

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
July 26, 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 – Senior Room.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING ALAN VOEGELE, JAMES JOHNSON & DEB MCCARL TO OPEN FORUM, MS4 ORDINANCE TO OLD BUSINESS AND DAVID BLOMMEL'S ROAD INFORMATION TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Alan Voegele, 2151 35th St. No. – Site Plan Approval – Mr. Voegele came before the board to request site plan approval for the construction of a new home. After reviewing the site plan, SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE VOEGELE SITE PLAN FOR A NEW HOME WHICH MEETS ALL SETBACKS, WELL & SEPTIC SETBACKS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

James Johnson, 3494 Riviera Road – Mr. Johnson owns four parcels of record in the Via Riviera Addition. He would like to sell the parcel located on the west side of Riviera Road, but on the county tax records it states the parcel cannot be sold separate from other parcels he owns. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ALLOW THE DETACHMENT OF PARCEL 17.09630.00 FROM THE 3 OTHER PARCELS OWNED BY MR. JOHNSON, (17.08910.0000, 17.09571.0000 & 17.09612.0000), SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Omann will contact Jamie Lucas of Stearns County informing him the township has approved the detachment. He will find out if written confirmation is needed from the township.

Deb McCarl, 32130 Riverside Ave. – Ms. McCarl is the owner of the home where her garage was damaged by a car during the summer of 2021. There have been some issues with the process to rebuild the garage since it is non-conforming and within the flood plain according to Stephen Grittmann of Northwest Associated Consultants, who reviewed the property. Mr. Grittmann noted a time frame to begin and complete the construction of the garage was not met according to shoreland ordinances. If there would be no objections from neighboring parcels, a variance would not be needed to continue with this project. Ms. McCarl stated they would like to get the garage built as soon as possible and will maintain the same footprint of the garage. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE, SAME FOOTPRINT & SIZE OF THE PREVIOUS GARAGE WITH NO EXPANSIONS, FOR DEB MCCARL LOCATED AT 32130 RIVERSIDE AVE., SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Heim will contact David Barsody informing him a building permit can be issued.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.
Supv Omann was not present at the 7-12-22 meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Park Fellowship Church Contract Signature – Supv Heim has not received an answer from Attorney Gilchrist yet.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No Report.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger presented the invoices to be paid to the Town Board. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40841.06 (CHECK #13823 THRU 13831), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Dullinger discussed the offer from Falcon National Bank regarding the pledge of township assets in the Demand Deposit Marketplace. All assets are FDIC insured, but will be spread out to other banks by Falcon. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO PLEDGE TOWNSHIP ASSETS IN THE DEMAND DEPOSIT MARKETPLACE BY FALCON NATIONAL BANK WITH ALL FUNDS BEING FDIC INSURED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Guardian Brush Cutting – Supv Westerlund reported to the board that Josh Skinner of Guardian Brush Cutting informed him he has decided not to continue his business. Mr. Skinner did recommend the township contact Shawn Dockendorf of Carr's Tree Service. Discussion and review of the proposal given to Supv Westerlund by Carr's Tree Service was done by the board. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF CARR'S TREE SERVICE AT THE PRICE OF \$2500 TO TRIM THE BUSHES AROUND THE STREET SIGN LOCATED NEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE WILKEN PROPERTY IN COUNTRYSIDE ACRES AND THE REMOVAL AND ERADICATION OF BRUSH ON 30TH STREET, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Westerlund will clarify with Carr's Tree Service whether they will be removing everything in the road right-of-way on 30th Street.

Dan Heim –

Striping on 30th Avenue – Supv Heim received a call from Mark Traut questioning whether 30th Avenue could be striped. Supv Heim will contact St. Wendel checking whether they would also want their portion striped. Supv Omann will contact Kamco since their company stripes roads. Both supervisors will report at the next meeting.

Lloyd Traut, 1315 Southbridge Ave. – Mr. Traut owns 79 acres on 35th Street. He questioned Supv Heim about the process of splitting the acreage into one 40-acre parcel and one 39-acre parcel. It was suggested to Mr. Traut that he keep the 40-acre parcel in order to meet the sub-division regulations.

Craig Wensmann, Surveyor for Voegelé - Mr. Wensmann contacted Supv Heim questioning the wetland setback footage needed for Alan Voegelé, who is constructing a home on 35th Street. Supv Heim referred him to Jennifer Kaminski at Stearns County Environmental Services who handles wetland issues. She stated the county did not have wetland setbacks, so it would fall back to the state regulations.

Justin Kilanowski – Great Country Landscape - Supv Heim was contacted by Scott Saehr, City of Sartell Assistant City Administrator regarding a landscape project at 1392 Riverside Ave owned by

Stephen Hobbs, a township resident. It was determined the landscape project is actually at Linda Spainer's home at 1380 Riverside Avenue whose property is in the city of Sartell.

Jason Then, Lawn Business Sign – A 4 X 8 square foot sign advertising Mr. Then's lawn business has been placed on the Esther Then property, 351 County Road 120. Due to the size of the property, along with the sign being well off the road right-of-way, it was the consensus of the board to not pursue the oversized sign. A 4 X 4 sign is the maximum size allowed.

Struffert Land Split, 2051 1st St. No. – The Struffert property have sold the 6-acre parcel to Amy Legatt & Paul Vanvoorhis, who are questioning whether the parcel could be split into 2 lots. In January of 2021, the Struffert's split their parcel into two parcels, the 4-acre parcel was annexed to the city of Sartell and the 6-acre parcel, in question, remained in the township with the stipulation that if the parcel is split again, it would need to be annexed to the city of Sartell. Under the Declaration of Restrictions, any further splits of the property would need to be annexed to the city of Sartell.

Bryan Bidinger, 1167 3rd St. So. & Robert Bidinger, 283 Pinecone Road So. – Mr. Bidinger contacted Supv Heim with questions regarding the zoning on his parcel and his late parents' parcel. Supv Heim explained to him the recent Orderly Annexation Agreement. Their parcels were among the parcels listed in the agreement, that would be annexed to the city within a 3-year time frame since they are an "island" of parcels completely surrounded by city property.

Annexation – Bromenschenkel Parcel, 6th St. & 19th Ave. – The Bromenschenkel parcel has been annexed to the city of Sartell for the new Mill Town Cove Plat.

Shawn Omann –

Adam Laidlaw & Lenore Johnson Property Line Issues – Supv Omann has been in contact with Adam Laidlaw who has informed him a certificate of survey is being completed which will have the agreed-on sale of property between Mr. Laidlaw & Lenore Johnson. When the survey is complete, the Town Board will need to approve Certificate of Compliance for both property owners in order to have them recorded at Stearns County.

James Johnson, 3494 Riviera Road – This was discussed and acted upon earlier in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS –

Town Hall – Brief discussion was held on the possibility of the township purchasing the Robert Bidinger parcel for a town hall location. Supv Heim will contact Bryan, though the size of the parcel may be too small to allow enough parking area along with the remodeling of the present home to standards needed for a town hall.

Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean-up – The Thomas property is ongoing and the Stearns County Environmental Services is involved. Theisen & Rosenow properties – no further information. Supv Heim would like to pursue the Weyer vehicle removal since Mr. Weyer did agree to have a board member come to view the vehicles after his time period to remove the vehicles expired in June. Supv Westerlund, when speaking with Mr. Weyer to arrange a time to view the vehicles, was told he would not be allowed on the Weyer property. Supv Heim contacted our liaison officer from Stearns County Sheriff's Department, who agreed to set a time to visit the property with Supv Heim. Supv Heim will contact Attorney Gilchrist prior to arranging a time to view the Weyer property, to make sure everything is being done legally.

MS4 Permit/Ordinance Update – New ordinances regarding pets, chloride & stormwater, must be adopted by the township. Supv Heim will contact David Blommel of S.E.H. Engineering for the ordinances they already have on file. This will eliminate "starting from the beginning" to draft these ordinances. This will remain on old business until completed.

NEW BUSINESS –

Fee Schedule – Discussion was held on the increased price of 911 signs for township residents & returned check fees. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO INCREASE THE REPLACEMENT COST OF A 911 SIGN FROM \$25 TO \$45 AND THE RETURNED CHECK FEE FROM \$30 TO \$40, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ROAD REPORT – There is no road report this month. It was the consensus of the board to just forego this month's road inspection completely and continue with the same schedule in August through the end of the year.

David Blommel – Road Improvement Estimates – David Blommel, township engineer, was asked to give estimates and recommendations for improvements of several township roads. The board reviewed Mr. Blommel's recommendations & estimated costs:

- 22nd St. No & Rodeo Rd – 22nd St. – Reclaimed & overlay, Rodeo Road – pavement removal & 3-inches of new asphalt - \$150,000
- Winnebago Road – Removal of pavement & reconstruction - \$185,000
- 17th Street No – Removal of clay soils, removal of the 8" of mixed class 5 & asphalt millings, then backfill with select granular sand and use of a geotextile fabric – top with 4.5" of asphalt (in two lifts) to allow the handling of heavy agricultural equipment, milk trucks etc. - \$600,000
- Pine Ridge Road – Two possibilities: 2" overlay throughout addition @ \$260,000 or a micro-mill & micro-seal @ \$115,000
- 30th St. North & Riviera Road – Micro-surfacing the bad spots - \$25,000-\$35,000 or recommendation would be to remove the bad spots and repave entire area - \$465,000

Supv Omann will contact David Blommel regarding the next steps to do 22nd St. & Rodeo Road and Winnebago. Two projects that are affordable at this time.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE SUPV OMANN CALL KAMCO TO FINISH THE ROAD PROJECT FROM LAST YEAR AND THE PRICE TO DO CRACKSEAL ON 35TH STREET AND STRIPING OF FOG LINES FOR THE TOWNSHIP PORTION OF 30TH AVENUE, BLOW PATCHING OF COUNTRY SIDE ACRES & 7TH AVENUE NORTH, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

August 9th Meeting Change – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO RESCHEDULE THE AUGUST 9TH MEETING DUE TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 AT 6 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Cats in the Winnebago Addition – Clerk Plante received a call from township resident Bonnie Hall, questioning whether anything can be done about the numerous feral cats that are in the Winnebago Addition as well as the Via Riviera Addition. This was discussed by the Board, but there is very little relating to feral cats in the township regulations. There is the option for township residents to trap the cats and take them to the humane society. Clerk Plante will contact Ms. Hall.

Deb McCarl – Garage Rebuild – Ms. McCarl was in attendance earlier in the meeting and this was discussed at that time with the approval of a rebuild of her garage on the same footprint as the previous garage.

Eric Spoden – Wetland Setbacks – Mr. Spoden is the contractor for the Alan Voegele home and questioned the setbacks to the wetlands on the property. This was discussed earlier in the meeting with the approval of Mr. Voegele's site plan.

Election Update – Clerk Plante briefly informed the Board regarding the upcoming election. Election judge schedule was sent to all judges that will be working the Primary Election. She has received the necessary keys from John Uran of Park Fellowship Church and has brought the election equipment to the church. Ballot & EPoll Book pick-up will be the Saturday before the primary election. She will be delivering those to the church immediately after picking them. The church has provided a locked office for the equipment, ballots & necessary items for the election.

District 5 Meeting - The Minnesota Association of Townships District 5 meeting is scheduled for August 18th in Willmar at the American Legion Post 167.

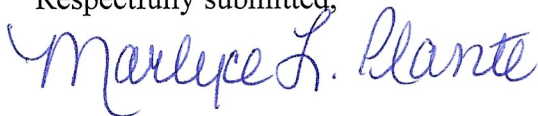
Clerk Notary Stamp – Clerk Plante contacted the Minnesota Association of Townships regarding the correction of the clerk's notary stamp. Since the clerk's position is an appointed position and there is not a "definite date" as to when her term expires, the notary stamp should read "My term is indeterminate."

Kutzman Property Lawn Issue – Clerk Plante reported she viewed the property in Kutzman's Addition which complaints were received regarding the unkept lawn and garbage at the home. She stated she could not see any type of noxious weed, only overgrown grass, milkweed & wild phlox plants. It was the consensus of the board to have her send a letter with a copy of the Town Code regarding overgrown grass etc. on private property.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk