

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
June 28, 2022

The regular meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 6:00 p.m. in the Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, and Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut, plus 1 interested party.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Wayne Cymbaluk, Stearns County Soil Water Conservation District – Mr. Cymbaluk presented the updates and ordinance changes made to the annual MS4 plan. LeSauk’s plan was last updated in 2015.

1. In 2019, a legislative rule changed to state that MS4 plans only need to be implemented within urbanized areas; the ordinances don't need to be implemented township-wide. When the 2020 census data comes out, that might change boundaries. If there were platted areas, they are covered under the MS4 program. This may cut the area by about half. Mr. Cymbaluk suggested that due to the complicated nature of the changes, we might want to stay where we're at with the properties that are monitored. The properties are platted via location to St. Cloud and overall population.
2. In 2015, the storm water ordinance was updated to the Minimal Impact Design Standard. For a permit update the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has created a new ordinance to address all of the current permit issues. MS4 members desired consistency with the wording of the Construction Stormwater ordinance permits. Any time there's a disturbance of land for development, 1 acre is the threshold; Le Sauk had chosen to adopt a threshold of 10,000 square feet. Mr. Cymbaluk suggested that we stay consistent with the new language and use the 1 or more acre threshold. Another threshold to be aware of is if there is the creation of one or more acres of new impervious, then we need to provide the permanent stormwater treatment that goes with it. This creates an incentive to stay under the 1 acre development. (Buildings, tar, gravel, etc. all are included in the impervious totals.) The township has until the end of October to update ordinances. Mr. Cymbaluk recommended that we repeal what we have in place for the stormwater ordinance and then adopt the MPCA's ordinance.
3. A pet waste ordinance is also a new requirement based on township property.
4. Additionally, a chloride ordinance is needed. Even though we don't currently have storage of chloride, the language needs to be in place.
5. New requirements are in place for townships to do more public education on topics once annually, whether in our annual bulletin or other. Topics should include: chlorides, pet waste, and our choice of two other stormwater topics. Continue to provide opportunities for the public to get involved.
6. Mr. Cymbaluk reviewed the requirements for 1+ acre construction. A SWIP plan for the entire development is needed.

SEH is drafting the ordinances for other townships, and it was suggested that the township contact them for assistance with drafting the ordinances.

There will be no July meeting for the Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance.

MINUTES:

SUPV WESTERLUND MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED, THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Supv Heim contacted Atty Troy Gilchrist to see if it needed to be platted. Atty Gilchrist responded that there are several options: 1. Revise the deck plans so that the rebuilt deck does not encroach; 2. enter into an encroachment agreement with the neighbor and get permission for the deck to remain; 3. the neighbor can grant an easement; or 4. they can pursue a lot-line adjustment. A replat is possible but seems unnecessary. Atty Gilchrist suggested that options 2 & 3 don't address the setback; the most technically correct option is 4, the lot-line adjustment.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: None**JULY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Dullinger shared that the first half of the 2022 funds from the ARPA grant had been received. The Town has through 2024 to use the money. Move to OLD BUSINESS for the next meeting.

Right now we are pledging assets so that they get over \$250,000 FDIC insurance. The DDM program would split up assets to a capital group; it would provide a higher interest rate up to .83% (our current rate is .51%). The decision was made to wait to hear more information and to find out the amounts.

SUPV HEIM MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENTS, MOTION SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. (#13811 & 13812 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$720.65. No EFTS.)

Supv Heim noted that the IRS mileage had increased to 62.5 cents after July 1st.

Treasurer Dullinger asked for permission to purchase a printer drum at a cost of \$91.20.

SUPV OMANN MOVED TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF A PRINTER DRUM, MOTION SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS**Jeff Westerlund –**

A township resident texted that there was a dead deer on 30th Street by the bridge. Supv Westerlund picked it up the next day and dropped it off with permission at the Dennis Traut property.

John Uran – Park Fellowship Church – He had met with the elders about the contract that had been drawn up with the township. They felt that the \$400 was more than fair. The contract currently starts July 1. Confirmation of the dates that the township needs the church space should be communicated to Mr. Uran.

Josh – Guardian Tree Service – He would like to clean up the brush on 30th St. No. at the end of July. He will have a herbicide license and will provide proof of insurance to Supv Westerlund. Supv Omann suggested that the treated area be posted on both sides of the road (in each direction) because of the amount of dog walking that occurs in that area.

Clarence Weyer – 2175 Pine Cone Road, Sartell – Supv Westerlund had called to inquire as to when a follow-up property inspection could be set up as per the decision that had been made in January. Mr. Weyer indicated that he was not interested in complying with any inspection.

Dan Heim –

Jane Brown –Telecom Construction - Clerk Plante had forwarded an email correspondence from Brown indicating that their company buries telephone/internet lines to individual customers. In preparation for upcoming work, they are asking for permit requirements. Supv Heim sent the utility ordinance and zoning application.

Election Judge Training - Email sent to Deputy Clerk Barron-Traut**Shawn Omann –**

Lenore Johnson – 3934 Riviera Road, Sartell – She had wanted to inform Supv Omann that she had reached an agreement with her neighbor to adjust the boundaries between their properties. Ms. Johnson had some questions as to the process.

Adam Laidlaw – 3989 Riviera Rd., Sartell – He is the adjoining neighbor to the Johnson property. He also had questions as to the property boundary adjustment. He was informed that once the surveying is done and they receive the legal description of the boundary then a new certificate of compliance could be drafted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall - None

Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean-up – None

30th Avenue Bridge - An open joint in the bridge was found at last inspection. Supv Omann will contact the county to get more clarification.

License Agreement with Park Fellowship Church – Discussed in Supv Westerlund's report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Polling Place PVC Postcard – Voters must be notified regarding polling place change within 25 days before election (July 15). The county will send them out for a fee of \$350.

SUPV OMANN MOVED TO HAVE THE COUNTY SEND OUT THE NOTICES; SECOND BY SUPV HEIM; MOTION CARRIED, 3-0.

Flooding on 35th & 40th – Flooding occurred on Friday, June 24. Supv Heim shared photos taken that day. Most of the flooding took place on portions of the road in St. Wendel township.

ROAD REPORT:

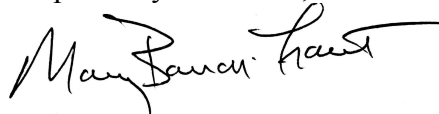
Supv Westerlund completed the June road report prior to the rain. 40th Street No. guardrail bushes/trees need trimming. 7th Ave No (Countryside Addn) some potholes that need filling; also, bushes in that area need trimming that are obstructing a sign; Supv Westerlund will ask Josh of Guardian to provide an estimate. Near Coborns there's a rope across the driveway with a "Keep Out" sign; that area is looking worse and worse. 30th white fog lines and yellow lines... Riviera Road has many potholes that need filling; cannot see the second 25 mph sign. Josh will be asked to give an estimate on that, too. Supv Westerlund was concerned about the number of boxes, etc. stopped to talk to owner Paul Theis of Beau's Bees. Mr. Theis stated that he is selling the business to his son and is working to relocate the boxes, etc. 4th Avenue lot has never been mowed (wheelchair) access. Thesien, Rosenow, and Zander properties look better. No improvement on Thomas property. Large pothole near Treas Dullinger's home.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Barron-Traut
LeSauk Township Deputy Clerk