

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – Sartell Community Center – Liberty Rm
October 8, 2024

The regular township 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, Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut, Treasurer Josh Bentley and 3 interested parties.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Ted Fortney, 1986 40th St. No., Sartell, MN – Mr. Fortney appeared before the board requesting permission to add a 30x30 accessory building to his property. The Fortney property is zoned A20 and meets all requirements for adding an accessory building. The board informed him that he needs to apply with the Township Building Inspector David Barsody, which he did as Mr. Barsody was attending the meeting.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR TED FORTNEY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

David Barsody, LeSauk Township Building Inspector – Mr. Barsody had been contacted by Sam of Maverick Contracting who had been seeking an over-the-counter permit for the repair of a roof. Mr. Barsody had issued the permit after he had received the \$75 reroofing permit fee. Mr. Barsody had emailed the permit with instructions that once he received the check that work could begin, And the contractor would need to call for inspections. Repeated email inquiries from Mr. Barsody have not been answered. A representative from the company had been invited to this meeting by Mr. Barsody to discuss how the permitting process could be improved, but the representative did not attend.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Keith Dahl, Ehlers, Inc. – Mr. Ehlers presented the board with two Certificate of Indebtedness options regarding the purchase of the new Township Hall. Forty-six banks had been solicited by Ehlers, Inc. for issuance of a certificate, and only two had accepted our terms (5-year term for \$266,000) and sent bonding bids. One was from Falcon Bank at 4.86% interest with a \$250 bank fee, and the other was from Roseau Bank at 4.60% interest with no bank fees.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$263,000 TO ROSEAU BANK, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE AND POLICY FOR TAX-EXEMPT GOVERNMENT BONDS PREPARED BY KENNEDY GRAVEN, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Jeff and Pam Gooding, 2854 Winnebago Rd., Sartell – Supv Heim received an email from the Gooding’s contractor requesting permitting information for replacing siding, windows, doors, etc. The property is zoned R1. Supv Heim contacted Steve Gritman regarding shoreline permitting, and he was informed that because the Goodings are not adding to the existing footprint and because the entrances are needed, no Shoreland permit is needed. Supv Heim also contacted Kari Theisen from the Sartell Joint Planning Board.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR THE GOODING PROPERTY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY REPORT: Supv Heim indicated that he is waiting on information from Atty Gilchrist. Tabled until next time.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Discussed previously in Open Forum.

September TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer Bentley reviewed the September Treasurer’s Report with town board supervisors. He stated that expenses in September totaled \$575,563.86. Payments consisted of payment for the new Town Hall along with the wire transfer fee for the Town Hall purchase and regular payroll. The revenues consisted of Interim Use Permit Application, Transfer from the R&B to General fund, the Escrow Account setup, and computer service refund. The township’s fund balance at the end of September was (\$254,688.93) and \$400,000 in CDs.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,827.76 (CHECK #14334 THRU #14346 PLUS EFT’S 298 & 300), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

• **Zander property clean-up** – Austin Brownie of Junktastic Removal attended the meeting and reported that two trailers (18 yards and 14 yards) of items were removed during the clean-up on September 26. Much of it was repurposed or recycled. Two vehicles were towed away. Supv Heim had also attended the clean-up to take pictures, etc. By the end of the afternoon, the site was cleaned to a level designated by the Court Order. A Stearns County deputy remained on site until the last employee left the property.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Storage Unit and New Town Hall – Supv Westerlund and Supv Heim cleaned out the storage unit on September 27, turned over the keys, and moved everything to the new Town Hall garage.

Potholes on 30th – Supv Westerlund filled the potholes on Town Line Road on September 28th.

Dan Heim –

Doug Welk, ASTECH – Plowing on 17th Street – Supv Heim and Mr. Welk checked over 17th Street off of Pine Cone Road for possible plowing, and it was determined that a lot of work needs to be done before they will agree to plow it. Supv Heim contacted ASTECH to see how much it would cost, and that estimate would be passed on to Evan to see if he'd be willing to pay it.

Dennis Molitor – Sartell Historical Society – Supv Heim met with Ron Hurd and Judy Morgan to show them the basement of the new Town Hall for possible rental. They will discuss it because they currently are storing items in a storage unit.

Diane Fish – 1701 19th Ave. S., Sartell – Supv Heim received a voicemail from Ms. Fish who enquired as to if a permit was needed to re-side a chicken coop. Supv Heim contacted David Barsody who advised one was not needed.

SEH – Supv Heim received a Certificate of Attendance for Erosion and Stormwater Management for MS4 certification.

Alex Udermann – 2611 17th Str. N., Sartell – Mr. Udermann texted Supv Heim to advise that 17th Street needed grading. Supv Heim said that Supv Westerlund can view the road with his next road report.

Brian Johnston – 2643 7th Ave North, Sartell – Mr. Johnson emailed Supv Heim requesting information regarding the maximum square-footage for an accessory building. Supv Heim emailed an attachment for regulations for R1.

Rod Traut – 3997 Riverside Ave. N., Sartell – Mr. Traut emailed Supv Heim about the T8 parcel, 1835 27th St. North – Would it be possible to split off the patio home from the rest of the property. Supv Heim advised that if the septic is not up to code then they would probably need to annex to Sartell.

David Traut – 26 19th Ave. N., Sartell – Mr. Traut emailed Supv Heim to notify him that the final plot is set with the city of Sartell regarding the split of a minor subdivision zoned U1.

Paul Wagner –

None

Clerk Report -

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – Supv Heim reported on several items regarding the purchase of the town hall.

- Supv Heim met with Justin from Modern Kraft Builders to acquire a bid for changes, and he met with Jason and Tony from J. Dale Builders to also acquire a bid. Also, suggestions were made:

- The doors would require new hardware for quick access. Access has to be one-step.
- Water fountain
- Lighted exit signs
- Building inspector would need to set the number of maximum occupancy

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – Supv Westerlund mentioned that there has been no communication from the family.

Fee Schedule – Add to Old Business

Solar Farm/Garden Ordinance – Attorney Gilchrist is in the process of drafting an ordinance to allow solar farms/gardens within the township within the A-20 (Agricultural 20 acres or more) zoning.

Kari Haakonson, Sartell – Ms. Haakonson asked for a draft of the Town's drafted ordinance. Supv Heim emailed her a draft, and Ms. Theisen emailed stating that the city was in full support of the solar being in the A20.

Ryan Fitzthum – Mr. Fitzthum texted Supv Heim asking if the township had made any decisions regarding solar gardens.

Fire Protection Contract – Supv Heim emailed Anna asking how things were going with the updates. She sent a copy with some edits. Supv Heim made some suggestions, and a final copy was sent to Supv Heim, who will share the final with Clerk Plante.

MS 4 Audit Update – Wayne Cymbulak, Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance, met with Supv Heim to locate pond and discharge locations. More will be discussed at the Oct. 22 meeting.

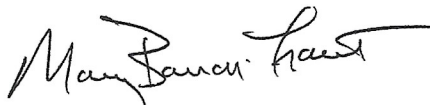
Supv Heim filled out the Stormwater reports for the monthly inspection, for the Outfall Inspection reports, and for the jug of oil that was found.

NEW BUSINESS:

Townline Road – Supv Heim met online with the planning group on October 1. \$1.5 of federal funding is still in play. The engineers original timeline had planned to have 90% of the planning complete by July, but as of now, only 60% has been submitted to the county. Jodi Teich, Stearns County engineer, has been doing a thorough examination of all plans. Due to the delays, they would seek bids the fall of 2025 and begin the project in 2026.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Barron-Traut,
LeSauk Township Deputy Clerk