

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
March 28, 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 – Maker Space Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Paul Wagner and Jeff Westerlund, Deputy-Treasurer Sue Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 1 interested party.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING DAVE MENDEL TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Dave Mendel, 3257 321 St. – Mr. Mendel came before the Town Board to discuss information he had received regarding the possible annexation of his area (321st/Foley Street) and other township properties south of the Sauk River into the city of St. Cloud. Mr. Mendel stated he had not passed this information along to his neighbors on 321st Street since he wanted to speak to the board first. The Town Board has not received any information regarding this, nor have they been contacted by officials of St. Cloud or the city of Sartell.

Supv Heim will contact both Matt Glaesman from the city of St. Cloud and Anna Gruber, Sartell City Administrator to question them about this information and ask to be informed of any future meetings since this property is located in LeSauk Township.

Friedrich Properties, Rezone, Preliminary & Final Plat – Supv Heim reported that he had spoken with Craig Wensmann, surveyor for Doug Friedrich. After a family discussion, Mr. Friedrich contacted Mr. Wensmann, stating he would like to change the size of the parcel he was going to split off from the Friedrich Properties from 6.25 acres to 5 acres. Supv Heim contacted township Attorney Troy Gilchrist questioning whether Mr. Friedrich needs to reapply for the rezone, preliminary & final plat as well as hold a new public hearing. Atty Gilchrist stated a new application, public hearing etc. will need to be held with new documentation etc. Discussion was held on how to charge Mr. Friedrich for the new public hearings to rezone, plus a preliminary & plat hearings along with have new resolutions drafted by the township attorney. It was the consensus that \$600 would be charged, \$400 for the rezoning with the preliminary & final plat hearings charged at one-half the normal fee (\$200).

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO DISAPPROVE THE DSF ACRES REZONE OF 6.25 ACRES, THE PRELIMINARY & FINAL PLAT DUE TO THE FACT THEY HAVE WITHDRAWN THE APPLICATION TO SEEK A SMALLER SIZE PARCEL, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2023 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Annual Township Meeting – March 14, 2023 - The Town Board Supervisors reviewed and corrected all spelling and grammar errors of the March 14, 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes. These minutes are approved during the 2024 Annual Meeting by the township residents.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

MS4 Ordinance Coding - Supv Heim received the final version of the Town Code which includes the MS4 Ordinance Revisions. Clerk Plante forwarded them to town board members.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No Report

TREASURERS REPORT – Claims & Vouchers:

Treasurer Dullinger discussed the CD interest rates she researched, stating the rates would not differ with different cash amounts placed in the CD:

Falcon National Bank – 4.20% - 12 month

Magnifi Financial Bank – 4.65% - 14 month

Century Bank – 4.70% - 15 month

Bank Vista – 4.15% - 9 month

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ALLOW TREASURER DULLINGER TO PLACE UP TO \$400,000 IN A 12 MONTH CD AT FALCON NATIONAL BANK IF A 4.5% INTEREST RATE CAN BE RECEIVED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3638.46 (CHECK #13990 THRU #13996, PLUS EFT'S #249 & #250), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Supv Heim had sent information to Treasurer Dullinger regarding the due dates of EFT's that pay for the PERA benefits, 941 Tax Deposits Quarterly Taxes & Building Surcharges. Clerk Plante forwarded the information to Supervisors Wagner & Westerlund. The EFT payments are generally due by the 15th of the month.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

John Uran – Township Clean Up Day @ Park Fellowship Church – Mr. Uran contacted Supv Westerlund questioning if and when the township clean-up day will be held at the church. Clerk Plante spoke with Stu Giffin of the LeSauk Lions who informed her their clean-up day is scheduled for April 22nd. Since we do not want to schedule them on the same weekend, the township clean-up day will take place on Saturday, April 29th. She has received information from Gary Opatz of Opatz Metal & Roll-Offs along with price changes. The cost of a dumpster has increased to \$848.25. Last year's cost was \$789.75. She will contact Mr. Opatz and will be sending out a flyer with all the information approximately 10 days before the event.

Stearns County Township Officers Meeting – Freeport – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE STEARNS COUNTY TOWNSHIP OFFICERS MEETING IN FREEPORT ON APRIL 28 AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Dan Heim -

Transportation Funding Bill – Supv Heim received an email from Senator Jeff Howe and Representative Tim O’Driscoll regarding the failure of legislature to pass the Transportation Funding bill. The Senate, however, voted to reconsider the bill and lay it on the table – this procedure move allows the bill to be brought up again without having to go through the committee process.

Kelly Pilarski, 462 Stork Drive – Supv Heim was forwarded an email that Clerk Plante received regarding the pile of snow that has been accumulating over the drainage area on Stork Drive. She stated she has had already 4-5 inches of standing water near her driveway and on Stork Drive. Due to upcoming weather, Supv Heim made the decision to contact Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc. to remove the snow pile in this area to hopefully minimize possible flooding.

322nd Street Cul-de-sac Snow Removal – Supv Heim also discussed the removal of snow in the 322nd Street cul-de-sac area in Pleasantdale Addition to also help to minimize possible flooding.

Snow Removal – 40th Street & Pinecone Rd Intersection – Clerk Plante contacted Supv Heim regarding a phone call she received from George Fiedler, Brockway Township Supervisor, who had received a complaint that snow pile up at this intersection obstructed the view of oncoming traffic. Supv Heim contacted Doug Welk of ASTECH to push back the snow in this area also but on Monday, March 27th, since they were going to Sartell High School to remove snow.

David Traut, 26 19th Ave – Mr. Traut contacted Supv Heim regarding the replacement of a barn on his property which the roof had collapsed from the heavy snow. Mr. Traut would like to rebuild the barn 20 feet to the south of the present barn. Supv Heim is checking with our township attorney for the correct process Mr. Traut would need to follow since he is in a U-1 zoning district.

Snowplowers in the area – Supv Heim had checked with Brockway uses Burski Excavating & St. Wendell Township uses Hul Brothers for their township’s snowplowing.

Paul Wagner –

Township Officers Short Course – Supv Wagner reported on the township short course held in St. Cloud on Monday, March 27th.

OLD BUSINESS – Town Hall – No new information

NEW BUSINESS –

Stork Drive Snow Removal – Supv Heim reported on this during his Supervisor’s report.

SLFRF (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund) Project and Expenditure Report – Treasurer Dullinger was forwarded emails with information regarding the financial report that is due by April 30, 2023. The portal for the report does not open until April 1st. This report reports on money the township has received through the American Rescue Plan due to COVID.

MARCH ROAD REPORT –

Supv Heim reviewed his monthly road inspection report with the Town Board. He stated that township roads were in generally good winter driving conditions. Very few were covered with snowpack. Many roads had small pot holes and cracks, two of those roads, Winnebago & 22nd St. & Rodeo Rd, will hopefully be overlayed this summer.

He provided pictures of the Thomas property at 32502 County Road 1 that is again accumulating garbage, plus pictures of the snow removal at Stork Drive, high snow banks at the intersection of 40th Street & Pinecone and larger pothole on 30th Avenue.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Stearns County Township Officers Meeting – This was discussed during Supv Westerlund's report.
Township Clean-Up Day – Township Clean-Up Day will be on Saturday, April 29th. Clerk Plante will be sending information and a price list to all township residents prior to the date.

Board of Equalization – Clerk Plante reminded the Town Board Supervisors the township Board of Equalization Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 6-6:30 p.m.

Jessie Douvier, 3962 Riviera Road – Mr. Douvier contacted Clerk Plante regarding his plans to upgrade the shoreland on his parcel. She informed him of the basic steps a parcel owner needs to do before this type of project, but he will need to contact the township once he has his plans ready.

Lenore Johnson, 3934 Riviera Road – Ms. Johnson contacted Clerk Plante regarding the pro-rating of her taxes since there had been an exchange of property between herself and Adam Laidlaw, the parcel to the south of her. She referred her to Scott Hemmesch, the township assessor.

Septic Pumping Trucks – Clerk Plante received an email from Stearns County exempting septic pumping trucks from spring road weight restrictions due to the possible snow melt and flooding.

ADJOURNMENT:

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante,
LeSauk Township Clerk