

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
April 12, 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 10 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING JOE LAHR – SIGNAGE, CHUCK ERTL & RORY & JESSICA MROZEK TO OPEN FORUM SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Adolph Lange, 1771 Riverside Ave. No. – Building Permit - Mr. Lange came to receive a building permit to re-shingle his home. He questioned why he needs a permit since he looked through the entire 2021 Annual Report and there were no records of township residents getting building permits. He was informed the building permits are not listed in the minutes of each meeting, but are on the monthly treasurer's report. Treasurer Dullinger showed Mr. Lange where they are listed and also worked with him to begin the process of getting a building permit.

Joe Lahr – Signage on Township Roads – Mr. Lahr reviewed a section in Minnesota State Statutes regarding road signage for weight limits. He feels that if township roads are not specifically posted for weight limits, all the roads would be considered 10-ton weight limit, which may significantly damage township roads, especially 30th Avenue. The town board will review his information.

Joe Lahr – Relevant Life Church Site Plan – Mr. Lahr was in attendance with Pastor Bruce Rouser and Church Administrator Chip Sauers from the Relevant Life Church. Mr. Lahr presented a site plan for a 30 X 60 square foot addition to the home that is already on the property site. The addition will hold 60 seats and be used as a worship area for the church. Mr. Lahr has worked with Mike Latterell of Stearns County Environmental Services who stated the septic system in place for the home and would adequately handle the addition. This property is located in the U-1 (Urban Service District) which requires a Type 3 review, the township recommends and the Joint Planning Board has final approval.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR RELEVANT LIFE CHURCH AS PRESENTED BY JOE LAHR, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The site plan will be placed on the April 26th Joint Planning Board Meeting Agenda.

Chuck Ertl – Township Ditch Mowing & Brush Removal – Mr. Ertl presented his proposal for the 2022 ditch mowing which increased by \$50. Total of the ditch mowing proposal is \$2450.00. The town board questioned Mr. Ertl what would be his estimated cost to trim brush on both sides of the 30th Avenue bridge and by the guardrail on 40th St. Mr. Ertl said it would be \$100 per hour and would take approximately 3 hrs.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT MR. ERTL'S PROPOSAL FOR THE MOWING OF TOWNSHIP DITCHES FOR \$2450, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE MR. ERTL'S PROPOSAL TO TRIM BRUSH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE 30TH AVENUE BRIDGE AND BY THE GUARDRAIL ON 40TH STREET UP TO \$300, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Rory & Jessica Mrozek, 2199 Monarch Court – Variance & Administrative Subdivision – Mr. Mrozek has worked with the Traut Family Partnership the past year to split a 10-acre parcel from the Traut parcel located west of his storage units on County Road 1. He also has been in contact with Scott Saehr from the City of Sartell and applied for the variance & administrative subdivision. He would like to have the Joint Planning Board review and act on this at the next JPB meeting which will be held on April 26th.

Clerk Plante will get in touch with Scott Saehr from the City of Sartell, checking whether the legal description is available and whether she can get the legal notice published in time to proceed with the public hearing on April 26th. Mr. Mrozek stated the city has had this information for quite some time and would rather not wait until the fourth Tuesday in May. He would be willing to pay for a special meeting if necessary. Clerk Plante will be in touch with him or Sam DeLeo, his surveyor.

Doug & Donna Novak, 1164 3rd St. So. – Spectrum Feasibility on 3rd St. – The Novak's came before the board to discuss the feasibility study that was being done by Spectrum on 3rd St. So. The study was prompted by a new property owner, Ryan Wolf, who wanted to have Spectrum as his internet provider. Mr. Novak wanted to make sure all town board members were aware that 3rd St. So. is owned by him and he will not allow any type of work on the road.

Mr. Novak also spoke about his frustration of having passenger vehicles, metro buses, emergency vehicles trying to drive through to the Madison Crossing development even though the street is properly signed with Private Drive & No Outlet.

MINUTES:

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

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Roys & Mary Barron-Traut Split of Property: Ms. Traut had questioned at a previous meeting whether a second home could be built on their parcel for their son who plans to take over future operations of their farm. Supv Heim contacted Atty Gilchrist who stated a temporary home would be allowed with an Interim Use Permit and a permanent home would be allowed with a Conditional Use Permit. Ms. Traut was in attendance and stated the home for their son would be built on another parcel they own which is adjacent to the parcel their home is located on. She also questioned whether a shouse is allowed in the township, which it is.

Supv Heim also received an ordinance drafted by Atty Gilchrist relating to the limitations of how many vehicles could be parked on a township parcel. He had forwarded ordinances from several cities who had limits on vehicle parking. Supv Heim will ask Atty Gilchrist whether he could provide vehicle limits from township ordinances.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Wayne Paquin, 7320 322nd St., St. Joseph – Mr. Paquin is doing some remodeling of a building on his property and is to contact David Barsody, township building inspector. Supv Heim has not received any further information.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Dullinger reported the township's treasury balance is \$706,301.67. She has been in contact with Xcel Energy who have removed two street lights from the township billing statement. The street lights were located on River Oaks Lane.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,425.12 (CHECK #13768 THRU 13776 PLUS EFT'S #219 & 220), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Township Officers District 5 Mtg – Supv Westerlund attended the district 5 Meeting in Freeport. Mike Williams, Stearns County Administrator, presented the county's plan to bring broadband to all underserved parcel owners in the county. 111 underserved parcels are located in LeSauk Township. Albany Telephone hopes to run broadband to these areas for an upfront cost of \$350 per parcel. Mr. Williams would like to show support from townships when applying for the Border-to-Border grant money from the State. A resolution draft for townships was provided. It was the consensus of the Town Board to put a hold on passing the resolution until more information is available and a list of the underserved parcels in the township is provided.

Dan Heim –

Dale Zika, 2604 7th Ave. No., Sartell - Supv Heim received a call from Dale Zika stating his neighbor is pumping sewage onto the ground. Supv Heim gave the party the number for the Stearns County Environmental Services Department.

Sweeping by ASTECH – Supv Heim spoke with Tyler of ASTECH Inc. regarding the upcoming schedule to sweep township roads. Supv Heim informed him they did not need to sweep on River Oaks Lane.

Adam Laidlaw Remodel – Supv Heim was contacted by Stephen Gritman of Northwest Associated Consultants. Mr. Gritman informed him the Laidlaw's remodel falls within the allowances of the shoreland ordinance. Supv Heim contacted the Laidlaw's contractor with the information.

Heydi Fernandez, 386 Pine Ridge Rd – Ms. Fernandez contacted Supv Heim questioning whether they would be allowed 10 chickens in their back yard & where they could find their property lines. Supv Heim informed them that chickens are not allowed in the residential zoning. He also questioned whether they have checked for the county pins marking their property. He gave them Sam DeLeo's number who could survey their property if that is what they chose to do.

Thomas Kasprzak, Building Permit for 2410 40th St. – Mr. Kasprzak contacted Supv Heim for information for construction of a 14 X 22 detached garage on the Robert Rebel parcel. Supv Heim informed him he would need to have a site plan approved and verification of the property lines etc.

Ken Heim, 201 Heritage Drive – Mr. Heim contacted Supv Heim questioning whether he could put another drain field on his parcel. Supv Heim did not think so and discussed the possibility of Mr. Heim annexing his parcel to Sartell. Scott Saehr, city of Sartell Assistant Administrator, will check where services are located in the area and provide an estimate to annex.

Briefly discussed was the lot line adjustment Mr. Heim requested and received approval in July of 2021. The adjustment added property from Luella Heim's parcel which is located to the west, to his parcel. The split has not been indicated on the county interactive mapping website and Ms. Heim's parcel has been sold. The new owner's name is not listed either.

Alex & John Udermann – 2611 17th St. No. – The Udermann's had two questions for Supv Heim. The first was whether they could build a home for their father, John Udermann, west of the farm's present home and just east of the Thomas Skaj parcel on 17th St.

They also would like to place an advertisement sign for the "Meadowbrook Farm Fresh Beef Products For Sale" on County Road 4. Supv Heim contacted Jodi Teich who stated the cost of the advertising sign is \$500 with an annual fee of \$25 per year and must be placed outside of the road right of way. The Udermann's would also like to place similar signs on both sides of 30th Avenue directing people to 17th St. where their farm is located. The signs would be on property owned by Ernest Hengel & a St. Wendel Township parcel owner. Supv Heim will get in touch with Atty Gilchrist to question how best to approach this.

Also brought to the Board's attention was the need to have a "No Thru Street" sign placed on 17th St. No. Mr. Udermann stated they are continually having people come down 17th St. No., only to find out it does not go through and they turn around in their property.

Shawn Omann –

Stearns County Deputy Call – Supv Omann received a call from the Stearns County Sheriff's officer informing him about a 911 sign that was damaged near 125 Heritage Drive. Supv Omann found the 911 sign which was fine, but the post was bent and in need of repair.

Joe Lahr – Relevant Life Church Site Plan and Expansion – Mr. Lahr contacted Supv Omann regarding his work with Relevant Life Church. This was discussed earlier in the meeting with recommendation for approval of the site plan for the construction of a 30 X 60 square foot worship space that would seat 60 people.

Miscellaneous Garbage on 30th St. – Supv Omann reported there has been more items dumped on 30th St. No. – BBQ Grill and a fish aquarium. He will pick up the items and bring them to the township clean up day on April 23rd.

ROAD REPORT: Township Clean-Up Day - Supv Westerlund asked to review procedures for the clean up day on Saturday, April 23rd. Clerk Plante provided copies of the allowable items and their cost to Supv Westerlund, along with safety vests, gloves & garbage bags for residents who may want to clean up a portion of a township road.

Clerk Plante has sent out the information to all township residents for the clean up day. Supv Westerlund and Clerk Plante are contacts for residents to request the safety vests, gloves & garbage bags. Supv Westerlund spoke with Gary Opatz of Opatz Roll-Offs and Recycling. They will be bringing the dumpsters to the Park Fellowship Church parking lot on Friday, April 22nd and pick them up on Monday, April 25th. Supv Westerlund will be at the clean-up day for the entire time (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.), to help check whether they are township residents and help them place items in the provided dumpsters.

Clerk Plante suggested using the township's swing sign advertising the clean-up day. She will put the signage on the sign and work with Supv Westerlund to pick it up at the storage unit. She also discussed purchasing some tube sand bags to keep the swing sign in place as well as the temporary stop sign located at the intersection of 5th Avenue & 27th Street. The stop sign keeps blowing over.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No further information at this time – brief discussion was held on the Janski property and high asking price for commercial properties in the area.

Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean Up – The Thomas's have been sent a letter requesting them to attend the next meeting to discuss the clean up of the property. The Thomas property looks like items have been added to the front yard, including a damaged, non-operable vehicle. The Weyer property has until June 1st to remove the abandoned vehicles and property located in his rear and front yard. Both Theisen & Rosenow properties will be looked at during the annual road inspection.

Fog Lines on 322nd Street – This will remain on the agenda to discuss with the City of St. Cloud.

Tree Trimming on 30th Street – Supv Omann has not received a proposal from Able Tree Service yet.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Fine Reimbursement – Clerk Plante reported \$373.30 was received for fine reimbursements in March.

Ryan Wolf – Spectrum on 3rd St. So. - Clerk Plante received a call from Ryan Wolf, new property owner on 3rd St. So. who wanted to have Spectrum brought to his home. This was discussed earlier in the meeting with Donna & Doug Novak.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk