

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
September 13, 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, Shawn Omann and Jeff Westerlund, Treasurer Vikki Dullinger, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 2 interested parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING TOM BARRETT TO OPEN FORUM AND ARVIG ENTERPRISES RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR AND SNOW REMOVAL BID TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Tom Barrett, 217 Heritage Drive – Utility Buildings – Mr. Barrett came before the town board to discuss the placement of 2 – 10 X 20 utility buildings with a single slope roof on his property. The buildings are planned to be side by side, built by Central Minnesota Sheds and placed on a pad. Mr. Barrett has no other buildings on his property. Supv Omann stated he would be allowed an accessory building up to 3600 square feet and a utility building, so the two utility buildings shouldn't be a problem. SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF TWO 10 X 20 UTILITY BUILDINGS ON THE BARRETT PARCEL WITH A 10 FOOT SIDE YARD SETBACK AND 15 FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

S.E.H. Engineering Professional Services Agreement – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR S.E.H. ENGINEERING UP TO \$2200 TO DRAFT ORDINANCES NOW REQUIRED FOR THE TOWNSHIPS MS4 PERMIT, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Trent Imdieke S.E.H. Engineering – MS4 Ordinance Drafts – Mr. Imdieke of S.E.H. Engineering, sent drafts of several new ordinances that are being required by the MPCA. There are several to review by the Town Board; Pet Waste Ordinance, Storm Water, Construction Storm Water and changes to the Illicit Discharge Ordinances within our Town Code. Supv Heim has reviewed the ordinances and has sent the ordinances to be codified by Attorney Gilchrist before adopting. The due date for the adoption of the ordinances is 9-30-22 and will not be met since a public hearing etc. will still need to be held. Mr. Imdieke said as long as the MPCA is aware the township is in the midst of reviewing and updating, they should not have an issue they have not been completed.

Arvig Enterprises Right-of-Way Excavation Permit, 30th Ave. & Pinecone Road – Supv Heim received two right-of-way excavation permit applications from Arvig Enterprises along with the \$400 application fee for each permit. The excavation is for fiber optics to be placed within the road right of way.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RIGHT OF WAY EXCAVATION PERMIT FOR ARVIG ENTERPRISES FOR 30TH AVENUE UP TO THE TOWER ON THE JON LEGATT PARCEL, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RIGHT OF WAY EXCAVATION PERMIT FOR ARVIG ENTERPRISES FOR PINECONE ROAD- FROM 35TH STREET TO 40TH STREET, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Cat Issue in Winnebago & Via Rivera Addition – Clerk Plante briefed the town board on her discussion with Travis Thies of Dick's Nuisance Animal Control. After discussion, it was the consensus of the town board to have Clerk Plante send a letter to township Charles Ehlen who neighboring residents informed the town board, has been seen feeding the many stray cats in the Winnebago Addition. He will be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss this situation and to help resolve it.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE 7-26-22 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. SUPV WESTERLUND ABSTAINED SINCE HE WAS ABSENT FROM THE MEETING.

SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. SUPV HEIM ABSTAINED SINCE HE WAS ABSENT FROM THE MEETING.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS WRITTEN THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Supv Heim sent the MS4 draft ordinances to Atty Gilchrist to codify and integrate into the Town Code.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No Report.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Dullinger gave the Town Board a brief update of the township balances which is roughly \$931,403.82. With the upcoming real estate tax payment due in December, we will be nearing the \$1 million mark. She will research possible CD rates at area banks and report at the next meeting.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST TREASURERS REPORT AS WRITTEN, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5131.08 (CHECK #'s 13848 thru 13864 plus EFT 233), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Deer Pick Up – Supv Westerlund received a call regarding a dead deer in the ditch on 27th Street, but since that is in the city of Sartell – the information should be relayed to the city. He did, however, notice a mattress in the ditch on 1st Street and will pick it up at a later time.

Joe Novak, 3219 62nd Ave. – Possible Tree Removal or Core Testing – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Joe Novak who questioned him whether a tree that is in the township easement near his property should possibly have a core testing or be cut down. Mr. Novak thinks the tree may be diseased. This particular tree was recently trimmed by the township. It was the consensus of the town board to monitor the tree and view during monthly road inspections.

APC Meeting – Supv Westerlund attended the monthly Area Planning Organization meeting. He reported there is discussion on overlaying 322nd Street as well as County Road 4 and County Road 133 within the next couple of years.

Dan Heim –

321st Truck Traffic – Supv Heim received several calls regarding the heavy truck traffic on 321st Street (formerly Foley Street). He spoke to Al Kellor who is hauling dirt to fill a low area in his development. Supv Heim also contacted Brian Bohlig, Stearns County Sheriff's office, whether scales could be placed on 321st Street. No placement of scales has been done yet. Mr. Kellor was reminded of the weight limit.

Daryl Garlock, 3775 Riverside Ave. No. – Mr. Garlock contacted Supv Heim with questions regarding construction of an accessory building on his 2.73-acre parcel. Supv Heim provided him with the regulations regarding accessory buildings.

Steve Traeger – Mr. Traeger is the contractor for Allan Schneider who would like to construct an accessory building on his parcel. He questioned how much impervious coverage is allowed, which is 25% on river lots.

Scott Anderson, 1693 35th St. – Mr. Anderson contacted Supv Heim questioning how he can split his 20-acre parcel. Mr. Anderson had contacted Kari at the City of Sartell who informed him he could possibly subdivide his parcel into 2-acre lots but would need to hook up to city services but still remain in the township. Supv Heim informed Scott Saehr and Kari this incorrect information since all township properties who connect to city services, must be annexed to the city of Sartell.

Tom Frericks, 3231 321st St. – Building Demolition & Reconstruction – Supv Heim has not received any further information regarding the demolition and reconstruction of the Frerick's accessory building. Supv Heim has asked for a survey of the property since the building is very close to the side yard setback. Mr. Frericks will also need approval of his site plan.

Craig Wensmann – No further information has been received from Mr. Wensmann who inquired about the splitting of the Frederich Properties at 3714 Riverside Ave.

Sam DeLeo – Mr. DeLeo contacted Supv Heim regarding a parcel located on 1st Street North owned by Amy Legatt and Paul Vanvoorhis. They plan to now annex this parcel to the city and plat. Scott Saehr said that it will be faster and easier if annexed to the city.

Scott Saehr – Udermann Wetland Bank – Mr. Saehr, City of Sartell Assistant Administrator, contacted Supv Heim whether he had information about property Mr. Udermann owns that is located to the west of Baker Lake and is to be placed in a wetland bank. Mr. Saehr was inquiring since a possible planned city street may come through the area.

Telecommunications Tower – Kensington 2 – Information & a requested response was received on a future telecommunications tower being placed in an area on County Road 133. Supv Heim stated it looks like it is on the Glen Lauer property that is in the city of Sartell. Clerk Plante has emailed the company requesting a parcel number.

Hagen Parcel, 32532 River Vista Lane – Supv Heim was contacted by Scott Saehr, Sartell City Assistant Administrator, regarding the possible connection to city services on this parcel. Both Sy & Myra Hagen have passed away and the home is now for sale.

Kayla Foss – Ted Thomas – Fence Regulations – Ms. Foss contacted Supv Heim regarding the fence regulations for their property. Supv Heim informed her, as they were told at past meetings, they need to contact Stearns County since they live on County Road 1.

Troy Freihammer – Thomas Property – Supv Heim received information from Troy Freihammer of the Stearns County Environmental Services, Ms. Thomas signed a stipulation agreement to have the property abated on or before November 1, 2022.

Diane & Scott Winter, 368 Pine Ridge Road – Window Replacement – Supv Heim received a call from Jennifer of Door & Window Replacement, questioning whether the Winters would need a building permit to replace their windows. He informed her they do. It was also brought to his attention the building permit application on the website has the incorrect email address for the township. Clerk Plante was asked to change the email address and repost it to the website.

Shawn Omann –

Cat Issue – Supv Omann reported he has received calls regarding the continuing cat issue in the Winnebago Addition and now expanding to the Via Rivera Addition. This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Kamco – Supv Omann reported to the board that he contacted Ken Tormansen from Kamco, since the road work on 30th Street and Riviera was not completed during the week of September 7th thru the 10th as he stated it would be. Mr. Tormansen said they should have time to do the work the following week. Supv Omann questioned whether a certificate of insurance was received yet. Clerk Plante said she would check and let him know.

OLD BUSINESS –

Town Hall – Supv Heim discussed the Mel Preusser 2.79 acre parcel. Its's valuation for 2023 is \$125,000. He will contact Mr. Preusser. Supv Omann suggested the Klaphake parcel on 30th Street. Clerk Plante will try to contact her.

Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean-up – No further information.

MS4 Permit/Ordinance Update – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Park Fellowship Contract – Clerk Plante stated she was unable to locate the original contract, but will look through papers again and report at the next meeting.

Dave Blommel – Agreement for 2023 Street Improvements – SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH S.E.H. ENGINEERING FOR 2023 STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR 22ND ST, WINNEBAGO AND 27TH STREET FOR \$15,500 FOR ENGINEERING EXPENSES, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Heim signed the agreement and will email it to Mr. Blommel.

NEW BUSINESS –

Snow Removal Bid for 22-23 Winter Season – Supv Heim reviewed the snow removal bid – most items had an almost 50% increase with labor and the salt/sand mix was up 20%. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SNOW REMOVAL BID FROM ASTECH INC. FOR THE 2022-2023 WINTER SEASON, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Omann suggested getting a bid next snow season from Burski who is located in Rice and may be interested in placing a bid for the township snow removal.

CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

Change of Meeting Time – Clerk Plante questioned whether the town board wanted to consider changing the meeting start time back to 7 p.m. since the community center is now open later. After discussion, it was the consensus of the town board to leave the start time at 6 p.m.

Sartell Recreation Representative – Clerk Plante received an email from Kris O'Brien, Sartell Community Education Director. Ms. O'Brien plans to set up several meetings and would like to have representatives from the areas it serves. Supv Omann agreed to continue as the township's representative.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk