

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
July 27, 2021

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 Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room.

**PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, and Clerk Marlyce Plante, plus 5 interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING DAVID TERRY SITE PLAN TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**OPEN FORUM:** No business from the floor

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Cameron & Maureen Schreifels, 3630 Riviera Rd., Sartell – Variance**

The Schreifels applied for a variance to reconstruct their deck with the addition of 5 feet. The public hearing was held during the earlier Joint Planning Board meeting at which the board recommended approval of the variance.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-16 ALLOWING THE VARIANCE FOR CAMERON & MAUREEN SCHREIFELS TO RECONSTRUCT THEIR EXISTING DECK WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A 5-FOOT EXTENSION, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN PRESENTED BY CAMERON & MAUREEN SCHREIFELS DECK FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION WHICH MEETS ALL SETBACKS, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Supv Heim will email David Barsody, township building inspector, of the approval of the Schreifels site plan so that a building permit can be issued.

**Christopher Hauck, 1550 Riverside Ave. No. – Lot Line Adjustment**

Mr. Hauck has asked for a lot line adjustment which would add an approximate 250 sq. foot pie-shaped parcel from neighbor, Richard Adamson, to the Hauck parcel. Mr. Adamson was in attendance at the meeting and is aware of the lot line adjustment and approves of the line change. Surveyor Sam DeLeo, provided the certificate of survey outlining the pie-shaped parcel along with its legal description.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED BY CHRISTOPHER HAUCK, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante will issue the Certificate of Compliance and send to Mr. Hauck which will then need to be recorded.

**Ken Heim, 201 Heritage Drive – Lot Line Adjustment**

Mr. Heim came before the Board to request a lot line adjustment to his parcel. He has provided the board with a certificate of survey by Sam DeLeo, surveyor. Mr. Heim would like to add 65 feet from his mother,

Luella Heim's parcel located on the west side of his parcel. The side yard setback of Luella Heim's parcel will still meet the current zoning regulations even with the removal of the 65 feet to Ken Heim's parcel.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED BY KEN HEIM ADDING 65 FEET FROM THE LUELLA HEIM PARCEL, TO HIS PARCEL, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante will issue the Certificate of Compliance and send to Mr. Heim which will need to then be recorded.

**David Terry, 245 27<sup>th</sup> St. – Deck Site Plan** – Mr. Terry is requesting site plan approval for construction of a deck. Mr. Terry provided a site plan which indicates the area where the previous deck was and which he plans to replace with the same size of deck. The deck meets the side yard setbacks of the zoning regulations. The site plan was recommended for approval by the Joint Planning Board at their earlier meeting this evening.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR DAVID TERRY TO CONSTRUCT A DECK WHERE A PREVIOUS DECK WAS AND WHICH MEETS SIDE YARD SETBACKS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

#### **MINUTES:**

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED, THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2021 SPECIAL TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED, THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2021 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED, THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2021 SPECIAL TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**ATTORNEY REPORT: Orderly Annexation Agreement** – This will be discussed under Old Business

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** Supv Heim received an email from building inspector, David Barsody, with questions regarding issuing a building permit and site plan approval for a swimming pool for Platinum Lawn & Landscape at the Matt Dankers parcel located at 449 Coneflower Court.

**MAY TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Dullinger reported she contacted the City of Sartell regarding the invoice for electricity remaining on the government center. She was informed it was billed incorrectly and was given a 50% reduction in the electricity cost. She has also signed paper work at Falcon National Bank to guarantee protection of funds above \$250,000.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,181.95 (CHECK #13616 THRU 13625), MOTION SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

#### **SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

**Jeff Westerlund –**

**Anna Gruber – Community Center Meeting Room Rental** – Supv Westerlund contacted Anna Gruber, Sartell City Administrator questioning her offer at the reconvened annual township meeting. Ms. Gruber



stated the use of the Sartell Community Center's meeting room for future township meetings could possibly be done at no cost to the township. Ms. Gruber was in agreement and she contacted Karen Atkinson, Facilities Controller, informing her the township should not be charged for future meetings. Clerk Plante will contact Ms. Atkinson, to reverse the \$480 charge on the township credit card for the scheduled meetings in August, September & October.

#### **Dan Heim –**

**Bee Hive Nest** – Supv Heim was contacted by Jennifer Peterson, 2484 40<sup>th</sup> St. No, inquiring who to call for the removal of a large bee hive located on her property. He contacted Paul Theis, a township resident who has maintains bee hives, but he does not remove bee hive nests. Mr. Theis suggested the Tri-County Beekeepers.

**Joe Perske – Solar Garden** – Supv Heim was contacted by Joe Perske, Stearns County Commissioner, questioning whether the township had regulations for the placement of solar gardens in the township. Presently, any development of solar gardens only needs to go through the county and not the city or township jurisdiction.

**Alex Udermann - Road Issue – Tree Trimming** – Supv Heim received a text from Alex Udermann who lives on 17<sup>th</sup> Street North and reported there is a large upheaval of the road at the intersection of 40<sup>th</sup> Street & 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Udermann was informed that area would be in Brockway township.

Mr. Udermann also questioned whether trees could be trimmed on 17<sup>th</sup> Street (Udermann area). This will be discussed during the road report since Supv Westerlund did feel there were several areas that may need brush & tree trimming.

**Travis Theis – Beaver Removal Contract** – Supv Heim received and signed the contract sent by Travis Theis, to trap the beavers in the Watab River near the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge.

**Brian Johnston – Survey Cost** – Sam DeLeo, surveyor, emailed Supv Heim informing him the cost of surveying the Johnston property was \$620. Mr. Johnston received approval to place a fence within 6-8 inches of his property line but on the condition he have a surveyor locate the exact property lines. Mr. Johnston's neighbor, Greg Ahrendt, stated at the public hearing that he would share the cost with Mr. Johnston. Discussion was held by the board questioning how far the fence will be placed to the front of his yard. The consensus was the fence could not be located in the 33-foot road right of way. Supv Westerlund will contact Mr. Johnston to make sure he is aware of this regulation.

**Vibhu Kapoor Building Permit** – Mr. Kapoor lives at 3736 Riviera Road. Alex Meyer, building contractor, has been hired by Mr. Kapoor for the remodel and build the Kapoor's are planning. Since the home is located on shoreland, Supv Heim will contact Stephen Gritman of Northwest Associated Consultants, once the site plan is received.

**Karen Gilleland, 2824 Winnebago Road – Shoreland Alteration** – Ms. Gilleland has contracted with Ken Freeze, to redo the rip rap at her property. Supv Heim informed her she will need a site plan and the township will need to have a shoreland review completed by Northwest Associated Consultants once the site plan is received.

#### **Shawn Omann –**

**Ken Tormanen - Kamco Co.** – Supv Omann had emailed Mr. Tormanen of Kamco that the town board had approved the road project bid he had presented, but has not heard when they expect to begin the project. Mr. Tormanen did receive the message and informed Supv Omann they planned to get to the road project during the first week of August.

**Lloyd & MaryAnn Traut Public Access** – Supv Omann reported he attended the open forum portion of the Sartell City Council meeting at which Joe Lahr spoke appealing to the city council to work with the Traut's



to find a solution to the access issue to their property. During the open forum portion, no discussion nor decisions are made with the council members.

**Travis Theis – Animal Control – Beaver Dam Removal** – Supv Omann was contacted by Mr. Theis, informing him he trapped one beaver and after viewing and resetting traps, reported that only the one beaver was in the area constructing the beaver dam. He also stated he emailed an invoice to the clerk for payment. It was the consensus of the Town Board to contact Joe Lahr requesting a bid to remove the beaver dam since it is too large to remove by hand.

**River Crossings Plat** – Supv Omann attended the Sartell City Council meeting at which they approved the preliminary River Crossings Plat located on River Oaks Lane. The developer of the plat was in attendance who stated he has three possible tenants for the commercial development. Jim and Diane Braegelman, property owners on the north side of the proposed car wash in the development, spoke at the meeting, stating their frustration and disapproval of placing a commercial development in a residential area.

**19<sup>th</sup> Ave South Rebuild Project** – Supv Omann discussed with the Town Board the possible deferred assessments for township residents located on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. South due to the reconstruction of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Township residents of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, were in attendance at the city council meeting, opposed to the high assessments that will be placed on their property. Supv Omann stated the city apparently used the properties value to determine the assessment and not by the linear footage. These are only preliminary assessments, and it may be relooked at prior to the final assessment.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Insurance Coverage** – Clerk Plante discussed with the Town Board the present status of insurance coverage for the contents of the storage unit. She had sent an email to Jon McCol of Minnesota Association of Townships, questioning what the insurance cost would be to include the items in the storage unit, but has not heard back from him. The Town Board asked her to compile a list of items and their replacement value that are in the storage unit.

**Revised Orderly Annexation Agreement** – The Town Board reviewed and discussed the draft revisions to the Orderly Annexation Agreement provided by Attorney Troy Gilchrist.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FACILITATING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN TOWN OF LESAUK - CITY OF SARTELL ORDERLY ANNEXATION AREA WHICH WOULD ALLOW RECORDING OF ASSESSMENTS ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OF DEFINED ENCOMPASSED LANDS AS LISTED IN THE REVISED ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-18 APPROVING THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT AND JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**Zander Vehicle Clean Up** – No new information but Supv Westerlund did view the property during his road inspection and stated there is a lot of stuff in the front yard and abandoned vehicles are still located in the rear yard.

**Thomas Property Clean Up** – The Thomas's have until August 15<sup>th</sup> to clean up their property and remove the abandoned vehicles and miscellaneous junk in the yard.



**JULY ROAD REPORT:** Supv Westerlund provided his road report to the Town Board. He reported that most township roads are in good driving condition and areas that are poor have been included in the bid by Kamco Co. and will be worked on during the first week of August.

Supv Westerlund discussed the tree trimming that needs to be considering on township roads. He suggested receiving bids from Able Tree Service and Josh Skinner, a former employee of Carr Tree Service who has now launched his own company. Supv Westerlund will contact Ken Blommer of Able Tree Service and Josh Skinner of Guardian Lawn Care, LCC, requesting bids for three areas, 17<sup>th</sup> Street North (Udermann area), East side of the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge and tree & brush near the 25-mph sign on Riviera Road close to the Schreifels property. He hopes to report back at the next meeting with the bids

Supv Westerlund also discussed the properties in the township that have remaining abandoned vehicles and property. He stated the Thomas property is still a mess, as well as the Zander property. He questioned whether the Rosenow property has been sent another letter regarding the abandoned property on his parcel. Clerk Plante stated it was discussed, but no decision was made to send a letter. Supv Westerlund will possibly stop by the Rosenow parcel and speak to him.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lloyd & MaryAnn Traut Public Access** – Joe Lahr, representative for the Traut's was in attendance update the town board regarding the public access to the Traut property. Mr. Lahr thought a solution had been reached with the city of Sartell agreeing to move the fire hydrant in the access area and the Traut's agreed to moving the utility pole also in the access area. Mr. Lahr stated he is unsure now. In speaking to Adam Ripple, City of Sartell attorney, Mr. Ripple stated the city will not be paying for the removal & new placement of the fire hydrant. Mr. Lahr has already constructed the new access since he was given the go ahead to do so. He built the new access around the fire hydrant and utility. Both have been placed on the "job list" to be completed in the next couple of weeks. MaryAnn Traut was also in attendance to discuss the frustration in dealing with this issue. The Traut's have retained an attorney who informed city attorney, Adam Ripple, and the City of Sartell, that a governing entity must give reasonable & suitable access to a road.

#### **CLERK CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) – Private Well Testing** – Clerk Plante asked the Board for approval to participate in the private well testing being done by SWCD. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO HAVE LESAUKE TOWNSHIP PARTICIPATE IN THE PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING PROJECT BY SWCD, WITH THE TOWNSHIP PAYING FOR THE POSTCARD MAILING TO LESAUKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, ALONG WITH PLACING INFORMATION ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE SHOULD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS HAVE A QUESTION ON THE TESTING PROCESS, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Marlyce L. Plante*  
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LeSauk Township Clerk