

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
July 11, 2017

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 Town Hall.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Jeff Westerlund and Shawn Omann, Treasurer Josh Bentley, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 4 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH THE ADDITION OF STEVE & JESSICA SCHWARTZ TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0

OPEN FORUM-

STEVE & JESSICA SCHWARTZ – Mr. & Mrs. Schwartz came before the Town Board to discuss the complaint that had been received regarding the number of vehicles that are parked outside of his residence located in the township at 2695 7th Ave. No., Sartell and the fact that he is running a business on his residential property. Supv Heim had taken pictures earlier in the day and there were 12 vehicles parked outside of his home & garage. Mr. Schwartz stated he had purchased a fleet of Saturn vehicles that he is repairing and selling as well as selling parts removed from these vehicles. Mr. & Mrs. Schwartz would like to know who had complained so they can speak to them directly, also stating they have discussed this with an attorney who informed them they have a right to know this information.

They questioned how the Town Board handles the complaints they receive and the board should be enforcing the township ordinances on all township properties. Mr. Schwartz gave pictures of various township parcels he felt were not in compliance with township ordinances.

Mr. Schwartz also stated he received permission from former supervisor, John Krehbiel, to conduct his “hobby” in his home and that he is not violating any township ordinances according to Mr. Krehbiel as well as the fact that the Town Board knew what his intention was for the garage that he had constructed.

Chrm Heim recalled that former supervisor Krehbiel did inform the Town Board that Mr. Schwartz’s site plan for the construction of the garage had met township setbacks, but nothing was discussed regarding the use of the garage as an auto repair business. If this would have been mentioned, it would have raised a red flag that a conditional use permit would have been necessary for Mr. Schwartz to conduct the business.

The Schwartz’s feel this is not a business but just a “hobby” and wanted a resolution by the Town Board so that he can conduct his hobby and not be harassed. The Town Board will review what prior minutes stated regarding the construction, use of the building and the site plan. Supv Westerlund felt that he should continue what he is doing. Supv Heim and Supv Omann both stated what Mr. Schwartz is doing is more of a home occupation/business even though Mr. Schwartz may consider it to be his “hobby” and suggested the Schwartz’s file for a conditional use permit. The Schwartz’s were informed of the process of a conditional use permit as well as the fee to apply for one and was given an application.

KAREN ANDERSON – 27th STREET NORTH

Ms. Anderson who lives at 551 27TH Street No., Sartell, came before the Town Board to speak of her approval of the Schwartz business and question the Town Board about the upgrade of 27th Street North by

the City of Sartell. She questioned whether the residents along 27th Street were going to be assessed for the upgrade of the road, how wide the road is being widened, will there be a bike path etc. Supv Heim provided the phone number for Jon Halter, City of Sartell engineer, as well as copies of the engineer drawings of the 27th Street project. Supv Heim stated the 27th Street project was slated for 2019, but he had just received an email on Monday, July 10th from Mary DeGiovanni, Sartell City Administrator informing him the project will be done this fall, possibly in mid-August or early September.

BOB SCHEFERS – CONSTRUCTION OF PATIO HOME

Mr. Schefers came before the Town Board to discuss his intent to construct a patio home on a portion of the 56-acre parcel he owns on 6th St. So/19th Avenue. He would like to split off the present home they live in which is located on the 56-acre parcel. He was informed he would need to plat the area and if he would like the parcels to remain agricultural, the parcels must be at least 10 acres, otherwise he would need to rezone. Mr. Schefers was given the platting checklist for reference and is aware of the platting process since he has done it before.

MINUTES: The 6-27-17 minutes will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Town Code Edits – Supv Heim will check if a public hearing is necessary.

Township Ordinances & Sub-Division Regulations Draft & Solar Farms - Supv Heim reported Attorney Gilchrist included language in the updated draft regarding solar farms.

Zimmerman Property Clean Up – Attorney Gilchrist will draft a letter to Ms. Zimmerman regarding the “chicken coop”/accessory building that has not been removed from the property as requested by the Town Board.

Neil Weihrauch – 2nd Home Construction - Supv Heim reported that Attorney Gilchrist stated that Mr. Weihrauch cannot build a second home on his parcel while the other remains.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT – The Town Board reviewed the monthly report of new building permits received from Building Inspector David Barsody.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Jeff Westerlund-

Laura Binsfeld – Supv Westerlund received a call from Ms. Binsfeld regarding a property located next to her at 389 15th St. No., Sartell. She stated the lawn has not been cut and the property looks abandoned. Clerk Plante also said she received a call on the property with no name given. The property is in foreclosure and is owned by US Bank. She will send a letter requesting the lawn & weeds be cut.

Dan Heim-

Alex Udermann – The Udermann's have applied for a conditional use permit & variance. The public hearings will be held on 7-25-17.

27th St. North – Mary DeGiovanni – Supv Heim received an email from Ms. DeGiovanni regarding the resurfacing of 27th Street North which will be done in mid-August 2017 provided bids come back reasonably.

Shawn Omann-

Mark Posch – 27th St. No – Building Construction - Supv Omann received a call from Mr. Posch who had questions regarding the construction of an accessory building on his property. Supv Omann referred him to David Barsody, township building inspector.

Steve Schwartz – Supv Omann received a call from Mr. Schwartz regarding the complaint received about the number of vehicles he has at his home and the business he is conducting. This was discussed earlier in the evening with the Schwartz's.

Erosion by 30th Avenue Culvert – Supv Omann informed the board he did not speak with Brent Hamak of R. L. Larsen regarding the erosion by the 30th Avenue culvert, but thought it would be a question posed to David Blommel, township engineer, whether it was an issue at this time. Supv Omann & Supv Heim will view the area on Thursday, July 13th, when they will be tightening the bridge fasteners.

Weyer Barn Rubble Removal – Supv Omann was questioned whether the burned remains of a barn located on the Michael & Wilfred Weyer farm should be removed. Supv Heim will view the property on his July road report and discuss at the next scheduled meeting.

Board of Review Training – Supv Omann reported he is scheduled to take the on-line Board of Review/Equalization training.

OLD BUSINESS

30th Avenue Bridge - Supv Omann reported on this earlier – Supv Omann & Heim will be taking care of the tightening of the bolts on July 13, 2017.

Zimmerman Property – Attorney Gilchrist will be sending a letter to Ms. Zimmerman since the “chicken coop”/accessory building has not been removed.

Sign Solutions - Clerk Plante sent a copy of the township road sign map to John Peterson of Sign Solutions. Mr. Peterson is presently doing work in southwestern Minnesota and it may be mid-August to early September when he begins work in LeSauk Township. Supv Heim asked Clerk Plante to inform Mr. Peterson of the 5-ton sign that is laying in the ditch on Pinecone Road & the curve sign in Bon Homie Valley Addition.

Town Code – Supv Heim emailed Attorney Gilchrist with some changes in the Town Code.

JUNE TREASURERS REPORT

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

VOUCHERS

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7415.42 (CHECK #12668 THRU 12683 PLUS EFT78), SECONDED BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante (s)

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LeSauk Township Clerk