

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
August 22, 2017

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 and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Josh Bentley, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 3 interested parties.

ABSENT: Supervisor Shawn Omann

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED MOVING THE TREASURERS REPORT/VOUCHER PAYMENT DURING OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0

OPEN FORUM - VOUCHERS

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$636.94 (CHECK #12684 THRU 12687), SECONDED BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT – Treasurer Bentley received a report from Building Inspector David Barsody which included several new building permits in the township.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 8-8-17 meeting will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Zimmerman Property Clean Up – Supv Heim has tried to get in contact with Joyce Zimmerman to view her property whether the chicken coup has been removed or actually does contain chickens as she stated previously. Photos of the chicken coup do not indicate any fencing for the chickens or chickens themselves. It was the consensus of Supv Heim & Westerlund to discuss at the next regular meeting when a full board is present to discuss whether to pursue the legal process, which Ms. Zimmerman is aware of.

Pinecone Road Bid Process - Supv Heim reported that Attorney Troy Gilchrist will work with the City of Sartell drafting an agreement with Sartell for the 2018 Pinecone Road Bid Process.

Omann Conditional Use Permit – Supv Heim was informed by Attorney Gilchrist the Town Board could not remove the condition from Mr. Omann's Conditional Use Permit once it was approved and voted on. Discussion was held on whether the board members could allow Mr. Omann to reschedule his public hearing at a reduced public hearing fee. Also discussed were the City of Sartell's regulations regarding accessory buildings on a vacant lot adjacent to a property owned by the same person. The City of Sartell does not require a Conditional Use Permit. It was the consensus of Supv Heim and Supv Westerlund to allow the reduction of the public hearing fee to ½ price or \$200.00.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Jeff Westerlund-

Jodi Wilken – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Ms. Wilken regarding Greg Ahrendt's dog running at large in the Countryside Acres Addition. A letter will be sent to Mr. Ahrendt along with the Dog & Cat Ordinance.

Tree on Winnebago Road – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Bonnie Schraut, a resident on Winnebago Road, regarding removal of tree branches blocking the view on Winnebago Road. Supv Westerlund will be receiving a written proposal from Able Tree Service and present it at the next scheduled meeting.

Dan Heim-

Al Kellor – Supv Heim received a Resolution to Annex the Kellor properties on 321st Street from Matt Glaesman of the City of St. Cloud. This will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Dave Douvier – 30th Ave North – Supv Heim spoke with Mr. Douvier, Supervisor for St. Wendel Township, regarding the markings and patches on 30th Avenue North. Patches near 17th Street North and the Berg property on 30th were done by St. Wendell Township. 30th Avenue was discussed at the recent Area Planning Organization meeting at which time, Dave Douvier of St. Wendel Township stated he is not in favor of fixing due to the extreme cost of upgrading the road.

Kim Hemberger – Winnebago Addition – Supv Heim received a call from Ms. Hemberger who is a resident on Winnebago Road and was concerned about neighbor, Laurie Larson, dredging the creek between the Hemberger and Larson properties. A Stearns County Deputy Sheriff was in contact with Ms. Larson, who had a DNR permit to do the dredging.

George Fedor 27th St & County Road 1 – Supv Heim was contacted by Mr. Fedor questioning the process of replacing the fence presently located on his property. Supv Heim provided Mr. Fedor with the zoning ordinance regarding fencing. Supv Heim also suggested Mr. Fedor have his property surveyed in order to have current side and rear yard setbacks to know exactly where fencing can be placed. Mr. Fedor also discussed the replacement of one of the utility sheds on his property. Mr. Fedor has 4 utility sheds and would like to replace one of them.

Kevin Blascziek – Supv Heim was contacted by Mr. Blascziek regarding the possible construction of a new shed. The property is located on County Road 120. Supv Heim provided him with the ordinances regarding the allowable size and location of sheds in a suburban residential district.

Jon Halter Pinecone Road Culvert – Supv Heim spoke with Mr. Halter, City of Sartell engineer, regarding a culvert that is located on Pinecone Road north of 17th St. No.

27th Street North Reconstruction Bid – Supv Heim received an email from Mary DeGiovanni stating the bid for 27th Street North came in lower than expected - \$380,000. Work will begin shortly and township residents will be sent project newsletters to keep them informed of the progress of the project.

Torborg Dirt Pile – Supv Heim contacted Anita Archambeau, City of Sartell Planner, questioning the progress of the removal of the dirt pile. Ms. Archambeau will be checking into it.

30th Avenue Traffic Counts – Brian Gibson, Area Planning Organization Director, discussed new traffic count reports on 30th Avenue. 30th Avenue had an average of 3884 vehicles per day compared to a previous count of 2215.

OLD BUSINESS

Zimmerman Property – This was discussed earlier in the meeting and will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Sign Solutions Update – Recommendations from John Peterson of Sign Solutions, were discussed. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF SEVERAL SIGNS IN THE TOWNSHIP BUT HAVE THE "WATCH FOR CHILDREN" SIGNS REMAIN IN PLACE SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. The Town Board reviewed the cost estimate from Sign Solutions which included the \$600 fee for the inventory book.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Work Session for Township Ordinance Review – This will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for scheduling another work session.

AUGUST ROAD REPORT – Supv Jeff Westerlund

Supv Westerlund reviewed his road report stating township roads are in good driving condition. Cold patch is needed on 322nd & 321st Street. As of this time, no cold patch is available from the City of Sartell.

CORRESPONDENCE – CLERK REPORT

Burr Oak Blight – Clerk Plante received an email from Mary Hall requesting information on the current burr oak blight affecting trees in the township.

911 Sign Removal – 5th Avenue – Clerk Plante reported she has sent letters to residents in Warnert's Addition requesting the moving of 911 signs in their yards to either the east side of 5th Avenue or to the west a minimum of 10 feet to allow better snowplowing in the area.

Atty Gary Leistico Letter – Clerk Plante received a letter from Atty Gary Leistico, attorney for Shawn Omann, requesting audio of the township & Joint Planning Board meetings at which the public hearing was held for Mr. Omann's Conditional Use Permit. Atty Gilchrist informed her to send copies of the approved minutes.

John Krehbiel – Copy of Omann Conditional Use Permit Resolutions – Clerk Plante received a request from John Krehbiel for copies of the Omann Conditional Use Permit Resolutions, both the Township and Joint Planning Board. Attorney Gilchrist advised her to send copies of both to Mr. Krehbiel.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante (s)

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LeSauk Township Clerk