

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
August 13, 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 (2) interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING RON SCHRODEN TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Ron Schroden – Overweight Permit – Mr. Schroden came before the Town Board to request an overweight permit for 30th Avenue in order to haul farm material from the Meadowbrook Dairy Farm. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ISSUE AN OVERWEIGHT PERMIT FOR SCHRODEN INC. EFFECTIVE TODAY THRU DECEMBER 31, 2019 TO HAUL FARM MATERIAL FROM MEADOWBROOK DAIRY FARM, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante printed and signed the overweight permit for Mr. Schroden.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Shawn Christen – Deck Site Plan – Mr. Christen provided a site plan for the 14 X 14 deck he would like to construct on his property in the Monarch Meadows Plat. Mr. Christen's lot is approximately 1 1/2 acres and all setbacks are easily met. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR SHAWN CHRISTEN WHICH MEETS ALL SETBACKS OF THE TOWNSHIP REGULATIONS, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park – Attorney Jason Hill emailed a copy of the letter that was sent to the Dombovy's, managers of the Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park. We will wait for a response from them and the owner of Shady Oaks. They are still in the process of obtaining a septic site plan for the park.

Northwest Associated Consultant Meeting – Supv Heim reported on the meeting that was held with Steven Grittman, consultant, Sartell City representatives & township representatives. The next meeting will be on September 4th.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Keith Heinen – New Home Construction – Supv Heim informed David Barsody, Township Building Inspector, the site plan for the Heinen home has been approved.

Al Keller – Elite Realty – 321st Street Home Demolition Permit – Building Inspector Barsody drafted a letter to Al Keller regarding the home that has been partially demolished without a demolition permit. Hopefully this will propel the completion of the demolition of this home which has yet to be completed.

TREASURERS REPORT:

July Treasurers Report – Treasurer Dullinger presented the July Treasurers Report to the Town Board. She questioned whether the township is required to continue adding interest to the Park Fund since the fund can only be spent on park expenses and the township does not have a park. It was the consensus of the board to have her check with the Minnesota Association of Townships and report at the next meeting.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JULY TREASURERS REPORT WITH ONE MINOR CHECK NUMERICAL CHANGE, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Invoices/Vouchers – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,547.59 (CHECK #13181 THRU 13193 AND EFT 131 & 132), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS**Jeff Westerlund –**

CMWEA (Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance) Meeting – Supv Westerlund reported that he attended the CMWEA Meeting on July 25, 2019 which was held at the Waite Park City Hall. The “draw-down” of the Mississippi was discussed. He spoke about the tremendous work that volunteers are now doing to clean the exposed area of the Mississippi and planting of thousands of plants on the shores of Little Rock Lake to help with its continuing algae problems.

APO (Area Planning Organization) August 8th Meeting – Supv Westerlund informed the board the APO meetings will now be held at the St. Cloud Library to accommodate people. Several topics that were discussed at the meeting was a possible “ring-road” around St. Cloud and the construction of a bridge near the St. Cloud Country Club.

Dan Heim –

Mark Richgels – Atlantis Pool Inc – Supv Heim spoke with Mr. Richgels regarding the placement of a swimming pool within the shoreland of the Mississippi and the required setbacks.

Wayne Paquin – Mr. Paquin contacted Supv Heim questioning how long the moratorium is in place for township property. Supv Heim informed him it will be until April 23, 2020.

Alex & John Udermann – Overweight Permit – The Udermann’s had contacted Supv Heim regarding the requested overweight permit needed to haul farm material from Meadowbrook Dairy Farm. This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Doug Hansen – Schneider Home Site Plan – Mr. Hansen has been in touch with Supv Heim regarding the changes that are being made for the Schneider home site plan. Mr. Hansen questioned whether the spa, shower near the swimming pool can have a drain to daylight. Supv Heim informed Mr. Hansen he should check with Stearns County Environmental Services. Supv Heim also reported that no new site plan has been received for the Schneider home yet.

17th Street Culvert – Supv Heim received a report from David Blommel, township engineer, who felt the culvert on 17th Street & 30th Avenue is not collapsed, but with little elevation difference, the flow through the culvert is minimal. Mr. Blommel did suggest however, the culvert should be cleaned out.

Doug Novak – Private Drive – Supv Heim viewed 3rd St. North and provided a picture of the area which states the area is a private drive with no outlet.

Dawn Piecek – Brennan Property – Ms. Piecek will advertise the Brennan property, located at 160 County Road 120, as an investment property since the duplex that is located on the property was built in 1968, prior to the establishment of township ordinances and would be grandfathered in.

Brenda Magney/Dombovy – Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park – Ms. Magney has received the letter from Attorney Jason Hill and will forward it to the mobile home park owner. She informed Supv Heim the septic system is scheduled to be looked at some time this week.

N.A. C. – Northwest Associated Consultants - This was discussed earlier in the meeting – Supv Heim stated a report comparing the city and township issues was sent to board members for their review.

Shawn Omann –

Stearns County Sheriff's Call – Supv Omann received a call from the Stearns County Sheriff's office regarding a tree that was down on 35th Street North. He was out of town at the time and did not receive a follow up call, so assumed other town board members were contacted. Supv Westerlund nor Supv Heim had received a call, so apparently it was handled by the property owner.

Ken Blommer – Able Tree Service – Supv Omann received a call from Mr. Blommer who reported all the trimming of trees & brush has been completed in the township.

Stray Cat Authorization – Supv Omann authorized the surrender of a stray cat that was brought in by Chuck Cedergren who lives in the township on County Road 4.

Shawn Christen – Mr. Christen had contacted Supv Omann regarding the approval of his site plan for his deck – this was discussed and handled earlier in the meeting.

Jessica Swartout – Moratorium – Ms. Swartout contacted Supv Omann questioning whether the moratorium that is presently in place in the township, would change or have a negative effect on their request to split their property in the future. Supv Omann informed her there have been no decisions made and she should continue to contact board members and be present at future meetings which may be held for township residents informing them of potential changes the board members may be considering.

Leslie Barsody - Supv Omann spoke with Leslie Barsody, wife of David Barsody, township building inspector, questioning whether a demolition permit had been received by Al or Tyler Keller for the property located on 321st Street. This was discussed earlier in the meeting and Ms. Barsody did state they had no record of a demolition permit being issued for the home.

Garbage Haulers in LeSauk Township – Supv Omann was contacted by Erica Johnson, daughter of James & Marian Johnson who live on Riviera Road. Ms. Johnson relayed her father's concerns on the fast garbage truck traffic on Riviera Road and whether the township would consider looking into having just one garbage hauler for the entire township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stearns County Memorandum of Understanding – No further information has been received.

Fine Reimbursement – No information or fine reimbursements have been received.

Bon Homie Valley Drainage – Supv Heim has emailed Joe Lahr requesting a proposal to clean out the present drainage area on Stork Drive, no return email or phone call has been received.

Shady Oaks – Attorney Letter has been sent – will now wait for a response from the managers of the mobile home park and its owner.

Street Light Installation on River Oaks Lane – This will be checked during the monthly road inspection.

Doug Hansen – Schneider Home Site Plan - No updated site plan has been received.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

CLERK REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Local Government Aid – Clerk Plante received a letter stating the township will receive \$155 in Local Government Aid in 2020.

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