

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – Sartell Community Center – Liberty Rm
July 25, 2023

The Regular Township 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, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger and 3 interested parties.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING DIANE ST. SAUVER TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, BEAVER DAM UNDER OLD BUSINESS AND TED, SHIRLEY & STEVE THOMAS ON OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Shirley, Steve & Ted Thomas – 32515 County Road 1 – Property Clean-Up - The Thomas's attended the previous township meeting at which time they discussed with the town board, the clean-up of their property. The abandoned property and vehicles on this property has been an issue for many years. Stearns County Environmental Services worked with the Thomas's last year and the property was cleaned up fairly well as of November 2022. Since then, it again has accumulated abandoned junk and vehicles. The Thomas's told the town board they would have it cleaned up in two weeks which has now passed and the property is still full of abandoned junk, vehicles, boat, etc.

Steve Thomas brought in his laptop to show the board pictures of the clean-up progress that has taken place so far. Supv Heim also had pictures of the property which he took during his monthly road inspection. Though there has been some progress, the property is not close to what the township would be considered cleaned up. It was the consensus of the town board to allow the Thomas's another 2 weeks or the end of the month, at which time they will view the property.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Diane St. Sauver, 341 Pine Ridge Road – Site Plan – Ms. St. Sauver sent a site plan to Supv Heim showing their plans for the remodeling of their home. They plan to tear down the present attached garage, build a 3-stall garage with three bedrooms above the new garage. The site plan meets all setbacks and is located in the A-20/RO zoning district which the town board has the final approval. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN PRESENTED BY DIANE ST. SAUVER, 341 PINE RIDGE ROAD, REMOVING THE PRESENT GARAGE AND CONSTRUCTING A NEW 3-STALL GARAGE WITH BEDROOMS ABOVE THE NEW GARAGE, MOTION SECONDED BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 2023, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWNSHIP MEETING HELD ON JULY 19, 2023, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Ordinance Revisions – Supv Heim emailed Atty Gilchrist regarding the changes the Town Board were considering in the Town Code. The revisions include: Changing the Clerk & Treasurers position to appointed from elected, fence height revisions and setbacks and the possible use of the present park fund to contribute to the Sartell Recreation Program. Supv Heim will also question whether the park fee can be completely removed from the ordinance regulations.

These changes will need to be reviewed by the Joint Planning Board. It may be possible to have the public hearing at the end of August if all documents could be drafted.

Supv Heim also questioned Atty Gilchrist regarding the Thomas property. Atty Gilchrist reviewed the town code, section 400.02 - Public Nuisances Affecting Health and 400.09 – Abatement. These two sections in the Nuisance Ordinance, could possibly be used in the Thomas clean-up situation.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger had four checks to be paid in the amount of \$20,744.49. These included the 1st half payment (\$20,000) to the city of Sartell for the Fire contract. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS (CHECK #14072 THRU 14074 PLUS EFT #262) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,744.49, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

Jeff Westerlund –

Deer Removal – Supv Westerlund reported that he removed a dead deer on 30th Avenue.

Dan Heim –

Mike's Dirtwork – 322nd Street – The Mike's Dirtwork business is located on the Wayne Paquin parcel on 322nd Street. Supv Heim received a call from Mike's Dirtwork stating 322nd Street needs to be fixed up. Supv Heim explained that St. Cloud controls the road since the majority of the property along 322nd is now annexed to the city of St. Cloud. Mike's Dirtwork owner told Supv Heim that ASTECH Inc. quoted \$68,000 to chipseal the road. Supv Heim spoke with Doug Welk from ASTECH, who thought Dale of ASTECH may have given him the quote.

Blow Patching of Riviera Road – Doug Welk informed Supv Heim the company began the blow patching of Riviera Road and got about half way done with the one load that was approved by the town board. He said they would finish the road for \$5000.00 since they were out with the equipment. Supv Heim gave the approval since the road needed to be done.

Eli Dockendorf – 40th Street North Parcel – Mr. Dockendorf contacted Supv Heim regarding a parcel on 40th Street North that is for sale. He had questions whether the lot is buildable, easements on the parcel and whether a driveway can be constructed to enter the property.

Kari Theisen, Leander Drive & County Road 120 – Supv Heim received an email from Kari Theisen, Sartell Planning Supervisor, requesting a zoning verification letter for a township parcel that is being considered for annexation and placement of a daycare facility. He wrote a letter regarding

parcel #17.09169.0500 owned by United Methodist Church. Shelby Marchione plans to annex the parcel, then split them.

AIM Property – 4th Avenue North - Supv Heim reported that the AIM Property located on 4th Avenue and in the township has been sold to the city of Sartell and is now annexed to the city.

Udermann Property Split – 17th St. North – Matt Welinski, surveyor at Westwood Professionals, contacted Supv Heim to discuss a possible split of property owned by John Udermann. The proposed 2.6-acre parcel is located on 17th St. Supv Heim informed Mr. Welinski that it must be platted and an easement for the driveway would be needed.

Andrew Carlson – 2695 Winnebago Road – Supv Heim was contacted by Ari Erickson of Landson Construction, who has been contracted by Andrew Carlson to construct a future 15 X 25 square foot pre-fab building on a poured slab. Supv Heim sent information to Mr. Erickson regarding allowed buildings in an R-1 zoning district.

Zander Property Clean-Up – 271 27th St. No. – Complaints have been received regarding the condition of this parcel. Supv Heim took pictures of the various vehicles and abandoned property on the parcel. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE CLERK PLANTE SEND A LETTER TO GLORIA ZANDER REQUESTING HER TO ATTEND THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Paul Wagner – No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No new information.

Fee Schedule & Ordinance Changes – These were discussed at a special meeting and will remain on the agenda until completed.

Township Clean-Up Day – Possible changes were discussed at our special meeting on July 19th and will remain on the agenda until decisions can be made regarding the changes.

Thomas Property Clean-Up – Discussed earlier in the meeting, but will remain on the agenda until the property is satisfactorily cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Beaver Dam on 30th Ave. – Supv Heim received a list of contractors who trap and remove beavers. Tyler Trimpe gave a quote of \$75.00 per beaver caught, \$150 set-up fee. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE HIRING TYLER TRIMPE TO REMOVE THE BEAVERS UNDER THE 30TH AVENUE BRIDGE AT \$75 PER BEAVER, \$150 SET-UP FEE, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Heim will contact people who remove beaver dams for their rates and report at the next meeting.

ROAD REPORT:

Supv Heim reviewed his road report with board members. He found the sink hole by the Majestic Woods Addition at 40th Street & Majestic Pond Drive had not yet been filled. Supv Westerlund will do as soon as possible. He viewed the blow patching that was done on Riviera Road. A small portion of it was not blow patched and there are still lots of cracks. 30th Street was also blow patched. Some blow patching was done on 61st Ave. & 62nd Ave.

A 4-way crossing sign was pushed over near 1432 30th Ave. No. The sign is in St. Wendell township. He also viewed several properties in the township, reporting the Rosenow property has been purchased

and is now cleaned up and the house is being completely remodeled. He discussed the Kerry Sullivan property at 1954 4th Ave. North which has very tall grass and vegetative plants growing on it. After discussion, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE CLERK PLANTE SEND A LETTER TO THE SULLIVAN'S REGARDING THEIR YARD AND SENDING SECTION 400.02 (H) REQUESTING THEY ATTEND THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Letters will be sent both regular delivery and certified.

The Wendy and Brenda Theisen property located across from Sam's Club has some abandoned property in the front of their home, but is not as bad as it has been. No action at this time.

He also noted the Exterior Pro Trailer is still located on the Carita Haehn property. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE CLERK PLANTE SEND A LETTER TO BOTH EXTERIOR PRO AND CARITA HAEHN REGARDING THE TRAILER THAT IS PROHIBITED PER SECTION 565.05 (d), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Letters will be sent both regular delivery and certified.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk