

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 7:00 p.m. via electronically per Minnesota Governor Tim Walz's Stay Safe Minnesota order due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

PRESENT: Supervisors Jeff Westerlund, Dan Heim and Shawn Omann and Treasurer Vikki Dullinger were present at their respective homes and Clerk Marlyce Plante was at the Town Hall meeting room. 9 interested parties were present during the electronic meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING THE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN TO OLD BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2020 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report at this time.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Sue Larson, 32169 County Road 1 – Ms. Larson had questions regarding the need for a building permit to remove, then replace her driveway. She was informed she does not need a permit.

Nathan Winkelman, 1640 40th St. No. – Building Inspector David Barsody had received an inquiry from Mr. Winkelman to construct a new horse barn. No site plan had been presented or approved by the Town Board as of yet.

Taggart Downare, 1249 2 ½ St. No. – Air B & B Rental– Supv Heim was made aware of the Downare's renting a Star Gazing Bubble Room on their property. John Tracy, Stearns County Environmental Services, stated the Downare's have the "Bubble Room" which is located in the woods on their property, but is not licensed as a vacation rental and the septic needs to be certified.

WAYNE PAQUIN – PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE APPLICATION

Supv Heim opened the public hearing for Wayne Paquin, 7230 322nd Street, requesting a variance from the minimum lot size. Mr. Paquin has been working with the Robert Stangler family to purchase a 10-acre piece of property that would be split off from the 55-acre Stangler parcel. Mr. Paquin had the majority of paper work completed but was unable to complete the split prior to the moratorium being placed on township land in April of 2019. Since the moratorium has now been lifted as of April of 2020 and new sub-division regulations have been adopted, Mr. Paquin is now completing the process for the split of the 10-acre parcel.

Clerk Plante received an inquiry from neighboring parcel owner, Frank Kundrat, regarding the future plans for the remainder of the Stangler parcel, which at this time, there are no future plans. Mr. Kundrat requested information to call into the meeting, but was not on-line during this virtual meeting. No further questions or comments were heard from the floor.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO RECESS THE TOWNSHIP MEETING TO ALLOW FOR THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed.

The township meeting was reconvened by Chairman Heim.

Donnay Conditional Use Permit & Variance – SUPV HEIM MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-08 GRANTING AN AMENDED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND SIGN VARIANCE FOR THE BRIAN DONNAY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 568 19TH AVENUE SO, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND,

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Dullinger gave updated balances of the township revenues and expenses for June.

Invoices/Vouchers – SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4039.32 (CHECK #13374 thru 13379), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Brandon Ringwelski Property – 1731 Riverside Ave. No. – Supv Westerlund viewed the Ringwelski property which Jeff Krutter is renting. The clean-up and removal of the non-licensed vehicles on the property must be completed by June 30th. Supv Westerlund will again view the property at the end of the month and report at the first meeting in July.

Annual Road Report – Supv Westerlund contacted the Minnesota Association of Townships questioning whether an annual township road report must be completed with all town board members. He was informed that having monthly road inspections done by the town supervisors should qualify as an annual road inspection. Supv Westerlund also inquired about holding in-person township meetings – in-person meetings can be held if all safety protocols are met.

Teresa Grebinoski – 1624 Riverside Ave. No. – The Grebinoski property has been boarded up since a fire many years ago. Inquiries have been brought forth to the Town Board questioning whether this home should be demolished. Supv Westerlund question M.A.T. who informed him it would be a question best answered by our township attorney. Discussion by the Town Board was briefly held with the consensus that Supv Heim contact township attorney, Troy Gilchrist, regarding the townships possible steps to have this property fixed up. This will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Dan Heim –

Midwest Asphalt – Mike Grundseth – Supv Heim contacted Mr. Grundseth of Midwest Asphalt, who informed him the blow patching on township roads will begin around June 29th.

A20 Zoned Township Parcels – Discussion was held on the parcels located in the township that are zoned A20 under the new zoning & sub-division regulations. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have

Supv Omann review the present zoning map, identifying all those A20 zoned parcels, when that is completed, discuss at the next scheduled township meeting.

Alex Udermann – 17th Street North Grading – Mr. Udermann contacted Supv Heim questioning when 17th Street North (west end) would be graded since is very rough and has larger potholes. Discussion was then held on whether both 17th Street North portions should be graded – the east side (Pinecone Road) is a minimum maintenance road that should be graded at least one time per year. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE ASTECH INC GRADE 17TH STREET, BOTH THE EAST (PINECONE ROAD) AND THE WEST (UDERMANN ROAD), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed.

Supv Omann will contact ASTECH Inc. to schedule the grading of both sides of 17th Street North

Andy Swartout, 2109 35th St. No. – Supv Heim was forwarded an email from Andy Swartout which he received from Jennifer Kaminskie, Stearns County Environmental Specialist, regarding the eligibility of the Swartout property for a de minimus exemption of up to 2000 square feet of the wetland. At the present time, Mr. Swartout is not pursuing splitting this parcel.

Chelle Benson – Supv Heim contacted Ms. Benson in regards to SSTS questions in shoreland for the Greg Wiechman property at 32688 River Vista Lane, and Ms. Benson forwarded the email to Mark Latterell. The county was contacted since the Wiechman property is considered within shoreland.

Shawn Omann –

John Peterson – ID Sign Solutions – Supv Omann met with Mr. Peterson to get the posts needed for sign repair in the township. All signs have been repaired and look good.

Pat Weinand Deed – 1815 Riverside Ave. No. – The Weinand parcel has been discussed at length at previous meetings whether a home can be moved onto the parcel. A resident next to the Weinand parcel, stated that according to deeds on parcels in the Kutzman's Addition, no buildings can be moved in. This would not be a township matter; it would be a private matter between the property owners if one party or the other wants to pursue it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shady Oaks – No information or applications have been received.

Town Hall – Information has not been received from Rory Mrozek.

Annual Road Inspection, 17th Street & 30th Avenue Culvert & Striping of Township Roads – This will remain on the agenda until an annual road inspection can be scheduled

Fee Schedule – Will remain in the Old Business portion until completed and the board takes action.

Grebinoski Property – Will wait to get reply from Attorney Gilchrist.

35th Street Road Project – Discussion was held whether to have a representative from S.E.H. Engineering in place to monitor the road project, but cost is expensive. Supv Westerlund stated he could be available to check on the project.

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan – The Town Board reviewed the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan prepared by Supv Heim. Discussion was held on various items needed in the Town Hall before meetings can be resumed in-person. Clerk Plante has ordered several items already needed for the primary & general elections. She will print the CDC posters available on line. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADOPT THE COVID19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR LESAUK TOWNSHIP, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, UPON ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion passed.

JUNE ROAD REPORT:

Supv Omann discussed the monthly road report he completed in June. He will contact Mike Grundseth of Midwest Asphalt, to make sure they complete blow patching in township additions prior to blow patching on 30th Avenue. He will also mark the potholes needed to be done, but may not mark 30th Avenue.

He reported the ditch mowing had yet to be done by Chuck Ertl, but stated it will probably be done shortly since Mr. Ertl does several other townships ditch mowing. He will watch for the completion of the ditch mowing.

It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Clerk Plante send a letter to the Zander residence located on 27th Street regarding the removal of the many vehicles located in the back yard.

CLERK REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Kim Hemberger Noise Complaint – Clerk Plante spoke with Ms. Hemberger who was concerned about the excessive noise from neighbor's who apparently just purchased a 4-wheeler. She was not sure of the names of the 4-wheeler drivers. Clerk Plante asked whether she could possibly get that information and the board will again discuss whether a letter should be sent.

David Traut – Pole Building Construction – Mr. Traut contacted Clerk Plante questioning whether he needs a permit to demolish and then construct a pole building located on his property. She gave Mr. Traut the townships building inspector's name and number also informing him he would need a demolition permit for the pole building.

Sue Larson Driveway – Clerk Plante received a call from Ms. Larson regarding her driveway. This was discussed earlier in the meeting.


Minnesota Demographers Report – The semi-annual demographers report was received and presently there are 703 households in LeSauk Township and a population of 1846. These figures are as of 4-1-19.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, UPON ROLL CALL BEING TAKEN:

HEIM – AYE, OMANN – AYE, WESTERLUND – AYE, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk