

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
July 9, 2019

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, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and two interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING BRIAN DONNAY SITE PLAN TO NEW BUSINESS & NELS CHRISTENSON TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Nels Christensen – Bon Homie Valley Drainage Issue** – Mr. Christensen came before the Town Board to discuss the continuing drainage issue in Bon Homie Valley.

Mr. Christensen's property is located on Stork Drive just south of a drainage area where water run-off from the addition drains.

Supv Heim informed Mr. Christensen what the Town Board has recently done; surveyed the perimeter of the addition for the possibility of constructing a berm as well as contacting the property owners to the north and west for discussion on the sale of their property in order to construct the berm. The possible price of constructing a berm would be approximately \$38,000. Supv Heim noted there are 38 parcels in the addition and could possibly be divided and assessed to each parcel owner.

Supv Heim informed Mr. Christensen of the most recent email received from township attorney Troy Gilchrist. Attorney Gilchrist advice to the Town Board that even though a prior township board approved of the Bon Homie Valley plat, the township is not responsible for the current flooding issues.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Town Board to have Supv Omann contact Joe Lahr, checking on pricing to redo the present drainage area on Stork Drive and Supv Heim will contact April Ryan of S.E.H. Engineering, who had completed earlier studies of the area in order to correct the drainage. Once some concrete numbers are received, the Bon Homie residents will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the costs and next steps.

Mr. Christensen wanted the minutes to reflect his concern about the drainage and if we continue to receive rains such as we have had and the water table remains as it is, there will be a catastrophic flood in this area in the spring. The Town Board did inform Mr. Christensen they are concerned about the area as well as the damage it may be doing to the township roads in the addition, but have no control over nature and it is quite unusual to receive the record 4-5 inch rainfall such as the one received on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Joel Martinez – Shady Oaks Mobile Park Issue** – Mr. Martinez spoke with the Town Board about concerns regarding issues he has been having the past year with managers of the mobile home park. He believes they have entered his apartment without a 24-hour notice and they have not provided copies of permits stating items within the apartment have been brought up to code. Mr. Martinez lives in one of the two apartments that were converted from a community/laundry building at the mobile home park.

The Town Board suggested he contact the Stearns County Sheriff's Department as well as the Stearns County Environmental Department who handle renting issues within the county. They also told him the apartment he is presently living in may be found to be inhabitable if the property codes have not been met. This is presently being investigated by the Environmental Services Department.

#### **MINUTES:**

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

#### **ATTORNEY REPORT:**

**Bon Homie Valley Drainage** - Attorney Troy Gilchrist emailed Supv Heim his advice regarding the possible use of township funds in order to correct the drainage issues in the Bon Homie Valley Addition. Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park** – No response has been received to date.

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:**

**Meyer Park Addition Lot** – Building Inspector David Barsody questioned whether a parcel owned by Steven & Irene Jedd is buildable. The owners would like to transfer a rambler-styled home on to the parcel. The lot is only 19,000 square feet. Supv Heim noted the lot may be grandfathered in, but septic sites would need to be located and certified by the county.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer Dullinger questioned the Knife River invoice she received. After the Town Board reviewed the invoice, it was the consensus of the board that it could be paid.

**Invoices/Vouchers** – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,206.83 (CHECK #13160 THRU 13174, NOT INCLUDING CHECK #'S 13167 & 13168, EFT'S 127, 128 & 129), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

#### **SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

##### **Jeff Westerlund –**

**Stray Cat** – Supv Westerlund received a call from the Tri-County Humane Society regarding a stray cat found at 2755 6<sup>th</sup> St. So. He verified the property was in LeSauk Township and approved the cat's surrender.

**Larson Property Clean-Up** – Supv Westerlund reported the Larson property located on Riverside Ave has removed the miscellaneous garbage bags and junk around the property.

##### **Dan Heim –**

**Ray Schindler Tree Removal** – Supv Heim contacted Mr. Schindler who approved the removal of the trees on his property located on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue along with other small trees located in the road right of way.

**Brian Johnston** – Supv Heim got in touch with Mr. Johnston informing him the Town Board had approved the construction of his car port but he needed to make sure all setbacks from the rear and side yard will be met.

**Weyer Property Split** – An email was received from Sam DeLeo, surveyor working with the Weyer family, questioning whether the 80-acre parcel they have for sale could be split into two 40-acre parcels under the moratorium. The Weyers thought the split would enable a quicker sale of the parcels. Supv Heim told Mr. DeLeo they would not be able to split the parcel until the end of the one-year moratorium which will be in late April of 2020.

**Sharon Pfau – River Oaks Lane – Ferber Property** – Ms. Pfau, through an email, stated the mobile home has been removed from the Ferber property finally, but questioned whether the RV should be removed also. She also said it appeared there are people living in the RV. In reviewing the township regulations, an RV is allowed to be parked on property, though continued living in it may be questionable. It was the consensus of the board that no further action will be taken at this time by the township, though the area is being monitored by the Stearns County Sheriff's department and the Town Board will view the property during their monthly road inspections.

**Sartell City Council Agenda Packets** – Supv Heim reported to the Town Board that he usually reviews the city council agenda packets and noted that an item on the upcoming board packet included the possible addition of a rural residential zone for parcels of one acre or more.

**Shawn Omann** –

**Ron Berg 22<sup>nd</sup> Street North Visibility** – Supv Omann received a call from Ron Berg who lives on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street North stating his concern about the visibility around the corner of Rodeo Road & 22<sup>nd</sup> St. North with the increased number of children who now live in this area. Supv Omann noted the brush & trees were trimmed in this area last year & the area sees minimal traffic, but will view the area during his monthly road inspection.

**Able Tree Service** – Supv Omann reported that Able Tree Service has begun the tree & brush trimming that are scheduled to be trimmed. He will view the areas for trimming during his monthly road inspection.

**Brain Donnay Site Plan** – Supv Omann received a call from Mr. Donnay regarding his site plan approval – this will be discussed under new business.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Stearns County Memorandum of Understanding** – No reply has been received in regards to the township attorney letter sent to Stearns County Environmental Services.

**Fine Reimbursement** – Treasurer Dullinger has not received an update.

**Peter Ferber Mobile Home** – The mobile home has been removed.

**Weinand & Weyer Vehicle Removals** – These items will be removed from the agenda since vehicles have either been removed or are currently licensed.

**Larson Abandoned Property** – The Larson property has been cleaned up and will be removed from the agenda.

**Bon Homie Valley Drainage** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Donnay Site Plan Approval** – Supv Omann has been in contact with Brian Donnay who provided him with a site plan for the building he would like to construct for BD Exteriors and located on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave South. Mr. Donnay has reduced the size of his building to 152 X 68 square feet and turned the building 90 degrees

due to drainage issues. The site plan indicates the septic & well areas which are required by Stearns County and the setbacks from the front yard have been met.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR BRIAN DONNAY – BD EXTERIORS FOR A 152 x 68 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**ASTECH Seal & Fog Coat Proposal** – Supv Omann received an updated proposal for the seal & fog coating from ASTECH. The previous proposal included only 775 square yards of material for 321<sup>ST</sup> Street, but the amount of material needed is actually 4862 square yards. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CHIP & FOG COAT PROPOSAL FOR 321<sup>ST</sup> STREET, 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND RIVER OAKS LANE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,468.48, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Heim will fax the signed copy of the proposal to Mr. Welk.

#### **CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**Phone Calls Regarding Property Splitting** – Clerk Plante received several calls from township residents regarding splitting their property. She informed them of the moratorium that is in place until April of 2020 and put a notice on the home page of the township’s website informing residents of the moratorium. If residents have questions, they should contact any town board member.

**Sharon Pfau Email – Ferber Property** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting by Supv Heim.

**Charter-Spectrum Line Up Changes** – Clerk Plante questioned whether the Town Board would like to see the channel line-up changes she receives from Charter-Spectrum. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Clerk Plante just forward the emails from Charter-Spectrum for the Board to review, but not print them for filing at the Town Hall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Marlyce L. Plante (s)*

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LeSauk Township Clerk