

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
March 7, 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, David Barsody, Township Building Inspector, Clerk Marlyce Plante, and two interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING MARY BARRON-TRAUT TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**David Barsody, Township Building Inspector & Blake DeMarais** – David Barsody introduced Blake DeMarais who works with him as a building inspector and lives in the townships area. Mr. DeMarais will be doing building inspections if Mr. Barsody is unavailable.

Mr. Barsody was asked to attend a meeting to discuss any possible changes to building inspector fees. He suggested an increase for the following:

- Residential roofing, side & windows from \$50.00 to \$75.00
- Residential plumbing from \$30.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> fixture & \$8.00 for each additional fixture, to a minimum of \$50.00
- Residential HVAC from \$30.00 to \$50.00

These increases are similar to what is now being charged in neighboring communities. Mr. Barsody still follows the 1994 MN State Building Code as most communities do.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE BUILDING FEE INCREASES AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Mary Barron-Traut, 3872 Pinecone Road** – Ms. Traut came before the Board to discuss options they would have in order to construct a home for their son who may take over their farm operation in the future. The Traut's have two parcels, a 5-acre parcel where their current home & barn are located and another 119+ acre parcel which is adjacent to the 5-acre parcel. She was given some possibilities and will return to a meeting when plans are more definite.

**MINUTES:**

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 22, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Supv Heim has been in contact with Atty Gilchrist who will be drafting possible new township regulations regarding the limit of vehicles, parking restrictions of those vehicles etc. for review by the Town Board.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** Building Inspector David Barsody was in attendance earlier in the meeting with a brief report on permits in the township along with suggested changes on particular building permit fees.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Dullinger gave a report of the townships fund account balances which is \$716,686.80. Discussion was held regarding an email requesting confirmation of funds received by the township through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the process for reporting the funds spent to the Department of Treasury by April 30, 2022. Supv Heim has responded to the email confirming the amounts received to date, the townships Swift & DUNS numbers and contact information. The report is due on 4-30-22 which must include the amounts spent between 3-31-21 & 3-31-22 and what they were for.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4965.50 (CHECK #13744 THRU 13756 PLUS EFT'S #217 & 218), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

## **SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

### **Jeff Westerlund –**

**Stearns County Township Meeting – Freeport** - Supv Westerlund attended the Stearns County Meeting at which Jodi Teich, Stearns County Highway Department, discussed the drafting of legislation for possible funding for 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Also discussed by Mike Williams, was the Phase 2 plan by Albany Telephone Company to increase broadband in areas which included 104 homes in LeSauk Township. If utilized, it would cost the township \$350 or \$33,800 to extend broadband to these homes. Supv Westerlund was asked to get clarification of the township homes since when researching earlier, Supv Heim was informed that all areas of LeSauk Township were adequately covered for broadband.

**Robert Dunning, Stearns County Weed Inspector** – Supv Westerlund met Mr. Dunning who will be providing the township with a list of Stearns County Licensed Herbicide Contractors & Applicators.

**Township Officers Meeting on April 7** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW ALL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE SEMI-ANNUAL STEARNS COUNTY TOWNSHIP OFFICERS MEETING ON APRIL 7 IN FREEPORT AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY PLUS MILEAGE, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**Brockway Township – 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Discussion was held on the concerns Brockway Township Town Board members had regarding the involvement relating to the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue reconstruction legislation.

### **Dan Heim –**

**Grebinoski Parcel Sale, 1624 Riverside Ave.** – Supv Heim received a call from Nhia Yang regarding the sale of the Grebinoski parcel located on Riverside Ave. The parcel's home has been vacant for many years due to a fire. Clerk Plante stated the home had just been purchased by Frank Ulwelling. She received a phone call earlier today from Mr. Ulwelling questioning his next steps to renovate the home.

**Bertram Asphalt Co.** – Supv Heim received a mailing advertising the Bertram Asphalt Company.

**County Road 133 Alignment Study Meetings** – Supv Heim attended the latest meeting regarding the Alignment Study for County Road 133. The Town Board reviewed the options that were being considered to align Theisen Road to County Road 133.

**Shawn Omann –**

**Able Tree Service** – Supv Omann has been in touch with Ken Blommer of Able Tree Service to request pricing on permanent tree & brush removal on 30<sup>th</sup> Street and the townships portion along 35<sup>th</sup> Street. Hopefully he'll have pricing for the next meeting.

**Zenzen Property Setbacks** – Supv Omann was contacted by a surveyor from Community Surveyor Land Solutions, requesting the setbacks for a future accessory building on the Zenzen property located at 2741 Winnebago Road. He gave him the necessary information.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting in March** – Supv Omann stated he is able to attend the second meeting in March.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Hall** – No further information at this time – this will again be discussed at the Annual Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> since it is on the agenda. Supv Omann stated we are in need of a town hall.

**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.

**CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**Pleasant Dale Annexation Concerns** – Clerk Plante received a call from Gail Kipka, resident of the Pleasant Dale Addition. She questioned whether the addition was being annexed to the city of Sartell. Clerk Plante returned her call informing her there are no plans to annex the area.

**Temporary Stop Sign Holder** – Clerk Plante received the holder for the temporary Stop sign. She had the board view pictures that were taken of the welding which was very poorly done. The board asked her to contact Tyler of M-R Sign regarding the concerns.

**Fine Reimbursement** - \$649.93 was received for the February fine reimbursements.

**Resolution to Reestablish District Boundaries & Polling Places** – SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES & POLLING PLACES IN LESAUK TOWNSHIP, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante  
LeSauk Township Clerk