

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
May 24, 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 and Clerk Marlyce Plante.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING JEFF & VALERIE GRUBA SOLAR PANEL SITE PLAN TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Jeff & Valerie Gruba, 1751 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. No. – Solar Panel Placement Site Plan** – Supv Heim received a site plan from Solius Solar Company, contracted by Jeff & Valerie Gruba, for placement of solar panels on their homes roof top. Supv Heim had both David Barsody, township building inspector and Scott Saehr, Sartell Assistant City Administrator, review the plans. Mr. Barsody stated that rooftop solar panels are allowed in the township. Mr. Saehr reviewed the plans since the property is in R-1, stating the city had no concerns, but if changes were made to the present site plan, he would like to be informed.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR JEFF & VALERIE GRUBA TO PLACE SOLAR PANELS ON THEIR HOMES ROOFTOP, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Heim will contact Isaac, from Solius Solar Company, informing him the site plan has been approved.

**MINUTES:**

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MAY 10, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MAY 12, 2022 ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

It was the consensus of the board to have Supv Omann contact David Blommel, township engineer, to view and provide an engineer's opinion for fixing the following township roads: Riviera Road (shallow potholes) Riviera & 30<sup>th</sup> Street intersection (possible replacement & overlay), 17<sup>th</sup> Street (Udermann area-overlay), 22<sup>nd</sup> Street & Rodeo Road (replace to the turnaround area) & Winnebago Road (shallow potholes).

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

**Ordinance Draft Limiting the number of cars on a township parcel** – At 5-10-22 township meeting, it was the consensus of the Town Board to not pursue an ordinance limiting the number of cars on a township parcel, dealing with each on a case-by-case situation. Supv Heim emailed Atty Gilchrist questioning if the ordinance was pursued, would previous township parcel owners be grandfathered in and be able to keep the number of vehicles on their property. Atty Gilchrist stated they would not be since parking vehicles is not a principal use of the property.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** Supv Heim received an email from David Barsody regarding the former Swartout property located on 35<sup>th</sup> St. No. He could not locate the parcel on the Stearns County Interactive Mapping website when searching the house number. Supv Heim located the correct parcel number and forwarded the information to Mr. Barsody.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer Dullinger updated the Town Board on the townships fund balances and had four invoices for payment.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,362.71 (CHECK #13796 THRU 13799), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

### **SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

#### **Jeff Westerlund –**

**Shallow Pothole Repair --** Supv Westerlund contacted John Kothenbeutel, City of Sartell Public Works Director, questioning how the city repairs shallow potholes. Mr. Kothenbeutel stated they blow patch the shallow holes on city streets.

**Weyer Property Viewing** – Supv Westerlund questioned when he should view the Weyer property, also stating he would like to have another board member go with in order to take pictures etc. It was the consensus of the board to have Treasurer Dullinger view the property with him, taking pictures to document the up-to-date tabs of the remaining vehicles. They will set a date to view the property after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Patching of Township Roads** – Supv Westerlund purchased 15 bags of cold patch and on May 17<sup>th</sup>, Supv Heim & himself patched potholes on township roads as listed in the annual road inspection minutes; 40<sup>th</sup> Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street & 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Street No., & 322<sup>nd</sup> Street.

#### **Dan Heim –**

**Paul Wagner – Crack Filling Question** – Supv Heim received a call from Paul Wagner, 2934 35<sup>th</sup> Street, who questioned why the township was spending money on crack filling 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Supv Heim informed him the portion of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue that was crack filled was in St. Wendell Township.

**Rory Mrozek – Signing of Resolution for 10-acre Property Split** - Mr. Mrozek contacted Supv Heim and Clerk Plante requesting their signatures on the final resolution for the 10-acre property split from the Traut Family. Mr. Mrozek also questioned the regulations to split acreage that is in the A-20 zoning within the township.

**Crispin Domingo, 2811 35<sup>th</sup> St. No. – Conex Shipping Containers** – Supv Heim was contacted by Greg Wensmann, contractor for Mr. Domingo. Mr. Domingo would like to use Conex shipping containers to construct an accessory building on his property. Supv Heim checked with David Barsody, township building inspector, who stated an alternative method application would need to be completed for this type of accessory building. He then noted it may be difficult to use these containers since they have to meet specific codes in Section 560.04 of the townships zoning regulations-accessory buildings in a residential district.

**Chad Spoden, 3826 Riviera Rd. – Deck Remodel** – Supv Heim is waiting to hear back from Stephen Grittmann, Northwest Associated Consultants, who is checking whether the Spoden's will need to apply for a variance to the Shoreland Ordinance regulations.



**Lenore Johnson, 3934 Riviera Rd. – Deck Replacement** – Supv Heim has sent Ms. Johnson's site plan for the replacement of her deck to Stephen Grittmann, Northwest Associated Consultants, for review of the Shoreland Ordinance regulations.

**Shawn Omann –**

**Able Tree Service – Ken Blommer** – Supv Omann has been in touch with Ken Blommer of Able Tree Service regarding a proposal for the removal of trees & shrubs along 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Blommer hopes to have a proposal within the next two weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**Town Hall** – No new information.

**Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean-up** – The Thomas property owners have been given a deadline of June 3<sup>rd</sup> by Stearns County Environmental Services to clean up their property. The Weyer property will be viewed after June 1<sup>st</sup>, the deadline given to him by the Town board to remove the various abandoned vehicles. Theisen & Rosenow properties – no further information.

**Fog Lines – 322<sup>nd</sup> St.** – Supv Westerlund will contact Brian Schoenecker, Stearns County Highway Department, regarding 322<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Meeting Time Change** – After discussion, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE TOWNSHIP MEETING START TIME TO 6:00 P.M., AND THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS TO 5:15 P.M., UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante will post the notice on the township website and the door of the community center.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**License Agreement w/Park Fellowship Church** – Atty Gilchrist drafted a license agreement between the township & Park Fellowship Church for the use of its facilities for the upcoming elections. Discussion was held on the amount to be paid to the church for each time the township uses the facility. Supv Omann suggested \$400. Supv Westerlund will discuss the amount and any questions the elders of the church have and report to the board at the first meeting in June.

**ROAD REPORT – Annual Road Inspection** – Discussed during review of minutes of the Annual Road Inspection.

**CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**April Fine Reimbursement** – Clerk Plante reported the township received \$53.33 for fine reimbursements during the month of April.

**Yard Clean Up & Abandoned Vehicle** – Clerk Plante received an email regarding an abandoned vehicle and unkept township parcel located at 1671 Riverside Ave. No. It was the consensus of the board to have Clerk Plante send a letter to the property owner after Supv Omann viewed the parcel.

**Ryan Hedin, 3677 Riviera Rd.** – Clerk Plante received an email from Mr. Hedin who stated there are numerous feral cats in the Via Riviera Addition, questioning township regulations regarding the issue. Clerk Plante emailed him back informing him the township has a contract with Tri-County Humane Society to handle cats & dogs found in the township if the animal is brought into the humane society and

verified by a township board member. She also told him the township does not have an animal catcher for the township.

**Election Judge Training** – Clerk Plante informed the board that election judge training will begin the first week of June. She is compiling a list of past election judges and township residents that indicated they are interested in being an election judge at their respective caucuses.

**Candidate Filing for November Election** – Clerk Plante told the Town Board the candidacy filing period for township officers is from August 2 through August 16. Supv Omann's position is up for re-election this year and the treasurer's position becomes an appointed position.

**Minnesota Association of Township Identification Cards** – Clerk Plante received & gave the MAT identification cards to board members. The cards can be used for special government rates at various places of business.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante  
LeSauk Township Clerk