

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
April 25, 2017

The regular monthly 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, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Josh Bentley and 7 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH THE ADDITION OF STEVE LOVETT IN THE OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

STEVE LOVETT – JUNKMAN SERVICES

Mr. Lovett operates Junkman Services, who the township will be using for its annual township clean-up day on April 29 & 30. Mr. Lovett wanted to finalize procedures for the clean-up day.

Supv Omann will be at the Town Hall from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 29th and Supv Westerlund will be there on Sunday, April 30th from Noon to 4 p.m. Mr. Lovett stated he will also have a helper with him.

MARK POSCH – ACCESSORY BUILDING

Mr. Posch came before the Town Board to discuss an accessory building he would like to construct on his property located on 27th St. North. The Town Board reviewed with him the size of his present home, accessory building, and impervious areas on his lot. Mr. Posch would like to construct a 30 X 48 square foot accessory building. The Board reviewed with him the side and rear yard setbacks where the building will be constructed.

Discussion was held on the setbacks allowed from his drain field & septic. Consensus was that it was 25 feet. Supv Heim will contact Stearns County Environmental Services to receive the exact footage needed and contact Mr. Posch.

CHRISTY GILLELAND – HOUSE ADDITION

Ms. Gilleland came before the Town Board to review with them her site plan for an addition she plans to construct on her home. Ms. Gilleland's property is a 10-acre parcel and all side and rear yard setbacks of the addition have easily been met in her site plan. Ms. Gilleland will need to contact David Barsody, township building inspector, for a building permit.

DOUG & BONNIE HANSEN & DEANNA MCGEE – HOME CONSTRUCTION

Doug & Bonnie Hansen of Hansen-TriMor Construction, came before the Town Board with Deanna McGee to discuss the construction of a home for Shawn & Deanna McGee. The McGees purchased a 30+ acre parcel which is connected to Majestic Woods on the south end.

The Town Board reviewed with the Hansen's and Ms. McGee where the new home will be placed on the 30-acre parcel, the driveway to the home will come off the south end of Majestic Pond Drive in the Majestic Woods addition and the approximate area the McGees plan to construct the home. The Town Board informed them to contact David Barsody, township building inspector, once they are ready to begin construction.

Mr. Ertl presented his proposal for the 2017 ditch mowing which he stated was up by \$5 for the first cut and \$25 for the second cut. Discussion was held regarding the brush that needs to be cut near the guard rail along 40th Street by the Majestic Woods Addition and the 30th Avenue bridge. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM CHUCK ERTL FOR THE 2017 TOWNSHIP DITCH MOWING, THE FIRST CUT AT THE COST OF \$725 AND THE SECOND CUT \$1575, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 11, 2017, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Feedlot Ordinance – Supv Heim received a draft of the Feedlot Ordinance from Attorney Gilchrist which was forwarded to Supv Westerlund and Omann by Clerk Plante. This will be reviewed & discussed by the Town Board at the next scheduled meeting.

Metes & Bounds vs. Platting – Supv Heim discussed with Attorney Gilchrist the advantages of platting property versus dividing by metes & bounds with a certificate of compliance. Atty Gilchrist recommended using the platting process if the township platting regulations warrant it, since it is much “cleaner” for legal descriptions etc.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No building inspector report.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Terri Gerdes – 30th Ave Culvert – Supv Westerlund received a call, as well as other town board members, regarding the 30th Ave Culvert which she stated is plugged on both ends and is concerned with possible flooding in the area should heavy rains continue. Supv Omann will report on this item during his report.

Lloyd Traut – Supv Westerlund reported that Mr. Traut had previously picked up some garbage bags for the township clean up since he was unavailable on those days. Mr. Traut contacted Supv Westerlund to pick up the filled garbage bags he had.

Deer Notice 40th Street – Supv Westerlund picked up and disposed of a dead deer near the Tamm property located on 40th Street.

Jon Kothenbeutel – Sartell Public Works Department – Supv Westerlund spoke with Mr. Kothenbeutel regarding how the city handles the striping of the roads. Mr. Kothenbeutel stated they have used a contractor in the past, but are considering doing the striping themselves. He will get in touch with Supv Westerlund what the decision will be.

30th Avenue Bridge Bolt Tightening – Supv Westerlund briefly discussed who inspects the bridges in the area which is Stearns County Highway Department. They do an annual inspection and then send recommendations to the jurisdictions where bridges are located of needed repair. Supv Westerlund will contact Ron Naber, former town supervisor, who handled this in the past.

Cold Patch-Hot Mix – Supv Westerlund reported the City of Sartell will not receive another load of cold patch until October and will begin using hot mix when the hot-mix plants are open. Mr. Kothenbeutel informed Supv Westerlund he would help loosen up the cold patch that is still available, Supv Westerlund

will contact him regarding whether the City will do certain areas on township roads and bill the township etc.

ASTECH INC – Sweeping of Township Roads – Supv Westerlund reported that ASTECH swept the township roads in platted areas on April 24, 2017.

Meeting at Divine Grace Mobile Home Park – Supv Westerlund attended a meeting with Joe Perske, Stearns County Commissioner, Stearns County Environmental Services & Sheriff's Department, owner of Divine Grace, Mike Wachukuwe, as well as several residents. There have been numerous sheriff's calls to the area for various reasons. Mr. Wachukuwe stated he will be evicting several residents in an effort to minimize the police calls. He also stated he does have the park up for sale.

TV Pick Up – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Pam Otto, township resident, requesting a pick-up of the TV she has for township clean-up day.

Dan Heim –

Kari Nelson – Supv Heim spoke with Ms. Nelson regarding the swimming pool she would like to place on her township property. He informed her the fencing around a swimming pool is required to be 6-foot as stated in our ordinances.

Duane Douvier – Brockway Township – Supv Heim spoke with Duane Douvier, Brockway Township Supervisor, regarding the street sign on Pinecone Road & 40th Street. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Clerk Plante order a two-way sign; 55th Avenue to the North and Pinecone Road to the South with 40th Street on the top.

Udermann Property – Supv Heim has received many calls from the Udermann's, Alex & Jake, regarding the possible construction of new homes near the family farm; Meadowbrook Farm. The Udermann's were now looking at the possibility of constructing a duplex or triplex attached to the present Udermann farm house. Supv Heim informed the Udermann's they need to decide exactly what they would like to do, submit a site plan, and bring it before the Town Board to review whether it can be done.

Christy Gilleland – Supv Heim had been contacted by Ms. Gilleland and he advised her how to proceed with her site plan for her home addition, which was done earlier in the evening.

Blattner Solar Energy Inc – Elodie Worm – Supv Heim has been in contact with Elodie Worm from the Blattner Solar Energy company. He guided her to the Stearns County Interactive Mapping system to view property owners, as well as which jurisdiction the property is located in. The property they are considering for a solar farm is in the city of Sartell and owned by Dorn & Tina Fisher. After discussion of another possibility of a solar farm that is in the township, it was the consensus of the Town Board to have Supv Heim contact Atty Gilchrist regarding the possibility of drafting an ordinance regarding solar farms for the township.

Wellhead Protection Plan Meeting – Supv Heim attended a meeting at the City of Sartell at which those present reviewed the areas & properties with wellheads. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ALLOW SUPV HEIM TO ATTEND THE NEXT WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN MEETING ON 5-25-17 AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY AND TO PAY HIM FOR THE MEETING WHICH HE ATTENDED ON APRIL 18TH AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Government Center Meeting – Supv Heim reported the Government Center Meeting held on April 13th at the Town Hall was brief. The slate of officers voted on was Dan Heim, Chairman, Sarah Jane Nicoll, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer Shawn Omann and Recording Secretary is Mike Chisum. Mary DeGiovanni stated the city of Sartell is not interested at this time in purchasing the townships portion of the Government Center. The Fire Department's contract is still in place.

Sartell City Council Meeting – Pinecone Road Discussion – Supv's Heim & Omann attended the Sartell City Council meeting at which they discussed several items that involve township properties. The items discussed were:

- The changing of the city's ordinances regarding the need to acquire a zoning permit for small utility buildings under 120 square feet and larger size accessory buildings will be dictated by the size of the lot.
- 15th St. Corridor Study – This is a street that is being looked at but planned for "far" into the future

with the upcoming reconstruction of Pinecone Road & 27th Street North.

- Roundabouts will be placed at 27th Street & Pinecone Road and 35th Street & Pinecone Road. What needs to be looked at closer is whether farm machinery will be able to navigate the roundabouts. Sartell City Engineer, Jon Halter, will look into it.
- Pinecone Road Reconstruction – Pinecone Road will be reconstructed from 15th Street to 35th Street during the summer of 2018 and will coincide with the construction of the new high school located in the same vicinity. It will consist of 3 lanes, the middle being a turning lane and are leaning towards asphalt due to costs, but will receive bids on concrete also.

Shawn Omann –

Brent Hamak – R.L. Larsen – 30th Avenue Culvert – Supv Omann contacted Brent Hamak of R. L. Larsen Excavating regarding the 30th Avenue Culvert. Mr. Hamak informed him the culvert grates placed on the ends of the 30th Avenue culvert are known to have a regular maintenance issue with debris collecting in and around the grates. The grates can be lifted, but it takes special machinery to do so. Supv Omann constructed a hook with an approximate 7-8-foot pole he used to remove the debris that was caught in the grates. He stated it was quite impacted and there are several piles of corn stalks, branches & debris that will need to be picked up during the township clean-up day for disposal.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO REIMBURSE SUPV OMANN FOR 2 ½ HOURS OF LABOR AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY OF \$18/HOUR FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE DEBRIS IN THE CULVERT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Supv Omann also discussed the erosion that has occurred around both edges of the 30th Avenue Culvert. It was the consensus of the Town Board to keep an eye on it, looking at each periodically and if it should get worse, the township may need to have both ends filled in with rip-rap material etc.

Sartell City Council Meeting - Supv Omann also gave a report on the meeting with the city council where they discussed accessory buildings amendments on city lots and side yard setbacks. The amendments to their ordinances were made and passed. He also discussed the discussion that was held with City engineer, Jon Halter who works for S.E.H. Engineering and works with township engineer, David Blommel. The piggybacking with the city on the Pinecone Road project is a good possibility.

OLD BUSINESS

Then & Zimmerman Property Clean Up – These will be viewed by Supv Westerlund during his May road inspection.

30th Avenue Bridge – Supv Westerlund will contact Ron Naber, former township supervisor, regarding how he handled the recommendations for bolt tightening from Stearns County Highway Department.

Striping of Township Roads – Striping of township roads will be discussed when reviewing the Annual Road Inspection Minutes and after Supv Westerlund discusses with Jon Kothenbeutel, Sartell Public Works Director.

NEW, MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE –

Divine Grace Mobile Home Park Meeting – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW SUPV WESTERLUND TO BE REIMBURSED FOR THE MEETING HELD AT DIVINE GRACE MOBILE HOME PARK AND FUTURE MEETINGS, IF HELD, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Supervisors Hourly Rate Reimbursement – Discussion was held at length regarding the reimbursement of miscellaneous work performed by town board members that occurs between meetings, but must be done prior to authorization. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO REIMBURSE LESAUK TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS FOR WORK THAT TAKES ONE HOUR OR LONGER AT THE REGULAR RATE

OF PAY OF \$18/HOUR, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Town Board members will try to have work pre-approved as much as possible and work performed will be on an “honor system” and be subject to questioning by other town board members as deemed necessary.

Shawn Omann – Accessory Building Conditional Use Permit – Mr. Omann, spoke as a township resident, regarding a conditional use permit application he provided to the Town Board. He wanted to discuss what he would like to do on the vacant lot adjacent to his home in Via Riviera. His application, which was not signed and is for discussion purposes only, would be to construct an accessory building and have a utility shed placed on the vacant lot.

Town Board supervisors Dan Heim and Jeff Westerlund, reviewed with him section 7-030, e) which requires a conditional use permit for an accessory building on a vacant lot and section 15-020, c) which requires the exterior finishing be of like kind and color to a primary residence.

A portion of Mr. Omann’s lot is also within 300 feet of the Mississippi River, which may fall under the Stearns County Shoreland Ordinance. Mr. Omann plans to construct the accessory building in the rear yard and abide by all set-backs as stated in the township ordinances. Supv Heim stated he would like to contact Stearns County checking to see if a construction site permit would also be needed from Stearns County.

Mr. Omann has not decided how large the accessory building would be. Supv Heim suggested having a site plan with the placement of the buildings, size of the accessory building, the utility shed can be no larger than what is allowed by the townships zoning ordinances and plans for the like kind and color siding. Also discussed was whether soil boring tests would need to be done for placement of septic sites if the lot is planned to be sold in the future.

Mr. Omann will consider these suggestions and decide whether he will go forward with the CUP application.

VOUCHERS

Treasurer Bentley discussed with the Town Board his questions regarding the Park Fund expenditures. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have him contact Atty Gilchrist for guidance.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12105.24 (CHECK #12626 THRU CHECK #12632), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante (s)

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LeSauk Township Clerk