

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
April 9, 2019

The regular 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, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 6 interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, ADDING DAVID BLOMMEL TO OPEN FORUM AND SHADY OAKS REPRESENTATIVES TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Nathan Eisenbacher** – Mr. Eisenbacher would like to construct a 24 X 26 accessory building on his property located at 365 Pine Ridge Road. The Town Board reviewed Mr. Eisenbacher's site plan, noting that all setbacks etc. have been met. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR NATHAN EISENBACHER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSORY BUILDING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**David Blommel** – Mr. Blommel, township engineer, had emailed quotes for the reconstruction & overlay of 40<sup>th</sup> Street North to the Town Board prior to the meeting. The low quote for the road project came from Knife River for \$152,626.05. This is for an approximate ½ mile on the east side of 40<sup>th</sup> Street. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KNIFE RIVER TO RECONSTRUCT/OVERLAY 40<sup>TH</sup> STREET, WORK IS TO BE COMPLETED BY 8-31-19, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**BonHomie Valley Street Flooding** – Supv Omann questioned Mr. Blommel on the possible flood damage done to several streets in Bonhomie Valley and surveying the area around the addition for the placement of a berm to hold back possible future flood waters into the housing addition. It was the consensus of the Town Board to contact Mr. Blommel to survey the area on the north and west lines after the annual road inspection meeting and after contact with area property owners.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park** - Representatives from Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park - David Matthew, Brenda Magney & Charley Bradley, came before the Town Board to discuss the laundry building on the premises that was converted into two apartments and several other items regarding the mobile home park.

Several areas were reviewed by the Town Board and Building Inspector David Barsody that need to be brought up to date to bring the mobile home park into compliance with township ordinances.

1. A laundry room/building is a requirement the mobile home park must have on the premises.
2. The septic system does not meet the size required for the two new apartments – Mr. Matthew stated they do have a meeting set for May 7<sup>th</sup> with Stearns County to view the septic system.
3. A central building for a fallout shelter large enough for residents of the park.
4. The laundry room that was renovated to two apartments would now be considered a duplex which requires a conditional use permit.
5. A variance would be needed to allow several mobile homes to remain where they are presently located since they are closer than the allowed 10-foot side yard setback.

6. If the mobile home park owners would want to expand as they discussed earlier, they will need to go through a new conditional use process.

Applications for a variance & conditional use permit were given to Charles Bradley. Once those are received and public hearing fees are received, the process can be started. Mr. Bradley stated they would like the mobile home park to become a more welcoming area. Also discussed was the rental of the home that is located on the property. The Town Board informed Mr. Bradley the items discussed would need to be brought into compliance with township regulations.

**David Bozych – Accessory Building Construction** – Mr. Bozych lives at 316 21<sup>st</sup> St. No., and came before the Town Board for approval of a site plan to construct a 36 X 42 accessory building on his property. The Town Board reviewed the site plan which met all setbacks and impervious lot coverage. Mr. Bozych does not have other accessory buildings on his property.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR DAVID BOZYCH TO CONSTRUCT A 36 x 42 ACCESSORY BUILDING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Building Inspector David Barsody gave Mr. Bozych his email information to send engineering plans for the concrete slab that will be poured. Avon Lumber is designing and constructing the building as well as the concrete slab.

#### **MINUTES:**

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The Town Board reviewed the 2019 Annual Township Meeting minutes.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. SUPV OMANN ABSTAINED SINCE HE WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** Building Inspector David Barsody was in attendance earlier in the meeting to discuss several issues in the township.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The March Treasurers report will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

**Invoices/Vouchers** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,751.12 (CHECK #13098 THRU 13111 PLUS EFT'S 120, 121 & 122), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

#### **SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

**Jeff Westerlund –**

**Wayne Cymbulach – MS4 Permit** – Supv Westerlund met with Mr. Cymbulach to complete the yearly MS4 Permit process for LeSauk Township.

**Brian Johnston- Dog Complaint** – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Mr. Johnston regarding a dog owned by Greg Arndt running at large in the Countryside Acres Addition. Supv Westerlund tried to

contact Mr. Arndt but was not at home. He will try again and give Mr. Arndt a copy of the ordinances regarding animals within the township.

#### **Dan Heim –**

**Joe Perske -Local Road Improvement Plan (LRIP)** – Supv Heim has been in contact with Joe Perske, Stearns County Commissioner regarding the LRIP and a Joint Powers Agreement under one jurisdiction in order to apply for grant money funding.

**Peter Ferber Property** – Supv Heim contacted several government agencies regarding the Peter Ferber property, Steve Soyka, Stearns County Sheriff who gave Supv Heim Kellan Hemmesch, Deputy Sheriff name to contact, John Tracy, Stearns County Environmental Services. The Sheriff's office & Environmental Services are planning a meeting at the Ferber home to again go through the home to determine what needs to be upgraded to allow the home to be a rental unit. Mr. Ferber has not signed for the certified letter that was sent to him by the township as of yet. The letter requested the removal of the mobile home on the property by April 30, 2019.

**Ehren Timmers** – Mr. Timmers who is a contractor, contacted Supv Heim regarding a permit for Anthony Murphy property at 1438 Riverside Ave.

**Ken Lucy – Concrete Slab & Car Port** – Mr. Lucy emailed Supv Heim regarding the regulations for the placement of a concrete slab & car port for his motorhome parking & storage.

**Anita Archambeau - Map** – Ms. Archambeau, City of Sartell Planner, informed Supv Heim that she is still working on a map of areas of township property the city would like to keep undeveloped by the township.

**Mary DeGiovanni – Small Group Meeting** – Mary DeGiovanni, City of Sartell Administrator, emailed Supv Heim requesting another small group meeting regarding future planning of developments in the township & zoning regulations.

**Bob Landwehr – Annexation to LeSauk** – Mr. Landwehr has been in touch with Supv Heim regarding the process to annex Mr. Landwehr's son, Dalton's, property back to LeSauk Township. Supv Heim gave him the information needed which Dalton, as the property owner, will need to do.

#### **Shawn Omann –**

**BonHomie Valley Flooding** – Supv Omann discussed the flooding in BonHomie Valley and the frustration he had with trying to contact someone to help. He was very grateful to Doug Welk and his crew for helping him and Supv Westerlund throughout the early morning hours. Supv Omann had sent a report with pictures of the area during the process. He felt the drainage area on Stork Drive had been working quite well until the flood waters from the property located on the north side of the addition began to flow over the small embankment into the addition. With the amount of water that came flowing in, the drainage area on Stork Drive could not handle it.

Supv Omann was not at the meeting when the BonHomie residents were in attendance, but they expressed their gratitude to Supv Omann and Supv Westerlund for the diligence in finding some solution to the rising flood waters. Fortunately, no water flooded into any homes and the water receded quite fast.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Memorandum of Understanding w/Stearns County** – Will be presented at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the township and Joint Planning Board. Resolutions have been sent to the city of Sartell.

**Fine Reimbursement** – No Report.

**Trees & Shrubs in Road Right of Way** – This will remain on the agenda under Old Business until it can be addressed in the spring and areas are viewed during the annual road inspection.

**Peter Ferber Mobile Home** – This will remain on the agenda until we hear from Mr. Ferber. No answer has been received from the certified letter.

**Clerk & Treasurers Positions from Elected to Appointed** – Special Election, May 14, 2019 – all judges have been notified and scheduled.

**Township Clean Up Day** – Set for 4-20-19 with Steve Lovett of Junkman Services, Supv Westerlund will be in attendance to help Mr. Lovett.

**40<sup>th</sup> Street North Quotes** – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Bonhomie Valley Flooding** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting – The Town Board will continue to look into possible solutions to this flooding issue in BonHomie. Once some possible solutions are compiled, the residents of BonHomie will be notified when the Town Board discuss those possibilities.

**Lodermeier Shouse** – No further information has been received.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual Road Inspection** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SET THE ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION MEETING FOR MAY 7, 2019 BEGINNING AT 4:00 P.M AND CANCEL THE APRIL MONTHLY INSPECTION WHICH WAS TO BE DONE BY SUPV OMANN, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. A date and time will be set after the annual road inspection to have a supervisor drive the township roads with Doug Welk of ASTECH to determine future needs of township roads.

**2020 Levy** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO DIVIDE THE 2020 LEVY AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL FUND - \$60,000, ROAD & BRIDGE - \$250,000 AND FIRE FUND - \$40,000, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**ASTECH Sweeping Proposal** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM ASTECH INC., TO SWEEP ALL PLATTED AREAS OF THE TOWNSHIP, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

#### **CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**Annual Weed Meeting** – Clerk Plante attended the Annual Weed Meeting in Greenwald on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She reported that the emerald ash borer has been located in Stearns County and those areas have been quarantined.

**Special Election Postcard Mailing** – Clerk Plante gave a copy of a postcard mailing that will be sent to all township residents regarding the upcoming special election. It also contains information on how township residents can vote absentee.

**May 14, 2019 Regular Township Meeting** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> TO MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 BEGINNING AT 7 P.M. DUE TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlyce L. Plante  
LeSauk Township Clerk

