

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
July 25, 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 3 interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED MOVING THE TREASURERS REPORT/VOUCHER PAYMENT DURING OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0

### **OPEN FORUM - VOUCHERS**

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185.53 (CHECK #12684 THRU 12687), SECONDED BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

### **RORY MROZEK – SITE PLAN FOR STORAGE UNITS**

Rory Mrozek presented his site plan to the Town Board for 5 storage units he is constructing on County Road 1 near the Bon Homie Valley Addition. The parcel is the former Schnobrich property that is zoned industrial. The storage units are 60 X 180, 70 X 164, 60 X 150 and two 30 X 192 along the west end of the parcel. It was the consensus of the Town Board that Mr. Mrozek's site plan met all necessary setbacks in the industrial zone.

### **MEADOWBROOK FARMS – PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

Chairman Heim read the public hearing notice filed by Meadowbrook Farms requesting a conditional use permit for the placement of 2 mobile homes between the Tom Skaj parcel and John Udermann/Meadowbrook Farm's home. The hearing was opened to the floor.

**John Udermann, owner of Meadowbrook Farm, 2611 17<sup>th</sup> St. No., Sartell** – Mr. Udermann stated his sons Jake and Alex, who are actively involved with the Meadowbrook Farm business, would like to place mobile homes on the farm property allowing both sons to be on the farm and not have to travel each day. The mobile homes will be approximately 30 feet apart, double wide homes (30 X 70).

**Jake Udermann** – Jake stated he was in favor of the placement of the mobile homes which he said is the best solution to having homes on the property.

No further comments were heard from the floor. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

### **MEADOWBROOK FARMS – PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE**

Chairman Heim read the public hearing notice filed by Meadowbrook Farms requesting a variance for placement of septic & holding tanks 10 feet from the road right of way and placement of two mobile homes 25 feet from the road right of way. The hearing was open to the floor.

**John Udermann, owner of Meadowbrook Farms** - Mr. Udermann stated the reason for requesting the variance is to allow his sons Alex and Jake, to live on the farm and eliminate traveling each day to the

farm, working with the space there is on the farm. The Udermann's have been in discussion with the Town Board for the past several months trying to work out the best solution to allow Alex and Jake the placement or construction of homes close to the farm. The placement of the mobile homes, which will both need the septic systems, was the best solution within the budget of Alex & Jake.

**Jake Udermann** – Mr. Udermann stated he was in favor of the variance which will allow Alex and himself to have separate homes which will both need septic systems.

**Mark Traut, 2698 17<sup>th</sup> St. No., Sartell** – Mr. Traut is a neighbor to the Udermann's and is in favor of allowing the placement of the mobile homes and variance to the setbacks.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The township meeting was recessed to allow for the Joint Planning Board meeting.

The township meeting was reconvened.

### **MEADOWBROOK FARMS – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

Discussion was held by the Town Board questioning the Udermann's about the size of the mobile homes and the distance between them etc. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-19 GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO PLACE TWO MOBILE HOMES ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2611 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH, WITH THE ADDITION THE MOBILE HOMES WILL BE NO LARGER THAN 2280 SQUARE FEET, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

### **MEADOWBROOK FARMS – VARIANCE**

The Town Board reviewed the site plan for the placement of the septic tanks and a holding tank for the two mobile homes. Chairman Heim stated Stearns County setbacks are 10 feet from the road right of way, but questioned the site plan which places Mobile Home #1 possibly being within 4 feet. The Udermann's stated the site plan was just an approximation and will make sure the 10-foot setback of the septic tanks & holding tank is met.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-20 GRANTING A VARIANCE TO INSTALL SEPTIC TANKS & A HOLDING TANK WITHIN 10 FEET OF THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND PLACEMENT OF TWO MOBILE HOMES WITHIN 25 FEET OF THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Supv Omann informed the Udermann's they may need to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from David Barsody, Township Building Inspector, prior to occupying the homes.

### **MINUTES:**

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2017 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2017 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

## **ATTORNEY REPORT:**

**Town Code** – Supv Heim received an email from Attorney Troy Gilchrist stating it would be a decision by the Town Board whether to hold a public hearing regarding the Town Code or just adopt it. Consensus of the Town Board was to hold a public hearing, placing the Town Code Draft on the townships website.

Clerk Plante stated it could be scheduled for the 8-8-17 meeting, but will notify the Board if it could not be held that evening.

**Zimmerman Property Clean Up** – Attorney Gilchrist drafted 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. Chrm Heim informed Atty Gilchrist to mail the letter.

**Pinecone Road Bid Process** - Supv Heim contacted Atty Gilchrist regarding the legal bidding process of Pinecone Road when working in conjunction with the City of Sartell’s bidding process for the reconstruction of Pinecone Road during the summer of 2018. Atty Gilchrist will send a list of items to be done for the bidding process. David Blommel, Township Engineer, will also work with the Town Board during this process – Supv Heim suggested the Town Board for sure bid on the Pinecone Road resurfacing, but also include 40<sup>th</sup> Street North as an option. The bidding process will begin in February of 2018, and further discussion will be held at upcoming meetings.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT** – No report.

## **SUPERVISORS REPORT**

### **Jeff Westerlund-**

**Area Planning Organization 7-13-17 Board Meeting** – Supv Westerlund reported he attended the Board meeting of the Area Planning Organization.

**Bonnie Schraut -Tree Branch Removal** – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Bonnie Schraut, a resident on Winnebago Road, regarding removal of tree branches blocking the view on Winnebago Road.

**Jon Kothenbeutel – Cold Patch** – Supv Westerlund was informed by Jon Kothenbeutel, City of Sartell Maintenance Supervisor, there was approximately 500 lbs. of cold patch left if the township would like to purchase for patching of township road pot holes.

**Jodi Wilken – Neighbor Complaint** – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Jodi Wilken who was concerned about a barking dog at the Greg Ahrendt home. Supv Westerlund read her the portion of the ordinance pertaining to animal barking and suggested she contact the sheriff’s office.

### **Dan Heim-**

**Wellhead Meeting** – Supv Heim attended the Wellhead meeting held at the City of Sartell.

**Karen Anderson – 27<sup>th</sup> St. North** – Supv Heim was contacted by Jon Halter, City of Sartell Engineer, regarding his conversation with Karen Anderson, property owner along 27<sup>th</sup> St. No. Ms. Anderson had questions regarding the widening of 27<sup>th</sup> St. North and the City of Sartell’s plan for it. Mr. Halter informed Supv Heim the City will hold a meeting regarding the reconstruction of 27<sup>th</sup> Street and will invite all the township property owners along 27<sup>th</sup> St. North to attend the meeting to answer questions.

**Chris Haugen** – Mr. Haugen contacted Supv Heim for a burning permit and questioned him regarding 2 junk vehicles located on the Dehler property.

**Alex Udermann** – Mr. Udermann contacted Supv Heim questioning whether he needs to be present at the public hearing regarding the mobile homes and setback from the road right of way. Supv Heim informed him he should attend to be available to answer any questions brought forth by the public, the Town Board, and the Joint Planning Board.

**Joyce Zimmerman** – Supv Heim has been trying to meet with Ms. Zimmerman regarding the chicken coop/accessory building which remains on her property. Supv Heim also reported that she informed him they have placed 20 chickens in the chicken coop/accessory building.

**Randy Van Vickle** – Supv Heim was contacted by Mr. Van Vickle who questioned an approach he would like to place into his 10-acre parcel located on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

**Road Helper Information** – Supv Heim contacted Joe Lahr who had shown interest in being the road helper for LeSauk Township. Mr. Lahr charges \$60 per hour, plus the cost of the equipment he may be using which may be anywhere from \$45 to \$95 per hour. Supv Heim will contact Erickson Asphalt & Minnesota Blacktopping and report at the next meeting what their charges would be to repair potholes or do basic road work in the township.

### **Shawn Omann-**

**Steve Schwartz** - Supv Omann discussed his phone calls and emails from Mr. Schwartz regarding being placed on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Supv Omann informed him he would have Clerk Plante add him to the agenda during the Open Forum time slot to discuss the car repair hobby/business at his home in Countryside Acres. Clerk Plante did add Mr. Schwartz to the Open Forum portion and emailed Mr. Schwartz back to let him know. Mr. Schwartz did not attend this evening's meeting. Mr. Schwartz will be placed on the 8-8-17 meeting agenda.

**Brian Donnay – 1405 County Road 120** – Supv Omann was contacted by Mr. Donnay regarding the townships ordinance regarding fence placement. Supv Omann sent an email to Mr. Donnay, attaching a copy of the townships ordinance regarding fences.

**30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge Work** – Supv Omann reported Supv Heim and himself finished the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridgework, tightening all bolts on the spreader beams.

**Board of Equalization Training** – Supv Omann stated he completed the on-line training for the Board of Equalization, but was not directed to the page to print his certificate. He will review the website where he took the training to see if he can print a certificate. Clerk Plante will receive a list from Stearns County of all trained officials in the State of Minnesota which is kept on file at the Town Hall.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Zimmerman Property** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Sign Solutions Update** – John Peterson has driven most township roads but had questions regarding several signs and whether some roads were still the responsibility of the township. He requested a board member ride with him to review these areas. Supv Heim will contact him. Mr. Peterson did state the curve sign in Bon Homie Valley could be removed and he found the 5-Ton Weight Limit sign on Pinecone Road that was laying in the ditch.

**Town Code** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting and will be scheduled for a public hearing.

**30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge Work** - This work was completed and can be removed from Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Schedule Work Session for Township & Sub-Division Ordinances Review** – It was the consensus of the Town Board to meet on Monday, August 7, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall to

continue with the review of the Township & Sub-Division Ordinance draft prepared by Attorney Troy Gilchrist. Clerk Plante will post the necessary notice.

**Agenda Change** – A Clerk Report will be added with Correspondence on the agenda.

## **JULY ROAD REPORT**

Supv Heim provided copies of his July Road Report to the Town Board members. He drove all township roads and reported several potholes on 40<sup>th</sup> Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue that Supv Westerlund should patch. Also reporting some brush trimming is needed on both Winnebago Road & at 3630 Riviera Road.

Pictures of the Ferber, Schwartz, Thomas, Keller, Zimmerman and Weyer properties were reviewed. Discussion has held whether the remaining 5 residents in Warnert's addition should move their 911 signs to the East side of the road. Supv Heim will check with Doug Welk of ASTECH to see how much room is needed for the snow plow when plowing this area. He will contact Clerk Plante informing her what should be stated in the letters to the residents who have 911 signs remaining on the west side.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**MN Demographer Report** – Clerk Plante received the State of MN Demographers report which stated the township has 690 households and 1806 residents/population.

**Charter Communications** – A letter was received with upcoming price increases in the Broadcast TV Surcharges and Spectrum Receiver costs.

**Election Equipment Update** – Clerk Plante received an email from Roxanne Gerads, Stearns County Election Services, regarding new election equipment changes. In 2018, townships and jurisdictions will be billed \$1500 per precinct for an optical scan ballot counter and an assistive voting machine. All election equipment will be maintained & picked up by the county beginning in 2018. More information regarding these changes will be forthcoming.

**27<sup>th</sup> Street North Information Meeting** – Clerk Plante received the notice regarding a meeting the City of Sartell will have for township residents who abut 27<sup>th</sup> Street which will be reconstructed yet this year.

**US Bank Letter** – Clerk Plante informed the Town Board a letter has been sent to US Bank which owns the foreclosed property at 389 15<sup>th</sup> St. No. requesting to cut the grass and weeds.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Marlyce L. Plante (s)*

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LeSauk Township Clerk