

LeSauk Township Regular Meeting  
September 27, 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 3 interested parties.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING GARY & LINDA REHNKE TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Charles Ehlen, 2920 Winnebago Road – Cat Issue** – Mr. Ehlen was asked by the town board to attend this evening's meeting to discuss the cat issue in Winnebago Addition. Mr. Ehlen informed the board he did not realize how quickly the cat issue multiplied in such a short amount of time. He stated there were approximately 35-40 cats and now has 6 cats remaining, 3 adult cats and 3 kittens. He contacted the Tri-County Humane Society who loaned him live traps for the numerous cats. He owns rural properties north of this area and when trapping the cats, he then released them on those properties. He apologized for the inconvenience this has caused both the town board and his neighbors. The board thanked him for handling the situation in this humane way.

**MINUTES:**

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Gary & Linda Rehnke, 1643 6<sup>th</sup> St. So. – County Road 133 Realignment** – Mr. & Mrs. Rehnke came before the board to discuss the conversation held on the local radio station, WJON, regarding the realignment of County Road 133. County officials stated in the WJON's article on their website, they had approved Option C for the realignment. Option C would significantly cut through their parcel and come within 30 feet of their present home. It would also impact the future possibility of constructing a new home for their son on a portion of the parcel.

They asked the Town Board they be informed of any future meetings regarding this realignment so they may be present to state their concerns. The Rehnke's are in favor of Option D which would keep the realignment on Pinecone Road & 6<sup>th</sup> St. So. Since those roads are already in place.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** No Report.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:**

**Joshua Carpenter – Addition to home** – Building Inspector, David Barsody, emailed Supv Heim regarding site plans he had received from Mr. Carpenter to construct an addition to his home. Supv Heim researched the parcel which is an island of township property surrounded by the city of Sartell. It is a parcel that would be annexed to the city within 3 years as stated in the revised Orderly Annexation Agreement. Supv Heim has not received further information since he has tried to contact Mr. Carpenter.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3490.97 (CHECK #'s 13865 thru 13869 plus EFT 234), SECOND BY SUPV OMANN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Dullinger stated she has not received a call back for information regarding CD rates. She also has sent Schedule 1 from the CTAS system with the township budget information to complete the reporting for the SLFRF (State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) NEU (Non-Entitlement Unit of Government) Supporting Documentation due by 9-30-22.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS****Jeff Westerlund –**

**Brush Cutting on 40<sup>th</sup> Street** – Supv Westerlund contacted Chuck Ertl regarding the brush that has not been cut near the guardrail on 40<sup>th</sup> Street. The brush cutting was part of his bid along with the township ditch mowing. Mr. Ertl stated he will be cutting the brush when his equipment is fixed. The invoice will not be paid until the brush cutting is completed.

**Jenny Emslander, 2814 17<sup>th</sup> St. – Grading of 17<sup>th</sup> St.** – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Ms. Emslander questioning when 17<sup>th</sup> Street would be graded since it was quite rough. The grading will be done in the next couple of weeks since ASTECH's grading equipment is currently in the metro area.

**Sue Roberts & Dale Zika – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave No – Countryside Acres Addition** – Supv Westerlund visited Ms. Roberts & Mr. Zika who own parcels adjacent to each other in Countryside Acres. Ms. Roberts has had concerns with Mr. Zika cutting grass on her property and Mr. Zika's concern about bonfires Ms. Roberts has had. After speaking to both parties, the situation has hopefully been resolved.

**Dead Deer Pick-Up on 35<sup>th</sup> Street** – Supv Westerlund reported he picked up another dead deer near the Sovde property on 35<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Dan Heim –**

**Scott Saehr – Sewer & Water Hook-Up** – Supv Heim received a call from Mr. Saehr, Sartell City Assistant Administrator, regarding the mandatory sewer connection as stated in Section 560.16 of the township ordinances. He questioned whether that would include mandatory connection to water also. Supv Heim thought that would be part of the city of Sartell's code.

**Diane Fish, 1701 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. – Driveway Replacement** - Ms. Fish contacted Supv Heim questioning whether a permit is needed to replace their driveway after the reconstruction of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Supv Heim stated she did not need a permit.

**Emily w/Advance Heating Co.** – Supv Heim received a call from Advance Heating Company questioning whether a permit is needed when installing a heater in an existing garage. He informed her a mechanical permit would be needed.

**John Udermann, 2611 17<sup>th</sup> St. No. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Home** – Mr. Udermann contacted Supv Heim questioning whether a second home could be built on his property. Supv Heim sent him the regulations regarding the setbacks needed, splitting of his parcel etc. No definite plans have been made for a timetable on the construction of the home.

**Karell Sartell, 411 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. – Home Construction** – Supv Heim has been in contact with Karell Sartell who owns a 14-acre parcel on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ms. Sartell has also contacted Scott Saehr of the city of Sartell to discuss options for splitting the parcel and whether it would need to be annexed to the city. No definite decisions have been made by Ms. Sartell.

**Amy Legatt & Paul Vanvoorhis, 2051 1<sup>st</sup> St. No.** – The Legatt & Vanvoorhis parcel was annexed to the City of Sartell at the latest city council meeting.

**Tom Frericks, 3231 321<sup>st</sup> St. – Building Demolition & Reconstruction** – Supv Heim was contacted by Sam DeLeo, surveyor for Mr. Frericks. The site plan for the reconstruction of the accessory building Mr. Frericks would like to construct, places the building 3 feet from the side yard. Mr. Frericks will need a variance in order to continue with the project.

**USAA Claim – Claim for Damages** – A phone call and subsequent email was received by Clerk Plante from USAA claim services questioning whether the township will be making a claim for damages after an accident occurred at the intersection of County Road 1 and Pine Ridge Road. Supv Heim viewed the area and did not see any significant damage. Clerk Plante will email USAA Claim services and inform them the township will not be making any claim for damages.

**Mel Preusser, 1762 40<sup>th</sup> St. No.** – Supv Heim contacted Mr. Preusser regarding the property he owns on 40<sup>th</sup> St. No. which has a 40 X 60 shed. Supv Heim questioned what, if any, plans Mr. Preusser had for the parcel since the Preusser's live elsewhere and the township has been contacting various property owners regarding possible town hall sites. Mr. Preusser stated no definite plans have been made for the parcel but would keep that in mind.

**Thomas Property, 32502 County Road 1 – Property Clean-Up** – Supv Heim received a copy of a stipulation drafted by Stearns County Environmental Services and signed by Shirley Thomas stating the Thomas's have until November 1<sup>st</sup> to clean up their property. If after that time the property is not cleaned up, a meeting will be held with the property owner, Shirley Thomas, and the county will then have the legal right to clean up the property and place the cost of the clean up on the properties tax roll.

**Clarence Weyer, 2175 Pinecone Road – Abandoned Vehicle Removal** – Supv Heim spoke with Mr. Weyer regarding the viewing of the vehicles on his property, checking whether they are all currently licensed as the township had requested to be completed by June 1, 2022. Mr. Weyer refused to allow Supv Heim to view the vehicles on his property. The viewing of the vehicles may be pursued after leaves have fallen.

**Daryl Garlock, 3775 Riverside Ave. No. – Variance Application** – Supv Heim has received the variance application & fee from Mr. Garlock to construct an accessory building in the front yard. The public hearing will be set for October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Joint Planning Board Meeting.

**Shawn Omann –**

**Jenny Emslander, 2814 17<sup>th</sup> St. No. – Grading of 17<sup>th</sup> St.** – Supv Omann received a call from Ms. Emslander requesting 17<sup>th</sup> St. No. to be graded since she felt her car will fall apart. He informed her he spoke to Lance of ASTECH who stated the grader is in the metro area and should be back within a couple of weeks at which time 17<sup>th</sup> Street will be graded.

**Kamco** – Supv Omann reported to the board that 30<sup>th</sup> St. & Riviera Road has been micro-surfaced and the striping of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be done some time this week. Supv Omann was contacted by Tom Miller, resident on Riviera Road stating his mailbox was sprayed with black tar. Kamco will be removing the tar from the mailbox within the week and apologized for the error.

**Keith Goerke, 6036 322<sup>nd</sup> St.** – Mr. Goerke contacted Supv Omann regarding the purchase of a parcel located east of his property. The parcel was previously owned by Knife River and is now listed under a B & K Properties Inc. Mr. Goerke would like to contact the owner of B & K Properties to inquire whether he could purchase the parcel located to the east of him. Supv Omann was able to locate the mailing address to B & K Properties for Mr. Goerke.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**Town Hall** – The Town Board discussed parcels that Supv Westerlund had viewed during his monthly road inspection that may be possibilities for a town hall. The parcels included a parcel owned by Coborn's on

Rodeo Road, Yurczyk property on 27<sup>th</sup> Street & County Road 1, Farris property by the Tom Miller property on Riviera Road, Preusser parcel, Klaphake parcel and the Dockendorf parcel.

**Thomas, Theisen, Rosenow & Weyer Property Clean-up** – The Thomas & Weyer properties were discussed earlier in the meeting and no further information on the Theisen & Rosenow properties.

**MS4 Permit/Ordinance Update** – No coded update of the draft ordinances has been received from Attorney Gilchrist.

**Park Fellowship Contract** – Supv Heim signed the contract with his name above Supv Westerlund's name as advised by Attorney Troy Gilchrist.

**NEW BUSINESS** – The Rehnke's spoke earlier in the meeting.

### **SEPTEMBER ROAD REPORT:**

Supv Westerlund reviewed his monthly road report, along with pictures of various areas of concern with the town board. He reported a dead tree by 2607 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, may be in the road right of way and should be removed. He sited several streets, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, 322<sup>nd</sup> Street from County Road 4 to the township line are in very poor shape. He noted that 17<sup>th</sup> Street North (Udermann area) is in need of fall grading as soon as possible. This will be graded in the next couple of weeks as discussed previously in the meeting.

He also viewed the properties in the township that are in need of clean-up. The Theisen property looks good, but a lot of items have been moved to the back. The Rosenow property has not changed. The Thomas & Weyer properties both were discussed earlier in the meeting.

**CLERK CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:** Clerk Plante stated the items she had to report were discussed previously in the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante  
LeSauk Township Clerk