

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
June 22, 2021

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 Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room. Township meetings are now being held in person and at the community center, until further notice, due to the sale of the fire-town hall.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, and Clerk Marlyce Plante, plus 5 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING ROAD SIGNS TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Chris Kadoun, 435 Coneflower Court, Sartell – Variance

Mr. Kadoun has applied for a variance to construct an accessory building on the side of his house and not the rear yard which is not allowed in the township zoning regulations. The public hearing was held during the earlier Joint Planning Board meeting, at which it was recommended to approve the variance.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-13 ALLOWING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSORY BUILDING IN THE SIDE YARD FOR CHRISTOPHER KADOUN, 435 CONEFLOWER COURT, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Brian Johnston, 2643 7th Ave. No., Sartell - Variance

Mr. Johnston has applied for a variance to place a maintenance free privacy fence 6-8 inches from his property line. During the public hearing, a neighboring property owner, Greg Ahrendt, questioned whether Mr. Johnston's property line has been correctly identified by a surveyor. Mr. Johnston stated he measured his property width from the pins he had located.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-14 ALLOWING BRIAN JOHNSTON TO PLACE A MAINTENANCE FREE FENCE 6-8 INCHES FROM HIS PROPERTY LINE, CONTINGENT ON HAVING THE PROPERTY SURVEYED IN ORDER TO HAVE EXACT PROPERTY LINES LOCATED, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Chris Hauck, 1550 Riverside Ave. No., Sartell – Lot Line Adjustment

Mr. Hauck came before the town board to discuss a minor lot line adjustment with an adjacent neighbor, Dick Adamson. Mr. Hauck is purchasing approximately 225 square feet of Mr. Adamson's property, which is a pie shape, 12-14 feet water frontage going back 30-32 feet. Sam DeLeo is Mr. Hauck's surveyor and is working on the legal description. Mr. Hauck was told he is in R-1, requiring a Type 2 review procedure which must be reviewed and recommended for approval at a joint planning board meeting. The next JPB meeting is July 27th.

Chad & Michelle Spoden, 3826 Riviera Rd, Sartell – Clearing of river bank

Mr. & Mrs. Spoden wanted to discuss with the Town Board what they are allowed to do in order to clear sumac and thin out scrub brush that is growing on their property located on the Mississippi River. Supv Heim informed the Spoden's the township has adopted the Stearns County Shoreland Regulations by reference and the township now is the jurisdiction to contact regarding alterations along the river. He provided material from the Department of Natural Resources indicating what they are allowed to clear. He also suggested they speak with Nicole Blake-Bradley, who would very likely visit their property and show them what they would be allowed to do.

The Town Board viewed pictures the Spoden's provided showing their property as well as neighboring parcels which look like they have cleared areas to have a better view of the river, more light, plus more morning sunshine.

Ted & Shirley Thomas, 32502 County Road 1, St. Cloud – Clean-Up of Property

The Thomas's came before the Town Board to discuss the clean-up of their property. Shirley Thomas owns the parcel, but does not live there, her son, Ted, lives in the home. Letters have been sent to the address by the town board requesting the clean-up of the property. A certified letter also had been sent, but was returned. Several items were discussed that needed to be cleaned, the trailer of fencing material, the tires, cars that are not licensed, as well as the many items that are scattered throughout the front yard.

After discussion, the Town Board informed Mr. Thomas he would have until August 10th to satisfactorily clean up the property as requested by the board.

MINUTES:

The Town Board reviewed and corrected typographical and grammar errors of the June 8, 2021 Reconvened Annual Meeting. These minutes are only approved by the township residents at next year's annual meeting.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED, THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2021 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Orderly Annexation Agreement – An in-person meeting was suggested with the Town Board to go over the board members questions regarding the proposed revisions to the orderly annexation agreement. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING WITH ATTORNEY TROY GILCHRIST REGARDING THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT ON JULY 7, 2021 AT 5 P.M. AT THE SARTELL COMMUNITY CENTER, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Nuisance Ordinance – Supv Omann discussed his question he had asked Atty Gilchrist whether we had anything more specific we can do within our ordinances regarding different nuisance situations in the township. Atty Gilchrist reviewed Chapter #4, Nuisances, in our ordinances, emailing Supv Omann which outlined possible procedures.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Supv Heim received an email from building inspector, David Barsody, who had contacted Jeff Anderson questioning whether his building and site plan had been approved, which it had been. Inspector Barsody also received a call from township resident, Jodi Wilken,

who questioned whether a building permit for construction of a deck was issued to a neighboring parcel. Mr. Barsody will be stopping to see the deck construction.

MAY TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Dullinger gave updated financial balances in all township fund accounts, also stating there were just a few invoices for payment.

Invoices/Vouchers – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3163.15 (CHECK #13600 THRU 13602), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTIONED CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Adolph Lange, Wienand Camper – Supv Westerlund spoke with Adolph Lange who questioned whether Pat Wienand can place a camper on his parcel located next to Mr. Lange's parcel. Mr. Lange was more concerned whether Mr. Wienand can place the camper on the empty lot located west of the Wienand parcel. The camper is on his parcel with his home located on it and not on the empty lot he owns, which is fine. Mr. Lange was informed to let the Town Board know if the camper is placed on the empty lot.

Norbert Schramel - Watering – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Mr. Schramel who questioned whether he is part of the watering ban. Supv Westerlund informed him he is in the township, has his own well, so he is allowed to water his lawn & garden.

Pothole on 322nd Street – Supv Westerlund was contacted by someone named Jacki (no full name given), informing him of a pothole on 322nd street near the Mike's Dirt Work property. St. Cloud did do some patching on 322nd Street, but only near the entrance at County Road 4 and near the east end of 322nd Street. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Supv Westerlund purchase 4-5 bags of cold patch to fill the potholes.

Deer on 30th & County Road 1 – Supv Westerlund pulled a dead deer from this intersection to the Traut farm property where the township has been giving permission to take dead animals.

Dan Heim –

Mary Sakry, 2668 Winnebago Road, Sartell – Supv Heim questioned whether an application or information has been received from Ms. Sakry who would like to construction an accessory building on her property located on the Mississippi River and will be placed in her front yard. Nothing has been received yet. Supv Heim will have Stephen Gritman, NAC, review once information is received.

Carita Haehn, 2197 19th Ave. So., Sartell – Ms. Haehn contacted Supv Heim questioning whether her property is an encompassed parcel listed in the revised orderly annexation agreement. She also questioned when the final assessments would be available for the reconstruction of 19th Avenue. Supv Heim informed her that her property was not an encompassed parcel and gave her Jon Halter's contact information regarding the final assessment information.

Renee Salzer, St. Wendel Township – Supv Heim received a call from Ms. Salzer regarding a phone call she received regarding the potholes on 322nd Street. This call came before potholes were patched on 322nd, but Supv Westerlund will view 322nd, to make sure there are no large remaining potholes.

322nd Street Potholes – St. Cloud city has filled potholes on the east end of 322nd, but some remain near the west end. Supv Westerlund will purchase cold patch to fill the potholes still remaining.

Dissolution of Government Center – Supv Heim received an email from Anna Gruber informing him that all board members will receive a form, via email, to sign electronically for the dissolution of the government center.

Local Road Improvement Plan (LRIP) Funds – Supv Heim has emailed legislative officials regarding the LRIP funds the township has been trying to receive, but have not yet received anything. Joe Perske, Stearns County Commissioner, is working to have all jurisdictions be given the opportunity to receive these funds. Supv Heim also emailed Mr. Perske & Jodi Teich, Stearns County Highway Director, regarding the possibility of Stearns County taken over 30th Avenue.

West Bank Street Construction – Supv Heim emailed Anna Gruber & Scott Saehr, City of Sartell officials, regarding the concrete patching of River Vista Lane with the construction of West Bank. He was informed that after completion of construction, the concrete patching will be replaced with the original asphalt material.

Thomas Dowzack, 1710 Pinecone Rd., Sartell – Supv Heim reported the Dowzack property is being annexed to the City of Sartell.

Cameron Schreifels, 3630 Riviera Rd., Sartell – Supv Heim has received the application information from Cameron Schreifels who would like to remodel and add 5 feet to the deck presently on his home. Stephen Grittman of N.A.C. will review the application since the Schreifels home is located within shoreland.

Shawn Omann –

Mary Sakry, 2668 Winnebago Rd. – Supv Omann had put together a packet of information for Ms. Sakry and dropped it off at her home. The information included instructions regarding applying for a variance to construct an accessory building in her front yard.

Mike Gruneth of Midwest Asphalt – Supv Omann met with Mr. Gruneth to view township roads the town board is considering for crack sealing and blow patching. The Midwest Asphalt bid for the road projects is good for 60 days. This will allow for time to compare bids from Kamco.

Kamco – Ken Tormanen – Supv Omann spoke with Mr. Tormanen, finding out that his company also does crack sealing. He then asked him to include in his bid for the wheel rut patching of 30th Avenue, crack sealing & blow patching of 40th Street & overlay at Riviera Rd & 30th Street. This bid should be available to review at the next meeting.

John Peterson – Sign Solutions – Supv Omann met with Mr. Peterson on June 21st. All the locates have been done for the new 25 mph signs and he plans to do the work next week (June 28 – July 2). He will also straighten the stop sign in the Pleasandale addition and get the correct parts needed for the two-street sign on the stop sign in Winnebago. Also discussed was the possible need to have Able Tree service clean up areas around the new 25 mph signs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – Discussion was again held regarding options for a town hall. The board viewed the Park Fellowship Church facility prior to the meeting. The facility would meet the township's needs. One concern was the internet available. The church emailed a contract to Supv Westerlund and that will be reviewed at the next meeting. Clerk Plante was asked to look into insurance issues as well.

Orderly Annexation Agreement – A meeting to discuss the revisions to the orderly annexation agreement with Attorney Gilchrist will be held on July 7, 2021 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center.

Zander Vehicle Clean Up – The Zander property looks better within the front yard, but there are remaining abandoned vehicles in the rear yard which cannot be seen due to the summer vegetation. Supv Westerlund will stop in at some point to discuss the removal of the vehicles.

Thomas Property Clean Up – This was discussed earlier in the meeting with Ted & Shirley Thomas. It will remain on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clarence Weyer – Septic Issues – Supv Heim received an email from David Nett, Stearns County Environmental Services, regarding his inspection of a report they received that Mr. Weyer's septic has failed and he was pumping septic sewage onto his property. Mr. Nett did not find any indication this was being done.

Levy 2022 – SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO SET THE 2022 LEVY AT \$350,000 AS DIRECTED AT THE JUNE 8 RECONVENED ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE SEPARATION AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL FUND – \$60,000, ROAD & BRIDGE - \$250,000 AND FIRE FUND - \$40,000, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JUNE ROAD REPORT

Supv Heim discussed his viewing of all the township roads. Several township roads of concern (30th Street & Riviera Road, 40th Street & 30th Avenue), will be handled by either Kamco or Midwest Asphalt, depending on their bids. The bids will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Supv Heim provided pictures of several township properties the township has been working on to clean up abandoned property and removal of abandoned vehicles. He reported the camper at the Ferber property is gone and there was a dumpster in the front along with survey stakes. In general, the roads are in good driving condition.

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