

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
May 23, 2023

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 6:30 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 4 interested parties.

ABSENT: Supervisor Paul Wagner

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING JON DENNIS SITE PLAN TO OPEN FORUM AND COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS & TOWN LINE ROAD TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Friedrich Rezone & DSF Acre Plat – The public hearing for the Friedrich rezone & plat was held during the Joint Planning Board meeting held prior to this meeting. There were no concerns from the joint planning board and they recommended approval. Mr. Friedrich had previously applied for the rezone from A-20 to RO-5 and splitting off a 6.25-acre parcel for a new home. Mr. Friedrich's plans changed from a 6.25-acre parcel to a 5-acre parcel, so a new public hearing and application had to be done. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-03 TO REZONE A 5-ACRE PARCEL FROM A-20 TO RO-5, PRELIMINARY PLAT & FINAL PLAT OF DSF ACRES, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Craig Wensmann, surveyor for Mr. Friedrich and Doug Friedrich were in attendance, both stating that a site plan should be ready shortly and they will bring that information to the town board to request approval.

Jon Dennis, 32170 County Road 1 – Site Plan – Mr. Dennis has requested to build an 8 X 10 deck on which he will be placing a greenhouse. The greenhouse is less than 200 square feet, which will not require a building permit. Steve Grittmann reviewed the shoreland implications informing Supv Heim the deck & greenhouse will not be within the 100-foot highwater mark of the river, so no further action will be needed according to the shoreland regulations. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR JON DENNIS TO CONSTRUCT A DECK WITH A GREENHOUSE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

MINUTES: Minutes will be placed on the next meeting agenda when the full board is present.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Township Code Violations – Supv Heim has been in contact with Attorney Troy Gilchrist regarding the township code violation prosecution process. Atty Gilchrist will go ahead and find out more information about the E-ticket system for Stearns County.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: No report.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger updated the Town Board of the townships fund balance. The transfer of the \$400,000 into Certificates of Deposit at Falcon Bank is still being processed.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,282.52 (CHECK #14033 THRU #14039) SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Supv Heim discussed the escrow account process with Treasurer Dullinger, giving her suggestions on ways to keep track of township residents escrow accounts in order to have a timely reimbursement of their escrow balance when their project is completed.

Richard Winter, 32158 62nd Ave., St. Cloud – Mr. Winter was in attendance at the meeting and discussed with the Town Board several issues in the Pleasant Dale Addition. He questioned whether the supervisors view areas of the township that may be in violation of the township ordinances, such as abandoned property, accessory buildings too close to the property line, trees planted on property lines, fences close to property lines etc. He also discussed the lawn damage to his property. No action was taken.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:**Jeff Westerlund:**

Patching of Township Roads – Supv Westerlund noted that he and Supv Heim used 2 tons of cold patch to patch potholes on township roads. He also felt there were a few areas that could use a bit more cold patch.

Steve Schwartz, 2695 7th Ave. No. – Street Light – Mr. Schwartz contacted Supv Westerlund questioning whether a street light could be placed at the intersection of 7th Ave and 27th Street. Mr. Schwartz has had a recent burglary at his home and feels that a street light may help. Supv Westerlund informed him that 27th Street is in the city of Sartell, so he would need to contact them. It was also suggested a motion activated light could be placed on his garage.

Dan Heim:

LePrince-Hoff Parcel, 3419 Riviera Road – Supv Heim received a call questioning the zoning of the Le-Prince-Hoff parcel which is R-1, Town Residential.

Wayne Paquin, 7230 322nd St. – Mr. Paquin contacted Supv Heim again questioning the poor condition of 322nd Street and when it would be fixed.

Jody Teich, Roundabout @ County Road 1 & County Road 120 – Supv Heim discussed the proposed reconfiguring of the roundabout at County Road 1 & County Road 120. The township owns the street, River Vista Lane and the dead-end area. The county owns the right-of-way of the roundabout. There is an access to the Shawn Kroll property in the dead-end area and the county spoke with him and he informed them he would like to have that access remain.

Anna Gruber, AIM Development Landfill Purchase – Ms. Gruber contacted Supv Heim questioning whether the township has any opposition to the city's purchase of the former landfill site from AIM Development. Supv Heim informed her the township had no issue with the purchase.

Matt Glaesman, City of St. Cloud, Bueckers Annexation – Mr. Glaesman informed Supv Heim the couple corrections on the Bueckers resolution could be made by him and should not affect the legality of it. Supv Heim will sign once he makes the corrections, then Clerk Plante will sign and he will send to the city of St. Cloud.

15th Street RGU (Responsible Governmental Unit) – Supv Heim reported the resolution assigning the authority to the city of Sartell to continue with the environmental assessment of this area has been signed.

Township Road Project Bid Opening – David Blommel, township engineer, informed Supv Heim the bid opening for the township road projects will be held on June 13th at 11 a.m. It will be a virtual meeting and Supv Heim will attend.

Matt Magney – Shady Oaks RV Park – Mr. Magney again contacted Supv Heim regarding the owner of Shady Oaks Manufactured Home Park plans to have an RV park on property he owns and is adjacent to the Shady Oaks Park. Supv Heim has told Brenda Magney the proposed RV park would be near wetlands and the township would not allow a RV Park, but they could consider annexing the property and applying to either the city of Sartell or St. Cloud.

Jessie Douvier, 3962 Riviera Rd - Site Plan – Supv Heim was contacted by Tony Brix, contractor for Jessie Douvier. Mr. Douvier would like to construct a deck on his property located on Riviera Road. Mr. Brix was informed a site plan for the deck would be needed, then approved by the town board.

322nd Street Improvement Plan – Supv Heim contacted Jodi Teich, Stearns County Highway Project engineer, regarding improvement plans for 322nd Street. 322nd Street is on the city of St. Cloud's capitol improvement plan. St. Cloud is the leading agency to apply for funding opportunities for 322nd Street. Jodi Teich is in the process of applying to change the classification of 322nd Street from a local street to a major collector status.

Sartell High School Environmental Club – Clean-up of 30th Ave. – Supv Heim was forwarded an email Clerk Plante received from Annabelle Tautges, SHS advisor for the SHS Environmental Club, questioning whether the township would allow her group of students to clean up 30th Avenue. After contacting Attorney Gilchrist, it was the consensus of the board to not allow the environment club to do this at this time until further information regarding liability could be evaluated.

Peter Kedrowski, Sartell Fire Chief – Mr. Kedrowski would like to discuss with the Town Board his policies on viewing & inspections of rental properties. Clerk Plante will contact Mr. Kedrowski and ask him to attend an upcoming meeting.

Paul Wagner: Absent – no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No new information

Fee Schedule Changes – Shoreland Alterations & ROW Permits – No action at this time.

Township Clean-Up Day Changes – No action at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Evan Carlson, Enterprise Energy – Solar Farm/Garden Regulations - Mr. Carlson spoke at the Joint Planning Board meeting prior to the township meeting, regarding the changes just passed by the legislature regarding solar farms & gardens. Supv Heim will be part of a discussion group/workshop being held by the city of Sartell on June 5th at 7 p.m. He suggested other board members attend also. Clerk Plante will put

up a notice just in case other supervisors plan to attend. At this workshop, Sartell will be reviewing and revising their regulations regarding solar farms & gardens. The city has implemented a 3-month moratorium on applications for placement of solar farms & gardens within the city limits.

Town Line Road Bonding Passage – Supv Heim had forwarded information to town board members regarding the Town Line Road Bond which was passed by the legislature. The project has been allocated 7.5 million dollars. Jodi Teich, St. Cloud Highway Project Engineer, is setting up a meeting at her office to discuss the next steps to begin this project. Supv Heim plans to attend the meeting.

Community Center Summer Hours: The community center will begin their summer hours during the months of June, July & August. During these months the center will be closing at 7 p.m. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE TOWNSHIP MEETING TIME TO BEGIN AT 6 P.M. DURING JUNE, JULY & AUGUST, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Clerk Plante will post the necessary notices and inform Supervisor Wagner.

MAY ROAD REPORT: Supv Westerlund discussed several items he found during his monthly road inspection. He plans to fix the apron area at the intersection of 40th Street & Pinecone Road. He also stated the corner of Rosewood Road & County Road 1 needs fixing, though this may be in the county's right of way. He reported that Rodeo Road is in poor shape and there are small potholes throughout. This road is in the process of bidding to be resurfaced. He also noted the culvert on 30th Avenue needs cleaning and the Thomas home is again full of junk vehicles and abandoned property.

CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: No report, all items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk