

LeSauk Township Special Meeting – Sartell Community Center – Liberty Rm
July 19, 2023

The Special 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, Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner and Clerk Marlyce Plante.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss changes to the township fee schedule, possible changes to the township ordinances as well as changes to our township clean-up day.

Fee Schedule: There had been some complaints regarding the application fees we charge for various administrative applications. After discussion regarding the cost of publication, possible attorney fees to draft resolutions if needed, mailing costs etc. the following were put into a blanket motion:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES:

- No changes in zoning applications for conditional use permits, interim use permits, variance and rezoning. They will remain at \$400.
- Minor & Major Subdivision application fee will be reduced from \$400 to \$250; the escrow accounts will remain the same – Minor - \$3000 escrow and Major - \$6000 escrow.
- Lot Line Adjustment & Lot Line Combination will be reduced from \$400 to \$250.
- Substantially Similar Use, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment and Appeal application fees will remain at \$400.
- Shoreland OHWL Delineation will increase to \$500 due to increased engineer fees.
- Minor and Major Shoreland Alteration Permit application fees will be reduced from \$400 to \$250
- Right-of-way Excavation Permit, Right-of-way Obstruction Permit, Sign Permit and Special Event Sign Permit will be reduced from \$400 to \$250.
- Animal Feedlot application permit will be reduced from \$400 to \$250 and the escrow account will be reduced from \$6000 to \$4000.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Possible Township Ordinance Changes: Supv Heim had several ordinance changes due to past questions and situations with township residents. These were discussed by the board:

- Park Fee – It is presently stated in our ordinances that when a property owner develops his property, they must either set aside land for a park or pay a park fee. Since we do not have any parks, we have a Park Fund in excess of \$25,000 with no place or nothing to spend it on since it must be spent on parks only. After discussion, it was the consensus of the town board to have Supv Heim contact our township attorney, checking whether the funds we donate to the Sartell Recreation (Tri-Rec) Program each year could come out of that fund.
- Clerk & Treasurer's position is now appointed and not elected positions. This needs to be changed in the ordinance.
- Shipping Containers – A township resident questioned whether a shipping container could be used and converted to an accessory building. Our building inspector stated it would be difficult

for a shipping container to meet the present building codes. Supv Heim will email our township attorney to draft a revision for the ordinances to not allow "stand-alone" shipping containers in the township.

- Fence Regulations – Presently a fence between 3 ½ feet – 6 feet in height must be placed 5 feet from the property line and shorter fences than 3 ½ feet can be placed on the property line if both parcel owners agree to it. Supv Heim noted that Sartell's ordinance allows a 2 feet setback from the property line. It was the consensus of the board to change the placement of a fence between 4 feet – 6 feet 2 feet from the property line and leave exemptions as is.
- Accessory Buildings on a Vacant Lot – After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to make no changes.
- Number of Vehicles on a parcel – The board discussed this since we've had several parcels that have multiple cars parked on the parcel and driveway. It was the consensus of the board to leave the ordinance regulations as is and handle this issue on a case-by-case basis.

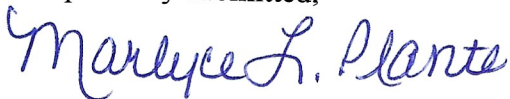
Township Clean-Up Day:

Issues at our April Clean-Up were discussed at length. Supv Westerlund, who manned the clean-up day, stated the event has gotten out of hand. Township property owners are no longer cleaning up township roads, they are basically cleaning out their garages, bringing construction leftovers and having the township pay to dispose of it. He suggested several changes; changing the clean-up day flyer, starting it with the paragraph regarding township road clean-up, no mention of Opatz Roll-up being a part of the clean-up day and changing the item list of allowed items. He provided copies of the LeSauk Lions & Benton County Clean-Up Day lists. He also suggested having another supervisor at the clean-up day event to help.

Consensus of the board was to keep this under old business on the regular meeting agenda and all board members come up with a possible item list of allowable items.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk