

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – Sartell Community Center – Liberty Rm
February 10, 2025

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 and Jeff Westerlund, Clerk Marlyce Plante and Treasurer Josh Bentley.

ABSENT: Supervisor Paul Wagner

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OPEN FORUM: No open forum items.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: No business from the floor.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 28th regular township meeting and the February 4th, annual audit meeting, will be placed on the agenda when there is a full board present.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilchrist is continuing work on the Town Code provisions with Stearns County and the orderly annexation agreement with the city of St. Cloud. Supv Heim also received the resolutions Attorney Gilchrist prepared for the Traut Solar Farm conditional use permit.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

JANUARY TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Bentley reviewed the January treasurers report with the board. Expenses in January were \$52,656.60 which included three larger expenditures; 1st half of the fire contract for \$20,000, snow plowing and sanding of \$13,422.00 and the 4th quarter building inspector fees of roughly \$12,000.00. The township received it's final 2024 real estate settlement payment of just over \$5000. Ending balance in all township funds was \$974,933.56.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE JANUARY TREASURERS REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Claims & Invoices – Treasurer Bentley stated that invoices and claims totaled just over \$16,000.00 which included payroll, snowplowing & sanding of township roads and miscellaneous expenses.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL CLAIM VOUCHERS & INVOICES TOTALING \$16,302.38 (CHECK #14417 THRU 14429 PLUS EFT'S 309 & 310), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Snow Removal at Town Hall – Supv Westerlund reported he has plowed the snow at the new town hall with the recent snow falls. With the increased amount of snow, he needed to bring his 4 wheeler to handle the clearing of the parking lot and snow pushed off from 4th Avenue. After discussion, it was the consensus

of the board to have Supv Westerlund contact several contractors for bids to remove snow at the town hall if needed and report at the next meeting.

Dan Heim –

Jim Zehn – 32572 River Vista Lane – Mr. Zehn is an appraiser working with this property owner. The home is being demolished due to a fire and the owners would now like to increase the size of the home. The question then was whether they would need to annex to the city of Sartell. Supv Heim was informed that city services are within 100 feet and if any new construction, they will need to annex to receive services.

Kent Davis, 3514 Rivera Road – Shoreland Alteration & Boathouse Replacement – Supv Heim reported again that he has not heard further from Emily or Jerry Konz of JK Landscaping regarding the major shoreland alteration that is being planned for this property as well as replacement of the boathouse. They have been forwarded emails stating the boathouse cannot be enlarged and what is planned for the shoreland is a major alteration. Both will need a permit and possibly a variance. The last correspondence with them was on January 10th 2025.

Jeremy Sand, 3934 Riviera Road, Deck Replacement – Supv Heim has not received the site plan for the deck replacement on the Sand property.

Solar Farm Conditional Use Permit Fees – Supv Heim spoke with Kari Haakonson, project planner for the city of Sartell, regarding the cities fee requirements for solar farms. The city requires a \$2500 escrow account be set aside for covering costs related to a solar farm/garden application. Supv Heim will discuss this suggested amount when a full board is present. They have paid the conditional use permit fee of \$400. Supv Heim will also forward copies of the resolutions drafted by Attorney Gilchrist for the solar farm to the Traut's, Solar Stone Energy and also to Kari Haakonson, for review prior to the upcoming public hearing on February 25th.

MS4, Minnesota Stormwater Permit – A date and time has not been set with Wayne Cymbulak of the Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance (CMWEA) to review the townships requirements as stated within the audit that was completed.

Paul Wagner – No report.

Clerk Report –

File Holders – Clerk Plante reported that she has ordered new hanging file holders to convert the file cabinets to front to back filing.

Chairs at Town Hall – Clerk Plante stated she had not ordered the audience chairs yet. After discussion, Treasurer Bentley was able to increase the allowable charging amount on her township credit card to \$2500 so she will be able to order the 35 chairs that are needed, plus two new supervisor chairs.

Larry Traut Parcel – Clerk Plante received a call from Steve Hanson who questioned whether the 35-acre Traut parcel could be sub-divided and remain in the township. She gave him Kari Haakonson's contact information since the parcel is located adjacent to city property and may need to be annexed.

St. Cloud Live Newspaper – Clerk Plante reported that she placed the legal notice in the St. Cloud Live newspaper for the upcoming Traut Solar Farm public hearing. Cost was significantly lower but with the paper being published only on Friday's of each week, notices must be received by Monday by 9:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – As of March 1st, township meetings will be held at the new town hall. The annual meeting will

also be held there.

Thomas Property – No further information has been received from Tim Oswald of Stearns County Environmental Services.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – This will remain under old business and viewed in the spring and summer.

Website Redesign – Clerk Plante was in contact with Leslie Rosenthal who stated there is a one-time fee of \$1500 to set up and redesign the township website. This will be discussed when there is a full board present.

Fee Schedule – Treasurer Bentley will put together the costs related to the last several variances, conditional use permits, shoreland alterations etc. This will help in determining whether fees may need to be raised in order to cover our costs for these applications.

Cannabis Ordinance – No further action until all board supervisors have reviewed the ordinance.

Townline Road Update – Supv Heim discussed emails he has received from Joe Perske and information from Tom Emmer who expects funding to be go through for this road project even though there has been a freeze placed on federal funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brandon Silgjord, Sartell Police Chief – A date has not been set for Police Chief Silgjord to attend a township meeting and discuss the upcoming changes to the Sartell Safety Departments for the city.

There being no further business, SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk