

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
April 11, 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 and Paul Wagner, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 3 interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING RANDY & CATHY VANVICKLE TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Randy & Cathy VanVickle, 183 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. North – Overweight Permit** – The VanVickles came before the Town Board to request an overweight permit for their son who is an over-the-road truck driver and comes home on weekends, parking his semi-trailer tractor at their home. The tractor is an overweight vehicle and cannot use 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue without an overweight permit. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AN OVERWEIGHT PERMIT FROM TODAY'S DATE TILL 12-31-23, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante printed and signed an overweight permit. The permit should be carried at all times in the vehicle. They were also informed to return at the end of the year to request a continuation of the permit for the next year.

**David Traut, 26 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. North – Barn Replacement** – Mr. Traut has been in touch with Supv Heim requesting replacement of a barn on which the roof collapsed due to the heavy snow. He provided a site plan and would like to replace the barn 20 feet to the south to allow field access. Supv Heim stated the 88-acre parcel is zoned U-1 which requires a Type 1 review. He has contacted the city of Sartell, township attorney Jason Hill and Shelly Richard-Hoffman from Stearns County Environmental Services. The City of Sartell had no issue with the change in location, Atty Hill stated the location change would be fine as long as the barn still meets all setback requirements and Ms. Richard-Hoffman informed him the change of location meets the wetland setbacks.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR DAVID TRAUT TO REPLACE THE BARN DAMAGED BY HEAVY SNOWFALL 20 FEET SOUTH OF THE ORIGINAL FOOTPRINT WHICH MEETS ALL NECESSARY SETBACKS, INCLUDING THE WETLAND SETBACK, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**Kriston Peckskamp, 1587 6<sup>th</sup> St. So. – Site Plan Approval** – Mr. Peckskamp is replacing the roof & siding on his home and would also like to add a dormer over the entrance to his home. He provided a site plan for the town board to approve. The board reviewed the site plan which does not change the homes footprint other than for aesthetic purposes. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR KRISTON PECKSKAMP TO CONSTRUCT A DORMER OVER THE ENTRANCE TO HIS HOME, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**MINUTES:**

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

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Supv Heim noted that he had been in touch with the township attorney regarding the David Traut barn replacement and Kriston Peckskamp dormer addition.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** No report.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer Dullinger updated the Town Board of the townships fund balance which is \$934,774.63. The Town Board reviewed the March Treasurers Report. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MARCH TREASURERS REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4578.85 (CHECK #13997 THRU #14010, PLUS EFT'S #251 & 252), SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Dullinger gave a report regarding her meeting with Paula Capes from Falcon National Bank regarding placement of a portion of the township funds into CD's which would yield a 4.5% interest rate for 12-months. Ms. Capes will attend the next township meeting to discuss with the entire town board.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS:**

**Jeff Westerlund:**

**Renee Traut – 911 Sign** – Ms. Traut contacted Supv Westerlund regarding the placement of a 911 sign at the corner of 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Pinecone Road. The number was 1835, which was the number for another township property west of this area.

**John Uran – Township Clean-Up Day** – Mr. Uran contacted Supv Westerlund questioning when the township clean-up day will be held. Clerk Plante thought she had emailed him, but will doublecheck and let him know it will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Dan Heim:**

**Karell Sartell, 411 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. So.** – Ms. Sartell is planning to construct a house on the 14-acre parcel she owns on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No definite plans have been received which would indicate if she plans to build while remaining in the township or whether she will annex her property into the city of Sartell.

**Jon Dennis, 32170 Riverside Ave** – Mr. Dennis contacted Supv Heim regarding his plans to construct a solar array in his rear yard. Mr. Dennis is located in shoreland, which prompted Supv Heim to contact Nicole with the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR would support the solar array if no trees were removed for the construction of the solar array. No definite plans have been received.



**Brenda Magney, Shady Oaks Manufactured Home Park** – Ms. Magney has been in contact with Supv Heim regarding an RV park the owner of the manufactured home park would like to have on the east side of the present park location. Supv Heim, in the past, informed them that township ordinances would not allow an RV park but if annexed to the city of Sartell, it could be considered. Supv Heim has discussed this request with Kari Theisen, City of Sartell Planning Director, who stated this area may be considered for annexation to the city of St. Cloud due to the close proximity of city services.

**Sylvester Bueckers, 7385 322<sup>nd</sup> St. – Annexation to St. Cloud** – Supv Heim informed the town board the Bueckers parcel is being annexed to the city of St. Cloud but there are questions regarding a 16-foot area along 322<sup>nd</sup> Street that may not be annexed. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Supv Heim work with the city of St. Cloud and the city of Sartell to include the 16-foot piece so there is no question what jurisdiction the road or property is located in.

**Alex Udermann, 2611 17<sup>th</sup> St. – Grading of 17<sup>th</sup> St.** – Alex Udermann contacted Supv Heim regarding the poor condition of 17<sup>th</sup> St. No. He stated he could get a couple of loads of crushed granite from Josh Traut at \$350 for 15 tons to place and spread on the road. This is not possible due to the liability. Supv Heim will contact ASTECH Inc. to question whether it needs the granite and when the grading of 17<sup>th</sup> could be done. It is uncertain whether the frost is out of the ground, so grading too soon would have no purpose.

#### **Paul Wagner:**

**Jason Dale, 391 17<sup>th</sup> St. No.** – Mr. Dale lives in the Kutzman's Addition but is in the city of Sartell. He plans to replace his driveway with concrete and questioned whether he's responsible for the area which would be considered the right-of-way or the township would be responsible for it. It was the consensus of the Town Board to inform Mr. Dale he needs to pour and transition the concrete to the edge of the road.

**Various Upcoming Meetings** – Supv Wagner questioned which upcoming meetings were required to attend. The Board of Review meeting (April 12) would be a meeting that should be attended. There is a legal seminar on April 18<sup>th</sup> and another Stearns County meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>, both are not required to attend.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Hall** – No new information.

**Township Ordinance Violation Coding** – No new information.

**Friedrich Properties Plat** – Supv Heim stated Mr. Friedrich needs to submit new rezone & platting applications. The public hearing fees will be \$600.00 and the park fee will be \$5305.00.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual Road Inspection Meeting** – This will be placed on the next meeting's agenda. Supv Heim gave the board members an update regarding the legislature's discussion of the transportation bill. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator Jeff Howe will testify for bill SF189 regarding the need for funding of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Joe Perske will also be a part of the testimony with pictures showing the poor shape of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

#### **CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**Land Use Legal Training Meeting** – A meeting will be held at the Stearns County Service Center on April 20 from 5:30 – 8:30 regarding land use and legal training. All board members are invited to attend.

**Duane Rasmussen, 3348 Riviera Road – Lawn Damage** – Clerk Plante received an email, along with pictures, of lawn damage done by the snowplow at his home. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Clerk Plante inform Mr. Rasmussen the township is not responsible for damage done to areas of the road right-of-way.

**Dead Deer on 30<sup>th</sup> Ave** – Clerk Plante received an email from Doug Bauer, 242 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue regarding 3 dead deer on 30<sup>th</sup> Ave just north of the bridge. Two here killed some time during the winter since they were just uncovered under the melting snow and one had just been hit on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Supv Westerlund will pick up the new one that was just hit, but the other two will be left to nature, since they will be too difficult to try pick up and dispose of them.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante  
LeSauk Township Clerk