

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
August 10, 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 – Liberty Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim and Shawn Omann, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 2 interested parties.

ABSENT: Supervisor Jeff Westerlund

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING JODI & JEFF WILKEN TO OPEN FORUM, DAVE BLOMMEL AGREEMENT FOR 2023 STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Jeff & Jodi Wilken, 2990 7th Ave. No. – Trimming of Lilac Bushes – Jeff & Jodi Wilken came before the town board to discuss the excessive and poor trimming of the lilac bushes. They stated the bushes have been trimmed in the past to expose the street sign that is located within the bushes, but to just below the sign. This trimming was approximately 3 feet below the sign which has taken away not only the blooming lilacs for several years, but their privacy and sanctuary & nesting for birds. They are very disappointed in the communication from both Supervisor Westerlund and Carr's Tree Service.

Supv Omann noted the bushes are partially located in the right-of-way, but they were trimmed way too low and very poorly. He apologized on behalf of the township for the poor communication and stated they can't do anything at present, but in the future, better communication will be done. The board also discussed whether the street sign is actually needed. The entire street in this addition is 7th Avenue and the sign has a dual signs of 7th Avenue No.

The Wilken's asked that in the future a letter is sent to them when the trimming will be done, as well as a phone call from the tree trimming company and town board supervisor informing them when they will be doing the trimming so they are at home to observe the trimming.

MINUTES: The minutes will be placed on the next meetings agenda when a full board is present.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Park Fellowship Church Contract Signature – Attorney Gilchrist informed the contract/agreement with Park Fellowship Church, should be signed either by the chairman or vice-chairman. He suggested Supv Heim, as chairman, sign above Supv Westerlund's signature.

Clarence Weyer Property Inspection – Attorney Gilchrist stated Supv Heim could take pictures of the property from a neighboring parcel, if that neighbor allowed him to be on his property, if not, the next option would be to have an administrative search warrant done from the court. Supv Heim will contact the neighboring parcel owner and report at the next meeting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No Report.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger updated the town board on the township's treasury balance: \$929,239.66. Discussion of investing of the funds into CD's will be placed on the next meetings agenda when a full board will be present.

July Treasurers Report: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE JULY TREASURERS REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5196.88 (CHECK #13832 THRU 13840, PLUS EFT'S 229 THRU 232), SECOND BY SUPV HEIM MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Dan Heim –

Alex Udermann, 2611 17th St. No. – Supv Heim received a call from Alex Udermann questioning when 17th Street will be graded. The road's condition will be viewed during the August Road inspection.

Struffert Property, 2051 1st St. No. – Supv Heim has not heard any further information regarding the platting of the Struffert property.

Jeff Howe & Tim O'Driscoll, 30th Avenue - Supv Heim has been in contact with both Senator Howe and Representative O'Driscoll regarding possible funding for reconstruction of 30th Avenue. Both stated there will be no special session to discuss the possible spending of the state's excess funds.

Scott Anderson, 1693 35th St. No. – Supv Heim received an inquiry from Mr. Anderson who owns a 20-acre parcel on 35th Street. Mr. Anderson had questions regarding the sale of his home and whether there are particular steps within the township regulations he will need to follow.

Allan Schneider, 306 Rosewood Rd. – Supv Heim received a call from Steve Traeger, contractor for Allan Schneider. Mr. Traeger will be constructing an accessory building for Mr. Schneider and questioned the process since Mr. Schneider is located in shoreland. Supv Heim informed him a variance will be needed since the building will be in the front yard and more stringent regulations need to be followed since it is located in shoreland.

Mike Williams, Township Broadband Update – Supv Heim received an email from Mr. Williams giving an update of the broadband expansion planned for underserved areas and surrounding townships, which includes LeSauk Township. He noted the county has applied for a MN Border-to-Border Grant for Phase 1 and may consider applying for a grant through the Federal ReConnect Grant Program for Phase 2. LeSauk Township is not part of Phase 1, but included in Phase 2.

Frederich Properties, 3714 Riverside Ave. – Jared Festler, Surveyor, contacted Supv Heim regarding 2 parcels owned by Frederich Properties located on the east side of Riverside Ave. and west of properties in the Via Riviera Addition. Mr. Festler is beginning the process of dividing the properties and hopes to do it without platting. Information was sent to him regarding minimal lot sizes etc.

Trent Imdieke – MS4 Ordinance Information - Mr. Imdieke emailed Supv Heim informing him he is working on finalizing the ordinances needed for the townships MS4 Permit.

County Road 133 Advisory Meeting – Supv Heim discussed two proposals reviewed at the latest County Road 133 Advisory Meeting. Proposal A will leave the road/roads as they are and Proposal B would be close to the Burn's property and through the Rehnke's property.

Bryan Bidinger, 1167 3rd St. No & 283 Pinecone Road – Supv Heim spoke with Bryan Bidinger regarding the sale of his parent's home on Pinecone Road for a possible future town hall. Mr. Bidinger said he would keep it in mind, but is currently having the parcels (his and his parent's) appraised.

Shawn Omann –

Ken Tormanen of Kamco Inc. – Supv Omann emailed, then called Ken regarding road work that was to be completed last year in the township. Ken was brief during his conversation and told Supv Omann he was quite busy which gave Supv Omann the impression the work would not be completed any time soon.

Since this work needs to be done, Supv Omann contacted Chad of Midwest Asphalt to request an estimate for road work that Kamco was to complete which included crack sealing and blow patching. He hopes to have the estimate by the next meeting. Supv Omann will also contact Bertram Asphalt for a possible estimate.

Brenda Stanger Re: James Johnson, 3494 Riviera Road – Supv Omann contacted Ms. Stanger of Stearns County regarding the detachment of Mr. Johnson's parcels in order for him to combine 3 of his parcels and sale of the remaining parcel. The township approved the detachment at the previous meeting. Supv Omann has not heard anything further whether written approval of the detachment may be needed.

OLD BUSINESS –

Town Hall – Supv Heim noted the 1.73-acre Dockendorf Property is still for sale. Cory Oberg is the realtor. The 2023 valuation of the parcel, per the county website, is \$95,300.

Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean-up – No further information, all parcels will be viewed at the August Road inspection. The Weyer parcel was discussed earlier in the meeting.

MS4 Permit/Ordinance Update – Trent Imdieke of S.E.H. Engineering is in the process of drafting the new ordinances needed for the MS4 Permit.

NEW BUSINESS –

Dave Blommel – Agreement for 2023 Street Improvements – This will be placed on the next meetings agenda when the full board is present.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Cats in the Winnebago & Via Riviera Addition – Clerk Plante discussed the possibility of sending a letter to all residents in the Winnebago & Via Riviera Additions regarding the excessive number of feral cats. After discussion, Clerk Plante will contact Tri-County Human Society to question their recommendations.

July Fine Reimbursement – The July fine reimbursement was \$66.66.

Election Update – Clerk Plante reported the Primary Election went well in the new area of Park Fellowship Church. She said most residents found it easily enough. Turnout was good with 155 voters. The primary is usually quite poorly attended. She presumes it will be quite busy in November.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk