

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
May 9, 2017

The regular monthly 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, Jeff Westerlund and Shawn Omann, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Josh Bentley and 5 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH THE ADDITION OF JOHN PETERSON OF SIGN SOLUTIONS IN THE OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JOHN PETERSON – SIGN SOLUTIONS

Mr. Peterson of Sign Solutions, presented the Town Board with two proposals for the replacement of street signs within the township. He stated there were 114 signs on the list provided to him, but felt several signs could be eliminated as well as possible stop signs that may be the responsibility of the county.

The first estimate was to replace the 114 signs with 3lb U-channel posts for \$8265.73. The second estimate was for replacement of the 114 signs with Telespar post sets for \$11,141.32. He explained the ease in future replacement of signs and posts if the Telespar posts were used. The estimate could be a bit lower if several signs were eliminated as he discussed earlier.

The Town Board thanked him for the estimates, will discuss it later in the meeting and inform him when a decision is made. Mr. Peterson gave Millwood & Oak Townships as references for sign work his company replaced.

RORY & JESSICA MROZEK – MONARCH MEADOWS PLAT #3 MYLAR SIGNING

Rory & Jessica Mrozek brought the mylars for the Monarch Meadows Plat #3 for the signature of the Town Board Chairman and Township Clerk.

MARK POSCH – ACCESSORY BUILDING

Mr. Posch developed a site plan with placement of his new accessory building, drainage field, septic, house etc. Supv Omann calculated the square footage of all items and stated there was 21% impervious coverage which is well under the 30% allowed.

It was the consensus of the Town Board that the site plan meets all township regulations, there is an adequate setback of 10 feet from his drain field & septic for the accessory building. Both Supv Heim and Supv Omann contacted Stearns County Environmental Services regarding the necessary setback from drain fields & septic systems. It is noted that Mr. Posch does not need a 2nd alternate septic site – this is only required on new lot developments.

MINUTES:

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION MEETING HELD ON APRIL 20, 2017, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2017 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Feedlot Ordinance – The Feedlot Ordinance public hearing does not have to be sent to all township residents. Atty Gilchrist stated it only needs to be published 10 days prior to the public hearing date and if the Town Board would choose, it could be published twice. It was the consensus of the Town Board to look at holding the public hearing at the first meeting in June.

Solar Farm Ordinance– Supv Heim reported a draft of the Solar Farm Ordinance has not been received from Attorney Gilchrist as of yet. Atty Gilchrist will be out of the office for approximately 10 days, so when he returns, Supv Heim will contact him to continue with drafting an ordinance regarding Solar Farms.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: A building inspector report was received by Treasurer Bentley. The Town Board reviewed the building permits that had been issued.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Governor's Fishing Opener – Supv Westerlund reported the CMWEA booth will be in attendance at Lake George on Friday, May 12th from 4-8 p.m., where Governor Dayton will give a speech before the activities of the Fishing Opener which is being held on the Mississippi River this year.

Patching of Township Roads – Supv Westerlund reported Supv Heim and himself went out and patched potholes on 40th Street & a portion of Pinecone Road. They used approximately 500 lbs of cold patch. They will again try to set a date prior to the Apple Duathlon on Memorial Day week-end to complete pothole patching.

APO Meeting– Supv Westerlund noted there is a scheduled Area Planning Organization meeting on Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Waite Park City Hall.

Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer – Supv Westerlund discussed the need to have both the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurers appointments completed. A Deputy Treasurer has not been appointed as of yet since it is quite difficult to find someone willing to take on the responsibility.

Rich Winter – Pleasantdale Addition – Tree Trimming– Supv Westerlund discussed the need to trim back bushes/trees that are blocking a portion of 62nd Avenue in the Pleasantdale Addition. Supv Westerlund must contact the home owner of the area prior to trimming back the bushes and trees.

30th Avenue Bridge – Supv Westerlund has tried to get in touch with former supervisor, Ron Naber regarding the 30th Avenue bridge. He questioned whether anyone had his phone number.

Dan Heim –

Stearns County Environmental Services – Supv Heim informed the Town Board that no 2nd septic site is required on lots already established in the townships, only new lots & new home construction.

Chelle Benson – Supv Heim spoke with Chelle Benson of Stearns County Environmental Services regarding the court order for Peter Ferber. Mr. Ferber's septic has been redone and the berm over the septic has been removed. He questioned Ms. Benson regarding the Shirley Thomas property clean up and whether the same type of legal process could be used for Thomas property. She stated the Thomas situation is different and the same legal process could not be done at this time.

APO Policy Board Meeting – Supv Heim received information on the attendance of township and city administration at the Area Planning Organization Policy Board meetings

Coyle Property on County Road 120 – Supv Heim received a call from Becky at Stearns County Environmental Services regarding the zoning of the Majorie Coyle parcel which is 4.6 acres. The parcel is

located at 148 County Road 120 near the Divine Grace Mobile Home Park. It is zoned suburban residential.

Joyce Zimmerman - Supv Heim reported he is trying to meet with Joyce Zimmerman regarding the clean-up effort on her property located on 40th Street which has been ongoing for quite some time. He hopes to arrange a meeting within the next two weeks and provide past meeting minutes with the Town Boards requirements for the clean-up of her property. He will report hopefully at the next scheduled meeting.

Feedlot Ordinance – Supv Heim discussed scheduling the public hearing for the feedlot ordinance at the first or second meeting in June, depending on when the City of Sartell’s Joint Planning Board members ability to attend.

Shawn Omann –

Jamie Lucas – Stearns County Environmental Services – Supv Omann spoke with Mr. Lucas regarding the required setbacks from drain fields and septic systems.

30th Avenue Culvert Debris – Supv Omann reported he could not dispose of the debris he pulled from the grates of the 30th Avenue culvert at the township clean-up. He picked through the debris and pulled out what could be recycled such as the plastics etc. and the remainder of the debris he placed on his compost pile at his home.

Township Clean-Up Day – Supv Omann reported he was at Saturday’s clean-up day and Supv Westerlund was at Sunday’s. He felt it went very well, but only a couple of township residents had requested bags etc. to clean up ditches on township roads. Junkman Services charged residents for most items that were brought to the Town Hall at minimal fees and the dumpster he had provided for scrap metal was full. Residents expressed their gratitude to the Town Board for holding the clean-up effort and allowing residents the opportunity to recycle items they had at minimal fees.

Building Permit Instruction Sheet for Township Residents – Supv Omann questioned the Town Board on whether they would allow him to draft a step-by-step instruction sheet for township residents on the process of receiving a building permit, what is needed prior to receiving one, when and if do they need to come to a Township meeting etc. This instruction sheet would also be posted on the township website. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Supv Omann draft the instruction sheet and present it at the next meeting if completed or at a later meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Then & Zimmerman Property Clean Up – These will be viewed by Supv Westerlund during his May road inspection.

30th Avenue Bridge – Supv Westerlund has been trying to get in touch with Ron Naber as reported earlier.

Striping of Township Roads – Supv Heim reported that 30th Avenue has been striped, but we are unsure of who did it.

NEW BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

Township Code Draft – The latest Township Code Draft by Attorney Gilchrist was emailed to the Town Board supervisors. All town board supervisors were asked to read the draft and make notes & suggestions of changes that may be needed. This will be reviewed and discussed at the 2nd meeting in June.

APRIL TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Bentley discussed with the Town Board his discussion with Attorney Gilchrist regarding the use of Park Funds. The dedicated park funds can only be used for the establishment of new parks. Treasurer Bentley recommended the Town Board transfer \$20,000 from Road & Bridge to the Park Fund. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO TRANSFER \$20,000 FROM THE ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TO THE PARK FUND, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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

VOUCHERS

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11173.66 (CHECK #12631 THRU CHECK #12645 PLUS EFT#76), SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante (s)

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LeSauk Township Clerk