

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
July 12, 2022

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

**PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 3 interested parties.**

**ABSENT: Supervisor Shawn Omann**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING MARY SAKRY TO OPEN FORUM AND PARK FELLOWSHIP CHURCH CONTRACT TO OLD BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Mary Sakry, 2668 Winnebago Rd. -** Ms. Sakry came before the board to request an extension on the construction of an accessory building she had received a variance & conditional use permit approval for in September, 2021. She was in an accident which required months of rehabilitation and is now dealing with contractor and building supply limitations.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION FOR MARY SAKRY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSORY BUILDING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTIONED CARRIED 2-0.

**Brian Bohlig, Stearns County Sergeant –** Sergeant Bohlig briefed the board on the sheriff departments calls in the township during May & June. There were 58 calls in May and 85 calls in June. Sergeant Bohlig stated the calls included traffic stops, medical alerts, welfare checks and various others. He noted the calls have consistently been lower since the removal of the Ferber home on River Oaks Lane, but there has been an uptick in calls to the Hernandez home on River Vista Lane where several drug related incidents have happened.

Clerk Plante told Sergeant Bohlig the Stearns County Election Offices have asked all clerks & election officials in the county to be aware and available on the upcoming election days. He did say they sheriff's department has been made aware of the days and will be available if needed.

**David Pogatshnik, 3996 Riviera Road –** Supv Heim received the requested information from TeleCom who has applied for a right-of-way excavation permit to place a buried line in the townships right-of-way. He also received the site plan and certificate of insurance. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT FOR TELECOM CONSTRUCTION FOR LUMEN/CENTURYLINK TO PLACE A BURIED LINE IN THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY NEAR THE POGATSHNIK PROPERTY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** Supv Heim received an email from David Barsody, township building inspector, questioning whether 1612 Lavender Ave. is located in the township. He informed Mr. Barsody it is not in the township.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer Dullinger updated the Town Board on the townships fund balances. The township has received 70% of its real estate taxes for the first half of the year. The present township fund balance is \$820,286.10. Supv Heim questioned whether that included the remainder of the ARPA funds that were distributed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Treasurer Dullinger confirmed the remaining ARPA balance has been deposited, which was \$91,305.10.

Treasurer Dullinger discussed the option given to the township from Falcon National bank to pledge assets over \$250,000 to a capital group which would provide a higher interest rate. It was the consensus of the board to discuss at the next meeting when the full board is in attendance.

Clerk Plante was contacted by Chad & Michelle Spoden questioning whether a portion of their escrow account would be reimbursed to them. Supv Heim reviewed the invoices that have been received to date and no further invoices were expected. Supv Heim asked Treasurer Dullinger to review any other invoices, and reimburse the Spoden's with the next meetings voucher payments.

When signing the claim voucher checks, Supv Heim noted a discrepancy in the amount of the PERA contribution statement versus the check amount. Treasurer Dullinger stated the check amount was correct, but she had added several amounts that were not to be included on the PERA contributions. She printed a new PERA statement with the correct amounts on it.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4370.81 (CHECK #13813 THRU 13822 PLUS EFT'S 227 & 228), SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Clerk Plante noted the cost of the 911 sign for Allan Voegle was \$43.58. In the township fee schedule, the cost for replacing a 911 sign is \$25.00. She suggested this should be increased in order to cover the actual cost of the sign. She will put this on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS****Jeff Westerlund –**

**Park Fellowship Church Contract** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH PARK FELLOWSHIP CHURCH FOR USE OF THEIR FACILITY AT \$400 PER USE FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS AND RETROACTIVE FOR THE TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY IN APRIL 2022, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Clerk Plante stated that since the contract was approved including the township clean-up day use, a check for \$400 should be sent to the church. Treasurer Dullinger will have one made out to the church at the next meeting.

**Deer Pick-Up – Jerry Hettwer, 2260 Rodeo Rd** – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Jerry Hettwer regarding a dead deer near his property. He picked up the deer and disposed of it.

**Guardian Brush Cutting** – Supv Westerlund spoke with Jodi Wilken, 2660 7<sup>th</sup> Ave No., informing her that Josh Skinner of Guardian Brush Cutting, will be trimming the brush around the road sign near the curve on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue also near her property. Supv Westerlund also reported that 30<sup>th</sup> Street will be done towards the end of the month and Mr. Skinner will be posting signs on both ends of the street where the brush is being removed indicating the type of herbicide that has been used.



**Dan Heim –**

**Election Judge Training** – Supv Heim stated he has completed election judge training and will be available to work both the Primary and State General Elections.

**Kari Theisen, Sartell City Planner** – Supv Heim received an email from Ms. Theisen, questioning the split of the township property owned by Dale Struffert, 2051 1<sup>st</sup> St. No. The parcel may then need to be annexed to the city under the revised Orderly Annexation Agreement.

**Glen Lauer, St. Wendel Township** - Mr. Lauer contacted Supv Heim to discuss replacement of the culvert located on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 35<sup>th</sup> Street. Supv Heim contacted David Blommel, township engineer, who stated it would be the responsibility of the jurisdiction who maintains the ditch area, which would be St. Wendel township.

**Jason Then – Business Sign Placement** – Supv Heim was forwarded an email from Clerk Plante regarding the placement of a 4 X 8-foot business advertisement sign on the Esther Then property located across from Hennen's Furniture. Mr. Then is storing his lawn and landscape equipment on his grandparent's farm property and would like to place a 4 X 8 sign. Clerk Plante had told him he would be limited to a 4 X 4-foot sign. Supv Heim has not heard from Mr. Then yet.

**Craig Schoenberg – Lenore Johnson Deck Replacement** – Mr. Schoenberg contacted Supv Heim with revised plans for the deck replacement for Lenore Johnson at 3934 Riviera Road. She would like to enlarge the deck to 12 ½ feet versus the previous size of 10 feet. This increase would place the deck 2 feet closer to the Mississippi river, plus the stairs going down from the deck on the river side. Ms. Johnson would possibly need a variance from the Shoreland Ordinance in order to do this. No further information has been received whether she will proceed with the new plans.

**Mitchell Price – Overgrown Lawn** – Mr. Price contacted Supv Heim regarding a property located at 1982 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. No. where the lawn has not been cut, questioning whether the township can do anything. Clerk Plante will view the property and send a letter if any type of noxious weeds is growing.

**Ken & Joyce Heim, 201 Heritage Drive** – Supv Heim informed the board that an annexation petition of the Ken & Joyce Heim property was being considered by the city of Sartell.

**Automatic Opener at Compost Site** – Supv Heim noted the city of Sartell is considering an automatic opener for their compost site due to lack of staffing. The opener may be paid for with ARPA funds.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**Town Hall** – No new information.

**Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean-up** – The Thomas property is ongoing and the Stearns County Environmental Services has gotten involved. Theisen & Rosenow properties – no further information. The Weyer property removal of cars will be discussed at the next meeting.

**MS4 Permit Update** – This will be discussed at the next meeting for further review and action.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No new business.

**CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**32130 Riverside Ave.**– Clerk Plante received a call from Deb McCarl, resident of the Skurdahl property. She stated they are ready to rebuild the garage on the same footprint that was destroyed in a car accident in the fall of 2021. Supv Heim had information they wanted to move the garage back and increase the size – clarification will be needed before they can proceed with the reconstruction of the garage since this

is located in shoreland.

**June Fine Reimbursement** – The fine reimbursement for the month of May was \$33.33.

**Closure Time of Community Center** – Clerk Plante contacted Kris O'Brien, community center director regarding the 7 p.m. closure time of the center. Ms. O'Brien forwarded the email to Anna Gruber, Sartell City Administrator. Ms. Gruber stated the township can stay longer, but will be billed \$20 per hour for the building attendant that is on duty. It was the consensus of the Town Board to continue with the township meetings, paying the building attendant the hourly rate when going past the 7 p.m. closure time in July and August. Ms. O'Brien stated they would invoice the township when this occurs.

**Notary Stamp** – Clerk Plante was contacted by the Stearns County Recording Office questioning why a specific date in January was not indicated on the notary stamp. Clerk Plante explained that since the clerk's position is now an appointed position. The appointment is made at the reorganization meeting in January, but that date changes each year. Clerk Plante will contact Minnesota Association of Townships regarding what changes should be made, if any, to the notary stamp.

**Election Judge Booklets** – Clerk Plante informed the board she will be printing the election judge booklets for election judges if they request one. The county is no longer providing the booklets for all election judges.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante  
LeSauk Township Clerk