

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
April 26, 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, Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut, and 4 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING ADAM LAIDLAW – SHORELINE, JOE LAHR – SIGNAGE, RICH WINTER – TREELINE CONCERNS TO OPEN FORUM AND UNDER NEW BUSINESS ADDING ROB REBEL SITE PLAN – MATT DENKERS SITE PLAN, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Adam Laidlaw, 3898 Riviera Road, Sartell -- Mr. Laidlaw came to the board to discuss the work he is proposing along the shoreline behind his home. He is proposing rebuilding stairs to the shore and using riprap to restore the shoreline. Mr. Laidlaw stated that the property line will be surveyed by O'Malley & Kron Land Surveyors, and they will stake out the ordinary high-water level (OWHL). Supv Omann questioned as to if an escrow is needed. Supv Heim stated that a major shoreland permit escrow would be \$2000 with a \$400 application fee and a minor shoreland alteration permit escrow \$1000 with a \$400 application fee. Supv Heim advised Mr. Laidlaw to get the property surveyed, mark the OWHL, and to keep the board informed.

Rich Winter, 32158 62nd Ave., St. Cloud -- Mr. Winter came before the board to discuss the overgrowth of neighboring trees which extend 6-7 feet over his property line. He had contacted his insurance company to discuss coverage and options. Mr. Winter would like the board to set rules regarding the planting of trees along property lines. Supv Heim stated that property owners have the right to trim off any overgrowth on a property line.

Joe Lahr – Signage on Township Roads – Mr. Lahr revisited the board regarding the posting of 30th Ave for weight limits. He 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. Mr. Lahr had sent a letter be sent to Julie Jacobs, St. Stephen City Clerk. The town board will review his information.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 12, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2022 BOARD OF APPEAL MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Udermann property signage: Atty Gilchrist replied to Supv Heim regarding the placement of a sign for the Udermann family business (“Meadowbrook Farm Fresh Beef Products For Sale”) along 30th Ave.

Atty Gilchrist advised that one identification sign could be placed on the township side of the road, not to exceed 4 feet x 4 feet. The sign must be out of the right-of-way and would need written permission from the landowner as the Udermanns do not own property on 30th Ave.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Wayne Paquin, 7320 322nd St., St. Joseph – David Barsody, township building inspector, emailed Supv Heim about the work being done on Mr. Paquin's shed. A permit had been issued to Mr. Paquin.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger reported that we returned the CARES money to the county and it will be used for their broadband project and a possible resolution might be needed.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3492.26 (CHECK #13777 THRU 13779 PLUS EFT'S #221 & 222), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Township Annual Clean-up day -- Supv Westerlund reported on the Township Annual Clean-up day. A total of 3 30-year-old dumpsters were filled. 28 township residents used the service, and \$331 was collected for the disposal of mattresses, TVs, and tires. Supv Westerlund suggested that the township provide Park Fellowship a donation for the use of their facilities; Supv Heim will contact Atty Gilchrist regarding the legality of the donation.

Annual MS4 Permit – Supv Westerlund renewed the permit with Stearns County Soil Water Conservation District for 2021 and updated it through 2027 (5 years)

Dan Heim –

Ken Heim – Lot line adjustment – Supv Heim was contacted by Scott Saehr, Sartell Community & Economic Development Director, regarding the proposed addition to Ken's septic system. Mr. Saehr had informed Ken that the property would need to be annexed to the city for the septic to be enlarged.

Zoning Maps – Supv Heim received an email from Jeremy Mathiasen of Stantec stating that new zoning maps with owner names will be available soon.

Sartell Yearend Reports – 19th Avenue So. (6th Str So to Cty 4) will be under construction to install Arvig cable. Supv Heim contacted Scott Saehr in regards to Sartell's April 25 minutes which showed a proposed trail along 35th Ave. It should be the street along the north side of Lloyd Traut's property. Mr. Saehr said this was only discussion on requesting funding because the Blackberry area has limited trails.

Shawn Omann –

Rita Knuesel, 3400 Riviera Road, Sartell – Ms. Knuesel contacted Supv Omann regarding the degradation of Riviera Road and 30th Str. Supv Omann stated that the township would investigate. Ms. Knuesel requested that the rubbish near the entrance to Via Riviera be removed.

Adam Laidlaw, 3898 Riviera Road, Sartell – Supv Omann was contacted by Mr. Laidlaw regarding the process to obtain a shoreland alteration permit.

Brent Hamak, 2872 Winnebago Rd, Sartell – Mr. Hamak is interested in the 19th Ave. reconstruction project and was wondering about the feasibility of purchasing the 22-acre Louise Bromenschenkel parcel and using the sand as an exchange for road material.

OLD BUSINESS -

Town Hall – No new business

Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean-up

Shirley Thomas and Ted Thomas attended the meeting as requested by the town clerk to speak to the progress they are making regarding the clean-up of their property. They were advised that the township has the right to take over the clean-up of the property. Mr. Thomas asked about the installation of a fence along the north part of the property. The board asked that the Thomas's continue to work to make progress. The town board will research the possibility of a fence.

Fog Lines – 322nd St. – No information as St. Cloud has not responded.

Resolution to Participate in Broadband through Albany Telephone

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE BROADBAND RESOLUTION WITH STEARNS CTY, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS -

Change Meeting Time to 6:00 p.m. – Discussion was tabled until the return of Clerk Plante.

Approval of site plan for Rob Rebel, 2410 40th Str No, Sartell – Mr. Rebel is requesting a stick built, 14x22 accessory building. The siding will match existing building and it meets the setback requirement.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR ROB REBEL BY SUPV OMANN, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, Motion carried 3-0.

APRIL ROAD REPORT:

Supv Omann suggested cold patch for the following: Riviera, 30th Str No, Pine Ridge Rd, 7th Ave No, and 322nd Str. He also suggested that 17th Str be graded.

Overall, the roads are in good driving condition with the exception of the cold patch areas which could be fixed in May.

There is no sign of a beaver dam under the bridge. A road tonnage sign is damaged; ID will be asked to replace it.

The culvert at 30th Ave was clear.

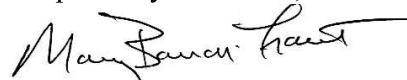
Bridge Inspection and Letter – A request was made to spray foam in gaps; however, it wasn't clear about the exact location. Supv Omann will follow-up with the county.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Barron-Traut

LeSauk Township Deputy Clerk