

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
August 27, 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, Clerk Marlyce Plante and four (4) interested parties.

ABSENT: Treasurer Vikki Dullinger.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING ERIK & SARA SWANSON, DOUG HANSEN TO OPEN FORUM AND MIKE RICHGELS TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Erik & Sara Swanson – The Swanson’s would like to construct a 10 X 20 utility shed which would match the siding of their home. They questioned what options were available for fencing on their parcel. Supv Heim provided copies of the fencing regulations as well as the setbacks in a suburban residential zoned property. Supv Omann reviewed the impervious coverage on the Swanson property. It calculated to be approximately 32%. No site plan was provided but since the utility shed is not a permanent structure, it was the consensus of the board it wasn’t needed. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF THE UTILITY SHED WITH ALL SETBACKS BEING MET, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Doug Hansen – Schneider Site Plan – Mr. Hansen provided a new site plan of the Alan Schneider home located on Rosewood Road. Mr. Hansen noted changes that were made on the site plan for the sauna & planters. Mr. Hansen also wanted to clarify the percentage of impervious coverage of the Schneider lot since the townships is 35% and Stearns County’s is 25%. Until further information is received from the township attorney or Stearns county, the Town Board will follow the township guidelines of 35%.

Supv Heim spoke with Dave Knafla, Stearns County Environmental Services, who stated the swimming pool must be at minimum of 100 feet set back from the river.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SCHNEIDER HOME SITE PLAN FOR THE SAUNA AND PLANTER PLACEMENT WHICH MEETS THE SIDE YARD SETBACK AND THE LOT COVERAGE, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Hansen questioned whether he could get an estimate for the building permit of the future accessory building the Schneider’s would like to construct. He was informed to contact David Barsody, Township Building Inspector, for a possible estimate.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Joe Lahr – Bon Homie Valley Drainage – Mr. Lahr was asked to review the proposals and feasibility studies completed by April Ryan, water engineer for S.E.H. Engineering for the drainage issues in the Bon Homie Valley Addition several years ago. Mr. Lahr was also questioned what his estimate would be to clean the drainage area on Stork Drive, similar to what he had previously done in 2013.

Discussion was held at length on several possible solutions to the drainage problems in Bon Homie. Would a berm, ditch or holding pond be a solution? The property owners on the north side of Bon Homie do not want to sell property or allow an easement for the township to construct a berm, but the west side property owner may consider selling some acreage to the township. If a berm was constructed around the addition, would it pool water on the farmer's property, would it handle the flooding?

Mr. Lahr estimated his cost to construct a berm on the north side would be approximately \$29,000 - \$30,000. Supv Heim will speak with the Maleska's who own property on the west side regarding the possible purchase or request an easement of 2-3 acres to construct a berm. At the next regular meeting, if numbers are available from Mr. Maleska and the township attorney can attend, the Town Board may consider inviting the residents of Bon Homie Valley to attend the September 24th meeting to discuss the townships intent and receive their input.

Mark Richgels – Atlantis Pool Co. – Swimming Pool Site Plan – After review of the site plan, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR THE ALAN SCHNEIDER SWIMMING POOL BEING CONSTRUCTED BY MARK RICHGELS OF ATLANTIS POOL COMPANY, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Northwest Associated Consultant Meeting – Supv Heim reported the next meeting will be on September 4th from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Sartell City Hall.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Deck Site Plan - John Crever – Supv Heim emailed John Crever of Crever Construction the township setback requirements and informed him a site plan must be provided and approved by the Town Board.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger was not in attendance but gave the invoices and checks to Supv Omann for review and payment.

Invoices/Vouchers – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7686.98 (CHECK #13194 THRU 13199), MINUS THE CHECK FOR NORTHWEST CONSULTANTS ASSOCIATES WHICH WAS MADE OUT FOR THE FULL AMOUNT AND NOT HALF THE AMOUNT, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Heim asked Supv Omann to have Treasurer Dullinger put the address on the check to Century Link since no address was on the check.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

CMWEA (Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance) Meeting – Supv Westerlund reported that he attended a CMWEA Meeting on August 20. He discussed the conversation the group had on whether

the group will continue. Several jurisdictions do not want to spend more time in the organization and are unsure of what the purpose of the group is and where they are going.

Craig Pogatschnik – Stearns County Deputy Sheriff – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Officer Pogatschnik who is the townships representative from the Sheriff's Department, along with Officer Anne Klein. Officer Pogatschnik would like to come to a future meeting to introduce himself.

Tri-County Humane Society – Cat Surrender – Supv Westerlund approved a stray cat that was found on 27th Street North which is located in the township.

Dan Heim –

Tri-County Humane Society – Cat Surrender – The cat surrendered to the humane society was found by Gloria Zander on 27th Street.

Joe Lahr – Bon Homie Valley – Supv Heim met with Mr. Lahr at the Bon Homie Valley Addition site to view the drainage area. This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Ann Lembecke – 321st Street Home Purchase – Supv Heim received a call from Ms. Lembecke who was considering purchasing a home on 321st Street but was questioning whether a neighboring parcel owned by Duane Thorsvik, had a conditional use permit to operate a business on his property. Mr. Thorsvik does not have a conditional use permit, but apparently does fix cars at his home. Clerk Plante had also received a call from Ms. Lembecke, she returned the call and left a message. No return call had been received yet.

Tom – ASTECH – Micro Surfacing - Supv Heim was contacted by Tom of ASTECH, informing Supv Heim they had micro surfacing/chip seal remaining and would place it on 321st Street, 27th Street & River Oaks Lane for the same price as the chip seal which has been planned. Supv Heim told him to go ahead with the micro surfacing since it will be done for the same price as the chip seal which was already approved by the Town Board at a previous meeting.

Shawn Omann –

John Peterson – Sign Solutions – Supv Omann received a call John Peterson of Sign Solutions, questioning the payment of an invoice from November 2018, that had not been paid. Supv Omann had Treasurer Dullinger check whether it had been paid, which it had not been. Treasurer Dullinger had included the payment in this evening's invoices.

Doug Welk – ASTECH Inc. – Supv Omann received a call from Mr. Welk regarding the micro surfacing/chip seal for township roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Fine Reimbursement – No report.

Bon Homie Valley Drainage – Discussed earlier in the meeting with Joe Lahr.

Shady Oaks – No information has been received.

Street Light Installation on River Oaks Lane – The light has been replaced and is in working condition.

Doug Hansen – Schneider Home Site Plan – Completed and can be removed from old business.

321st Street Home (Partially demolished) – Building Inspector David Barsody has sent a letter to the owners, but no answer has been received.

Preusser Property Clean Up – The clean up/mowing of grass & weeds, has not been completed yet.

Supv Heim asked Clerk Plante to place the Town Hall and Township Clean Up Day on Old Business so they can be discussed.

ROAD REPORT: Supv Heim discussed the township road conditions which all look pretty good. The following items were found:

- There are some small potholes in areas, but nothing that needs immediate attention.
- The culvert grate on 30th Avenue needs cleaning since weeds & sticks have gathered on the grate.
- 17th St. No (Udermann's) has some wash boarding, but minimal.
- 35th Street is hopefully next year's project.
- The RV is still located on the Ferber property.
- The Preusser property has not been mowed or cleaned up.

CLERK REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Burning Permit – Clerk Plante received a call from two township residents regarding how to obtain burning permits.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante (s)

Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk