

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
September 12, 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, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Josh Bentley, Clerk Marlyce Plante.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0

MINUTES:

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2017, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2017, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Supv Omann abstained since he was not present at the 8-22-17 meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Pinecone Road Joint Powers Agreement – The Town Board reviewed Attorney Gilchrist's draft of the Joint Powers Agreement between the Township and the City of Sartell regarding the 2018 Pinecone Road Project. Some clarity needs to be made on specific distances of what portion of Pinecone is the townships and what portion is the City of Sartell's and what will be done on the township's portion, specifically no curb and gutter, widening etc. Supv Heim will email Dave Blommel, Township Engineer regarding these clarifications asking him to work with Jon Halter, Sartell City Engineer. Mr. Blommel will use the specs drawn up in 2016 at the time the township went out for bids to resurface Pinecone and 40th Street.

Joe Lahr Email Re: Pinecone Road - Discussion was held regarding an email received from Joe Lahr of Joe's Excavating, questioning the use of Pinecone Road to haul material for the new high school and 27th Street road project. Pinecone Road has a 5-Ton Weight Limit on it. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO GRANT JOE LAHR AN OVERWEIGHT PERMIT FOR PINECONE ROAD EXPIRING ON 12-31-17, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Town Code – Attorney Gilchrist sent an updated and “clean” copy of the Town Code with only the publication date to be filled in. It then can be posted on the township website.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Treasurer Bentley presented Building Inspector David Barsody's report which included several new permits. Mr. Barsody questioned the zoning of the Phillip Martin home on 35th St. North which contains 10.1 acres. Clerk Plante will research and email Supv Heim. The present zoning map states it is Rural Residential.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Jeff Westerlund-

Able Tree Service – Supv Westerlund presented a quote from Able Tree Service for trimming and removal of brush & trees in township road right of ways. He will discuss it under Old Business.

CMWEA – Supv Westerlund gave a report on several events the CMWEA (Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance) organization has been involved with which includes booths at Summertime by George, Millstream Art Festival, Made in Minnesota and an upcoming 4th Grade Water Festival to be held on 9-24-17. He volunteers a minimum of 10 hours attending these and other events to educate area residents on the importance of our water quality in Central Minnesota.

Jon Kothenbeutel – Sartell Road Maintenance Supervisor- Supv Westerlund reported that Mr. Kothenbeutel billed the township \$100 for the 1500 lbs. of cold patch used by the township. He stated this was an extremely reasonable cost and it is so much easier to work with than the purchased bags of cold patch.

Dan Heim-

Wellhead Protection Plan Meeting – Supv Heim attended the latest Wellhead Protection Plan Meeting. He briefly discussed the long lists of known and unknown wells in the Sartell and Township area the committee are researching and reviewing.

Eric Vickaryous – Frantesl Setbacks – Supv Heim was contacted by Mr. Vickaryous, Acre Land Surveying, regarding the correct setbacks on Block 1, Lot 5 of the Monarch Meadow Plat 2.

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, constructing what she believes to be the 6th building on the property. The building is a pre-fab metal building. Building Inspector David Barsody was contacted, but no return call has been received yet. This property is also in Shoreland.

John Krehbiel – Town Code Question – Supv Heim was contacted by John Krehbiel who questioned whether the work sessions for the Town Code could be posted on the website. Supv Heim informed him the Town Code is completed and it is the zoning ordinances & sub-division regulations being reviewed now and the posting of the work sessions which will continue to be posted on the Town Hall window.

Alex Udermann – Grading of 17th Street – Supv Heim received a call from Alex Udermann questioning when 17th Street will be graded. Supv Westerlund will contact ASTECH to have it done as soon as possible. He also requested a copy of the Variance & Conditional Use Permits granted to the Udermann's.

Shawn Omann-

Kim Hemberger – Winnebago Addition – Supv Omann also received calls from Ms. Hemberger. He reported her concern on the winter season coming up and whether there are regulations regarding the wood boiler smoke. She has great difficulty with smoke and must keep her windows closed and covered. She also discussed with Supv Omann the metal building the Larsen's were constructing.

Jodi Wilken – Dog Ordinance – Ms. Wilken contacted Supv Omann questioning whether the Town Board had made updates to the townships Dog & Cat Ordinance. He stated the ordinances are presently being reviewed and updated.

Tree on 27th Street North – Supv Omann cleared portions of a recently downed pine tree from 27th Street North. He reported a Stearns County Deputy Sheriff was on the scene also at the time. Power was out in the area due to the downed tree.

Kent & Shelly Davis – Riviera Road Traffic – The Davis's contacted Supv Omann regarding the increase in traffic speed on Riviera Road which is posted at 30 mph. He will contact the Area Planning Organization regarding the first steps to have a traffic study done. This would need to be done before the township would be allowed to change the speed limit signs in the area.

Vern Haehn – 10-acre Parcel – Supv Omann was contacted by Vern Haehn regarding the steps to annexing a 10-acre parcel for city services and possible development.

OLD BUSINESS

Zimmerman Property – Supv Heim has not heard from Ms. Zimmerman whom he contacted several times to arrange a meeting on Ms. Zimmerman's property. After discussion, SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO REMOVE THE ZIMMERMAN ISSUE FROM OLD BUSINESS STATING THE ZIMMERMAN PROPERTY HAS BEEN CLEANED UP SUBSTANTIALLY AND IT WILL BE VIEWED AGAIN IF COMPLAINTS ARE MADE TO THE TOWN BOARD, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 2-1. Supv Heim voted Nay stating the Zimmerman's did not meet the requirements outlined by the Township in several letters sent to her and has failed to contact Supv Heim to view whether the property is being used as agricultural by having chickens in the building remaining on the site. The building remaining, was one of the items requested by the Town Board to be removed.

Sign Solutions Update – The Town Board reviewed the Contract for Services received from Sign Solutions. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT WITH SIGN SOLUTIONS TO REPLACE TOWNSHIP ROAD SIGNS & POSTS AT THE COST OF \$11,836.40, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Able Tree Service – Supv Westerlund reviewed with the board the quote he received from Ken Blommer of Able Tree Service. Discussion was held by the Town Board of several other areas of the Township where trees & brush need to be cleared. It was the consensus of the Town Board to add 22nd Street & County Road 1 by the Berg & Robertson property and a large willow tree near 2631 7th Ave No. to the estimate by Able Tree Service. Supv Westerlund will contact Ken Blommer to add those items and give a new quote. Supv Omann also suggested contacting Carr Tree Service for an additional quote. Supv Omann will try to contact.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Work Session for Township Ordinance Review – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HOLD A WORK SESSION TO REVIEW THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 AT 6:30 AT THE TOWN HALL, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Kellor Property Annexation – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ANNEXING THE KELLOR PROPERTY (FORMER RIGHT OF WAY) TO THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD LOCATED ON 321ST STREET, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE – CLERK REPORT

30th Avenue – The Town Board reviewed briefly information on the estimates provided by the Area Planning Organization for each jurisdictions portion of 30th Avenue.

27TH Street Update – 27th Street is ready for its first asphalt overlay which will take place on Monday, September 18th.

Gooding Public Hearing – Notice was received from Stearns County that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 21st regarding the Gooding property who are requesting to excavate shore land and place sand within the shore land. The Gooding property is located in the township.

Bush on 22nd Street – This was discussed and will be viewed and included in the upcoming Able Tree Service estimate.

Marty Czech – Dan & Jean Peterson Sale of Lots – Discussion was held on the Peterson lots located on Riviera Road. Can they be sold separately and be conforming to the townships zoning and subdivision regulations. After review of the lots on the Stearns County website – there is a clause on the Peterson properties stating they must be sold together.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED BY TREASURER BENTLEY THE AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

VOUCHERS

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6861.69 (CHECK #12703 THRU 12713 PLUS EFT #80), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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)

Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk