

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting
September 26, 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, Clerk Marlyce Plante and 6 interested parties.

ABSENT: Treasurer Josh Bentley

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV OMANN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED AGENDA ADDING PHILLIP MARTIN & KAREN ANDERSON TO THE OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0

OPEN FORUM:

Phillip & Mary Martin – Site Plan Approval – The Martins own a 10.1-acre parcel and presented their proposed plans for the construction of an accessory building on their property. The 28 X 32 accessory building will be located to the north side/rear of the existing home. The building is planned to be of stick built construction with the front of the building matching the present home. Siding (on three sides other than the front) and roof will be of steel construction and be of similar color of the home. The well & septic are in the front of the home and will not be a factor in placement of the accessory building. The Martin's easily met the side yard & rear yard setbacks of 50 feet in the site plan.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN AS PRESENTED BY PHILLIP & MARY MARTIN WHOM HAVE MET ALL SIDE & REAR YARD SETBACKS, THE ACCESSORY BUILDING WILL BE IN THE REAR YARD AND SIDING ON THREE SIDES(OTHER THAN THE FRONT) WILL BE OF SIMILAR COLOR & KIND TO THE EXISTING HOME, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Karen Anderson – Driveway Concern – Clerk Plante received a call from Ms. Anderson that she was not going to be able to attend this evening's meeting but asked to have her concerns addressed regarding the pitch/slope of her driveway which was re-poured by the City of Sartell with the construction of 27th Street. Clerk Plante informed the Board, Ms. Anderson will provide pictures of her driveway to the City of Sartell Engineer, Jon Halter, showing him the correct pitch/slope of the driveway. She is concerned that water run-off will drain directly to her home.

Steve Weno – Accessory Building – Mr. Weno resides at 319 Rosewood Road in LeSauk Township. He would like to construct a 20 X 30 accessory building on his suburban residential zoned property. Mr. Weno provided a site plan of the placement of the building which due to setbacks from County Road 1 and removal of mature trees, cannot be placed in the rear yard, and therefore it will need to be placed in the side yard.

Mr. Weno provided his completed application for a variance to place the accessory building in the side yard along with the \$400 public hearing fee. Clerk Plante informed him the public hearing could possibly be held on October 24th.

Supv Westerlund also discussed with Mr. Weno the trimming of brush located on the corner of his property to allow for safer site viewing when approaching the intersection of Rosewood and County Road 1. Mr. Weno gave him permission to trim the brush as needed.

Marty Czech – Dan & Jean Peterson – Mr. Czech represented Dan & Jean Peterson who own three lots on Riviera Road, two lots are located on the river and one lot is across Riviera Road which is combined with the lot on which the Peterson's home is located. The Peterson's would like to sell the lots individually but found there is a clause on their abstracts at Stearns County which states the lots cannot be sold individually. It was the consensus of the Town Board, that since the lots are located within Shoreland, Mr. Czech should begin with Stearns County to see if that clause can be removed. Mr. Czech was informed by Supv Omann that he had worked previously with this and he may have a difficult time with the removal of the clause.

Matt Dankers – Site Plan Approval – Mr. Dankers purchased a lot in Coneflower Court of the Monarch Meadows Plat #2. He is having a home built by Custom Home Builders who had sent the site plan to Supv Heim and Building Inspector David Barsody for approval. The Town Board reviewed the site plan which met all side and rear yard setbacks as well as the correct setbacks from the well and septic sites. It was the consensus of the Town Board to approve the site plan.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Building Inspector David Barsody was in attendance at the meeting and discussed the following with the Town Board:

Laurie Larson, 2350 Rodeo Road – Mr. Barsody, Building Inspector, questioned the Town Board about the number of buildings Ms. Larson has located on her property. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Mr. Barsody visit and view the property since he will be in the area on 9-27-17.

George Fedor – Utility Sheds on property – Mr. Fedor has 4 utility sheds on his property. He would like to replace them since several were damaged by a storm. Supv Heim gave Mr. Fedor the zoning ordinances regarding accessory & utility buildings. Utility buildings in the township zoning ordinances are described as no larger than 220 square feet. Building Inspector Barsody stated the building code requires a building permit for buildings 200 square feet or larger. The Town Board will make note of that when reviewing the zoning ordinances and sub-division regulations.

Mr. Barsody also gave his monthly report and invoice with final inspections he had completed in the township.

MINUTES:

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Town Code Signature Page – Attorney Gilchrist informed Supv Heim that a signature page was not needed on the Town Code which was passed by the Town Board.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Jeff Westerlund-

Deer on 40th Street – Supv Westerlund reported he could not find the deer that was hit on 40th Street.

17th Street (30th Avenue) Grading – Supv Westerlund reported the grading of 17th Street, the 30th Avenue section, will be graded in October. This will allow for harvesting to take place before the grading is done.

Curve Sign in Bon Homie Valley – Supv Westerlund will inform Kurt & Kathy Rasmussen, residents in Bon Homie Valley that the curve sign located near their driveway, will be removed.

Dan Heim-

Pinecone Road – Supv Heim spoke with David Blommel, Township Engineer, stating the townships portion of Pinecone Road to be overlaid would be approximately 3400 feet and will be constructed to handle 7 ton. The City of Sartell’s portion of Pinecone Road will be constructed to handle 10 ton.

Sign Post @ Pinecone Road, 40th Street & 55th Avenue – Supv Heim has been in contact with Jon Kothenbeutel of the City of Sartell, whether a “three-top” sign post topper would be available from the city. Mr. Kothenbeutel stated he has them on order and will let Mr. Heim know when they are in.

30th Avenue – Supv Heim received information that St. Wendel Township will support the 30th Avenue Road Project, but do not want to reconstruct their portion of 30th Avenue. Supv Heim reported that all entities can submit their plans for their particular portion of 30th Avenue. The money from MNDOT would not cover any engineering fees or wetland permits.

Letter to Tim O’Driscoll & Michelle Fischbach – Supv Heim wrote an email to Mr. O’Driscoll and Ms. Fischbach regarding the 30th Avenue Road Project and received an answer stating they will review and consider this project.

Zimmerman Email & Pictures – The Town Board briefly reviewed an email and pictures that was sent to the Town Board regarding the “chicken coop” and chickens she has on her property.

Shawn Omann-

Speed Study by MNDOT– Supv Omann reported he researched the process to have a speed study done on Riviera Road since he had received complaints regarding the high speed of traffic on this road. Since this area may be considered an Urban District road by State Statute, the MPH would be set at 30. It could be considered a Residential Road which could get a 25 MPH, but with a speed study, the risk may increase the speed also. It was the consensus of the Town Board to leave Riviera Road as is at 30 MPH. Supv Omann will contact the Davies who were concerned about the speed.

Carr’s Tree Service – Supv Omann reported he has left messages with no return calls from Carr’s Tree Service.

Omann Conditional Use Permit – Supv Omann informed the Town Board he would like to reapply for an amended Conditional Use Permit but will pay the full public hearing fee of \$400. He will contact Clerk Plante with the necessary fee and application.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign Solutions Update – Supv Heim will contact John Peterson inquiring when they will begin the process of replacing township road signs and report at the next meeting.

Able Tree Service – Supv Westerlund met with Ken Blommer and drove the areas in the township where brush and trees need to be trimmed. The Weno property at Riverside Ave & Rosewood Road, will be added to the estimate that is being prepared by Mr. Blommer. Supv Westerlund will contact Mr. Blommer and report at the next meeting.

Pinecone Road Joint Powers Agreement – The Township Board discussed this at length stating concerns on how and who will be billed on this project and whether there will be a project manager handling both the City of Sartell and the Townships portions of this reconstruction. Supv Heim will send the agreement to David Blommel, Township Engineer, for review.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Karen Anderson – Driveway Concern – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

SEPTEMBER ROAD REPORT –

Supv Omann traveled all township roads and reported it was routine with minimal changes. He reported the grates on the 30th Avenue culvert were clear. There are shallow potholes on 321st Street. Supv Omann also discussed the very large willow tree near the Opatz home on 5th Avenue that should be included in the estimate Able Tree Service will be doing for the trimming of township brush & trees.

CORRESPONDENCE – CLERK REPORT

Andy Swartout – 19.5-acre Parcel Split – Clerk Plante received an email from Mr. Swartout who was inquiring whether the 19.5 acre parcel he owns could be split. Mr. Swartout's parcel is part of the Fenlason Woods Plat and was left at 19.5 acres because it could not be split any smaller due to swampy areas. The other parcels of Fenlason Woods were all approximately 10 acres each. Clerk Plante will email Mr. Swartout letting him know this information.

Assessment Search – 389 15th St. No – Clerk Plante received a phone call requesting assessments on a township parcel located at 389 15th St. No. She informed her the parcel is owned by US Bank as a foreclosure and all assessments on properties in the township are handled by Stearns County.

VOUCHERS

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY VOUCHER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31.57 (CHECK #12714), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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)

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LeSauk Township Clerk