOWS: \$60,000 IN THE GENERAL FUND, \$250,000 IN ROAD & BRIDGE FUND AND \$40,000 IN THE FIRE FUND, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

### **ROAD INSPECTION:**

**Annual Road Inspection** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HOLD THE ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION ON MAY 12, 2022 BEGINNING AT 4 P.M., SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**March Road Report** – Supv Westerlund drove all township roads on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Particular items he discussed were:

- Small potholes near 2605 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. No. & 341 Pine Ridge Road near County Road 1, plus at intersection of Rosewood Road & County Road 1.
- Roads that were rough and a lot of cracks are: Winnebago Road, 22<sup>nd</sup> St. No., Rodeo Road & 322<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Suggested roads for overlaying in the near future: Rodeo Road, 17<sup>th</sup> Street off of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue if funding comes through.

He stated there is excess sand on roads, the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue culvert water is running smoothly and spoke directly with Bruce Theisen and Ted Thomas about their property clean-up, giving them the date & time of the upcoming township clean-up day at Park Fellowship Church.

**ASTECH Sweeping Proposal** – Supv Heim compared the rates from the 2021 proposal and noted there was an overall increase of \$15 per vehicle. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ASTECH SWEEPING BID PROPOSAL FOR 2022 WHICH INCLUDED AN APPROXIMATE \$15 PER VEHICLE INCREASE, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**30<sup>TH</sup> Avenue/Town Line Road** – Supv Heim has been in contact with House Representative Tim O'Driscoll regarding his support of the funding for reconstruction of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Senator Jeff Howe is bringing the funding request to the Senate.

### **CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**Ferche Property** – Clerk Plante received an email requesting an Environmental Assessment of the Ferche Property located on Roberts Road. This particular parcel is in the city of Sartell, so it was forwarded to Scott Saehr at the city.

**Homestead Website Rate Increase** – Clerk Plante received an email from Homestead Website stating there will be an increase of \$1.75 to the monthly website rate. She asked whether she could view area web design companies & rates for a possible new township website design. There is a virtual

informational webinar on March 25<sup>th</sup> she would like to attend regarding web site designs. It was the consensus of the town board to allow Clerk Plante to investigate the cost of a new website design and present it at an upcoming meeting.

**Temporary Stop Sign Holder** – Clerk Plante contacted Tyler from M-R Sign Company regarding the poor welding on the stop sign holder received. After their production department reviewed the pictures that were sent, they will be sending a new stop sign holder.

**Monthly Treasurer's Report on Website**– Clerk Plante asked whether another page could be added to the website which would contain the approved monthly treasurer's reports. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Clerk Plante add a Treasurer Report page to the township website.

#### **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