

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
May 10, 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 1 interested party.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING DEANNA MCGEE SITE PLAN & ROB KLAPHAKE SITE PLAN TO OPEN FORUM AND WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNAGE FOR 30TH AVENUE BRIDGE TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Deanna McGee, 3836 Majestic Pond Dr., Sartell – Site Plan – Ms. McGee would like to place a 12X16 sq. foot, pre-fabricated shed on her 31.86-acre parcel. She provided a site plan for the placement of the shed which meets all setback regulations. The shed is less than 220 square feet, so will not require a building permit. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR DEANNA MCGEE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A 12 X 16 SQUARE FOOT SHED WHICH MEETS ALL SETBACK REGULATIONS, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Rob Klaphake-Woodland Homes, 2229 6th St. So., Sartell – Site Plan – Mr. Klaphake is replacing a screened porch on his 20-acre parcel. The property is zoned U-1 which would be a Type 3 review, the township recommends and the Joint Planning Board has final approval. Supv Heim asked Scott Saehr, Sartell Assistant City Administrator, to review this site plan. Mr. Saehr stated the city had no issue, since Mr. Klaphake is just replacing the porch and there will not be a change in the footprint of the home.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR WOODLAND HOMES-ROB KLAPHAKE TO REPLACE THE PRESENT SCREENED PORCH WITH NO CHANGES TO THE FOOTPRINT OF THE HOME, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Ted Thomas, 32502 County Road 1 – Parcel Clean-Up – Mr. Thomas came before the Town Board to inform them they have rented a storage unit from J-K Self-Storage. They plan to move the miscellaneous abandoned property that is now in their front yard and driveway, to the storage unit. The Board told Mr. Thomas they will continue to monitor the clean-up of the property and asked that he attend the first meeting in June to go over the progress of the clean-up and whether it is sufficient.

Mr. Thomas questioned the Board about regulations for the placement of a fence on his property. They informed him he would need to contact Stearns County Highway Department since his property is located on County Road 1 and would need to follow the counties regulations.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 26, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Park Fellowship Church Donation: Supv Heim received an email from Attorney Troy Gilchrist who-informed him a straight donation to the church for the use of their property would not be allowed under state statute. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to have Atty Gilchrist draft an agreement for the use of the church. Supv Heim will forward the statement of purpose the church had originally sent in May of 2021 to Atty Gilchrist so he can review it prior to drafting an agreement.

Ordinance Draft Limiting the number of cars on a township parcel – Supv Heim emailed Atty Gilchrist requesting area township ordinances regarding the limiting the number of vehicles a township parcel can have. Atty Gilchrist had previously sent city ordinances regarding this issue. Atty Gilchrist told Supv Heim he had sent the city ordinances since townships usually do not have the density issues that a city has, so there were no township ordinances to review.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to leave the township regulations as is and deal with abandoned vehicles etc. on a case-by-case situation.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Heim's Mill Fire Alarms – Supv Heim forwarded an email from Travis Sutter, who is representing Heim's Mill, to building inspector, David Barsody, questioning whether a permit would be needed for the milling company to replace and add fire alarms throughout their buildings.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger updated the Town Board on the townships fund balances. Presently, the total amount of funds the township has is: \$698,370.95.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN THE APRIL TREASURERS REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,037.87 (CHECK #13780 THRU 13795 PLUS EFT'S #223 & 224), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Supv Heim stated he added Treasurer Dullinger's name to the Treasury Departments Reporting website in order for her to complete the ARPA fund spending reports for the township when they are due.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS**Jeff Westerlund –**

Abandoned Junk Pick Up -- Supv Westerlund reported he picked up an abandoned couch on 30th Avenue, garbage bags on 40th Street, plus other junk near the VanSlooten home on 27th Street. He was able to dispose of the items at no cost to the township.

Township Meeting Changes – Supv Westerlund suggested that since the Board is considering the starting time for township meetings, people who attend the meetings should have a limited time to speak. This would help to keep the meetings shorter and within the time frame the board should keep to allow community center employees to leave on time.

Dan Heim –

Jeff & Valerie Gruba, 1751 4th Ave. No., Solar Panel Placement – Supv Heim was forwarded an email Clerk Plante received, from Solcius Solar Group, who have been contracted to place solar panels on the Gruba home. He forwarded the email to David Barsody, but has not heard back what is needed for a building permit.

Alex McKenzie – Area Planning Organization (APO) - Mr. McKenzie contacted Supv Heim to inform him the APO will be placing traffic counters on 30th Avenue in several areas. He also reported he had not heard further information from Tim O'Driscoll or Jeff Howe, regarding the grant money applied for to defray the cost of reconstructing 30th Avenue.

Lenore Johnson, 3934 Riviera Rd – Survey of Property – The Johnson property is located to the north of the Laidlaw property who are in the process of a remodeling project. A survey of the Johnson & Laidlaw properties will be done to determine correct legal descriptions & the ordinary high-water level. Craig Schoenberg is the Johnson's contractor and contact person with the township.

Vibhu Kapoor, 3736 Riviera Rd – Improvement of Shoreland – Supv Heim received a call from Mr. Kapoor who stated he would like to improve the shoreland on his parcel. Supv Heim asked that he draw up a site plan and the Town Board will then review.

County Road 133 Advisory Team – Supv Heim attended a meeting where discussion was held on alternative routes for the connection of Theisen Rd/2nd St. So. To County Road 133. Some routes were eliminated due to the future platting of the Flossy Heim property.

Thomas Letter – Stearns County Environmental Services – Supv Heim received a copy of a letter from Troy Freihammer of Stearns County Environmental Services, that is being sent to Ted & Shirley Thomas regarding the clean-up of their property. The letter states they will have until June 3rd to complete the clean-up.

Shawn Omann –

Adam Laidlaw, 3898 Riviera Road, Sartell –Supv Omann reported Mr. Laidlaw is placing his application for the alteration of shoreland on hold due to a discrepancy regarding his northern lot line. As it looks now, his neighbor's lot line, Lenore Johnson, goes through Mr. Laidlaw's present deck located near the river.

John Peterson, ID Sign Solutions – Supv Omann received a proposal from John Peterson to replace the damaged bridge weight limit signs on 30th Avenue for \$550.79 with installation & freight. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE ID SIGN SOLUTION BID FOR \$550.79 TO REPLACE THE 36-TON BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNS ON 30TH AVENUE, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Omann also asked him to fix the 5th Avenue Stop sign while he was in the area. The only cost will be for a new post & labor. The trip charge will not be included since he was in the area.

Able Tree Service – Ken Blommer – Supv Omann will be in touch with Ken Blommer of Able Tree Service requesting a proposal for the removal of trees & shrubs along 30th Street. Another option may be to cut the trees, grind down the stumps, versus a herbicide after the trees would be cut.

Bridge Inspection Letter – Supv Omann will be in contact with the Stearns County Highway Department to find out exactly where on the 30th Avenue bridge they have said to spray foam in gaps.

Doug Welk – Grading of 17th St. (Off 30th Avenue) – Supv Omann contacted Doug Welk of ASTECH, to grade 17th Street. Lance of ASTECH, will grade as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS -

Town Hall – No new information.

Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean-up – Mr. Thomas was in attendance and is planning to move abandoned property to a storage unit they have rented. Mr. Weyer has until June 1st to

complete the removal of abandoned vehicles on his property. The Theisen & Rosenow properties will be viewed at the annual road inspection that will be held on May 12th.

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

Meeting Time Change – Discussion was held regarding the possibility of an earlier start time to the township meeting. This would allow community center employees to be able to leave at their designated time. It was the consensus of the board to have Supv Heim contact Scott Saehr in order to poll the city joint planning board members whether the earlier start time would impact their work schedules for a much earlier joint planning board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

Weight Limit Signs near 30th Avenue Bridge – This was discussed under Supv Omann's report.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Clean-Up Day Expenses – Clerk Plante wanted to review the clean-up day expenses in order to request reimbursement from the SCORE Grant provided by Stearns County Environmental Services.

Temporary Stop Sign Holder – Clerk Plante reported her conversation with Tyler of M-R Sign Co. requesting when the township would receive the replacement stop sign holder. After discussion with Tyler, he informed her that since it may be quite some time before their delivery driver will be in the area, they will send out a new temporary stop sign holder and the other sign holder received will not have to be returned.

Assessment Searches – Clerk Plante stated she has received several assessment searches from title companies in the last couple of weeks. These searches usually ask for the pending & levied township assessments for the parcel in question. However, since some of these parcels are within 100 feet of the city of Sartell services, should that information be also noted in the searches. If the septic system is not certified for the properties, and they are within 100 feet of city services, they are required to annex to the city of Sartell. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to have Clerk Plante fill out the searches as requested with the pending or levied assessments. As a courtesy, she will make a note the property may be within 100 feet of city services and be subject to annexation if septic systems are not recertified. The information can be shared by the title company if they so choose.

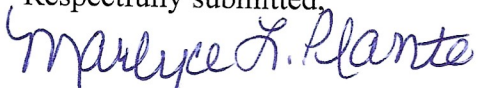
SCORE Grant Reimbursements – Clerk Plante reviewed with the Town Board the invoices incurred for the Township Clean-Up Day. She will request reimbursement from the SCORE Grant money from Stearns County Environmental Services.

Bill Traut Family Thank You – Clerk Plante shared a thank you note from the Wilfred (Bill) Traut family for the plant sent on behalf of the township. Mr. Traut was the township clerk in the past. Clerk Plante & Supv Heim paid for the plant since they both knew Mr. Traut while he was on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk