

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
March 27, 2018

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, Jeff Westerlund and Shawn Omann, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 3 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED REMOVING DEANNA MCGEE FROM THE BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR AND ADDING THE LITTLE ROCK LAKE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES TO THE OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Mary Kivi & Frank Hard – Ms. Kivi & Mr. Hard are representatives of the Little Rock Lake Association. They asked to attend the meeting to give a brief report on the upcoming drawdown of the Mississippi River which will affect township property owners who live on the river.

The planned 3-foot drawdown of the river will hopefully help the clarity of Little Rock Lake and alleviate the high phosphorus and chlorophyll that is now contained in the lake. They stated there has been opposition to the drawdown, but also many people are in favor of it in order to bring back Little Rock Lake to what it has been in the past.

If more information is needed, they suggested attending the upcoming informational meeting on Thursday, March 29th at the old Rice City Hall in Rice, MN.

Chuck Ertl – Township Ditch Mowing & Brush Cutting – Mr. Ertl came in briefly to discuss the upcoming ditch mowing season. He will have a proposal for the Town Board at the next meeting but stated there are no changes. He informed the Town Board he will be licensed to spray ditches etc. if the Board chooses to do that type of eradication of weeds.

MINUTES:

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2018 SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The Town Board members reviewed the Annual Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2018.

ATTORNEY REPORT – No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT –

Crispin Domingo New Home Construction & Site Plan – The site plan for the Crispin Domingo home was reviewed and discussed. It was the consensus of the Town Board to approve the site plan which met all required setbacks in the zoning ordinances.

David Barsody Building Inspector License – Mr. Barsody has been approved by the MN Department of Labor & Industry to do building inspections on all MN state projects. The Town Board Chairman signed the required form from the State of Minnesota.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Jeff Westerlund –

Wayne Cymbulak – MS4 Annual Permit – Supv Westerlund reported he met with Wayne Cymbulak of the Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance and completed the 2017 MS4 Permit for LeSauk Township.

CMWEA Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance – Supv Westerlund attended the latest meeting with CMWEA.

Township Short Course – Supv Westerlund attended the Township Short Course at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud.

Stearns County Township Association Meeting – SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ALLOW ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE STEARNS COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING IN FREEPORT ON APRIL 26, 2018 AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Shawn Omann –

Winnebago Road Wood Removal– Supv Omann reported the stacks of wood from tree trimming have been removed on Winnebago Road.

Dog Complaint – Supv Omann received pictures of a neighbor's dog on their property which were taken by a security system they had installed.

Dan Heim –

Deanna McGee – Swimming Pool Fencing Installation – Supv Heim spoke with Ms. McGee regarding the installation of a fence or a pool cover on the swimming pool. Township regulations require a 6 foot fence.

Bob Landwehr – Lift Station Smell – Supv Heim contacted Mary DeGiovanni, City of Sartell Administrator regarding Mr. Landwehr's concerns about the smell that comes from the lift station the city installed years ago. Ms. DeGiovanni informed Supv Heim of the city's intentions to try some new solutions during the spring to help eliminate the odor.

Don Green's Dirt Work – Supv Heim reviewed an email he received from Anita Rasmussen, City of Sartell Planner, regarding the purchasing of land by Don Green's Dirt Work's from Duane Lodermeier to be converted to a pick-up site of products from Don Green's Dirt Work. The consensus was that if the land remained agricultural zoned (10 acres minimum), the possibility of allowing the company to have the business in the area would be conceivable, but not on acreage smaller than 10 acres, since it then would have to be rezoned to Suburban Residential and that type of business would not fit in a residential zoned area.

321st Street Signage & Plowing – Supv Heim spoke with Tom Zabinski, City of St. Cloud Road Maintenance Department, who informed him the streets signs, including the 30 miles per hour sign, have been replaced with new signs. Supv Heim also discussed with Mr. Zabinski, the possibility of the City of St. Cloud snowplow to drop their plow when going through 321st Street when they enter the Mill Creek Pond area.

Legatt Property Water Issue – Supv Heim received a call from Patty Legatt about the back-up of water on their driveway which was getting closer to their home. The back-up of water is likely due to the frozen culvert under a field entrance along 30th Avenue. Supv Heim will contact Jon Kothenbeutel, City of Sartell Maintenance, whether the city has access to someone who thaws out frozen culverts.

ASTECH Sweeping Proposal – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM ASTECH FOR SWEEPING OF TOWNSHIP PLATTED ADDITIONS WHICH INCLUDED A \$5-10 PRICE INCREASE FROM THE 2017 RATES FOR THE VARIOUS SWEEPERS & TRUCKS USED BY ASTECH, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Street Light @ 21st Street & Monarch Court - No information has been received yet from Xcel Energy.

Fine Reimbursement – No information had been received as of yet.

Fee Schedule – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SIGN THE UPDATED FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2018, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Post Office Box Usage – Treasurer Dullinger stated that she had contacted the banks used by the township and they were fine with having a P.O. Box number as an address for township mail. She felt it would be easier for a new treasurer to step in without having to go through the process of changing addresses etc. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO RENT A P.O. BOX AT THE SARTELL POST OFFICE AT THE YEARLY FEE OF \$70 (12 MONTHS WITH THE 13TH MONTH FREE), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Town Hall – David Blommel will be contacted by Supv Heim to attend the April 10th meeting to discuss what would be needed i.e. land, size of building, parking area etc. for a new town hall.

Sartell Meeting Regarding Joint Planning Board Meetings & Zoning Authority – The Town Board discussed briefly the meeting that was held with the City of Sartell.

MARCH ROAD REPORT

Supv Omann traveled the township roads discussing the following areas:

- Riviera Road – small potholes which can be fixed when cold or hot patch is available.
- Contact Jodi Teich of Stearns County regarding issues at the intersections of County Road 1 and 30th, County Road 1 & 27th St.
- BonHomie Valley street signs are in poor shape, consider replacement of the street signs.
- Water standing in the Spider Court area – this will probably drain when the ground thaws.
- Many of the “Dead End” chevron signs are broken. Supv Omann will check with John Peterson of Sign Solutions if there is a minimum length the signs must be.
- Supv Omann noted a lot of sand in the platted areas. This will be handled when the sweeping is done when the weather permits.
- 322nd Street is not quite as bad as it was reported but noted there is a lot of traffic.
- 321st Street, which was reported by a township resident being in bad shape, did not seem as bad as other streets, but could use some small pothole patching when patch material is available. The regulatory signs on 321st Street, have been replaced.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO SET THE ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION FOR MAY 3, 2018 BEGINNING AT 4 P.M., SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLERK REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

ATA (All Things Asphalt) Crack Sealing – Information was received which will be kept in the Town Hall Office.

Annual Bridge Inspection – Clerk Plante received the annual bridge inspection report from Stearns County Highway Department. No problems were found and a thank you was noted for the completion of the double-nutting as recommended at the last inspection.

Legal Short Course – The Legal Short Course will be held on April 19th at the Best Western in Burnsville.

MN Department of Administration Cooperative Purchasing Agreement – A request to sign a cooperative purchasing agreement was received. In reviewing the letter and discussion by the Town Board, it was the consensus of the Town Board it was not necessary to sign since purchases made by the township are not usually done through the State of Minnesota.

Local Board of Review & Equalization – Clerk Plante reminded the Town Board the Local Board of Review & Equalization meeting is set for Wednesday, April 11 from 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Vicki Blume – Clerk Plante received a call from Ms. Blume regarding fencing regulations.

Fred Barten Construction – Clerk Plante received a call from the Barten Construction Company regarding the process of receiving a building permit for constructing a new home.

911 Sign & Number – Supv Heim contacted Clerk Plante regarding a 911 sign for the new Crispin Domingo home. The sign has been ordered through MR Sign. Clerk Plante received a call from Bob Schefers questioning who he contacts to receive a new address for the home he is constructing on 19th Ave. No. She referred him to the Stearns County Addressing/GIS Department. She informed him they will send a letter to her and a sign will be ordered at that time.

Bob Schefers – Split of Property – 911 Sign – Clerk Plante received a call from Bob Schefers questioning who he contacts to receive a new address for the home he will be constructing on 19th Ave. No. She referred him to the Stearns County Addressing/GIS Department. She also informed him they will send a letter to her with the new address and a 911 sign will be ordered at that time. While speaking to Mr. Schefers, she informed him she had not received the legal description of the split of his property in order to issue a certificate of compliance. Mr. Schefers will check with Sam DeLeo who is surveying the split.

TREASURERS REPORT & VOUCHERS

Treasurer Dullinger had signature paperwork from the bank for the Town Board to sign.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5227.91 (CHECK #12839 THRU CHECK # 12843), SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk

