

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – Sartell Community Center – Liberty Rm
May 28, 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, Clerk Marlyce Plante and Treasurer Josh Bentley.

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

OPEN FORUM: No open forum items.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2024 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Zander Summons - Supv Heim reported that he contacted Attorney Bob Alsop regarding the town board's decision at the May 14, 2024 meeting to allow the Zanders until July 31, 2024 to adhere to all the requirements in the summons and complaint they received regarding their property. Supv Heim was contacted by Angie Zander informing him her brother, Aaron Zander, who lives at the property, had a lawn accident. She had yet to receive the July 31st date from Atty Alsop. Supv Heim informed her of that date and if the property is not cleaned up, the township will then begin the process of cleaning it up, removing the abandoned vehicles etc.; will all charges the township incurs being placed on the Zander tax assessments through Stearns County.

322nd Street Overlay Project – Luke Langer, St. Cloud Assistant Engineer, sent a revised agreement for the 322nd Street Overlay project. It was also sent to our township attorney, Troy Gilchrist and the city of St. Cloud's attorney. Supv Heim attended a Teams meeting at which the attorney's and jurisdictions came to an agreement with the final costs as follows; St. Cloud - \$101,000, St. Wendel - \$90,000 and LeSauk - \$77,000. There are two upcoming meetings regarding the project, May 30th (Information Only) and June 24th (Public Hearing). Clerk Plante was asked to contact the LeSauk Township residents who own property or live on 322nd Street of the May 30th meeting so they may be able to attend. Notices will be sent to the township residents regarding the June 24th public hearing.

Troy Gilchrist & Jason Hill – Law Firm Change – Supv Heim received a letter from Atty Gilchrist & Hill informing the township they will be establishing their own law firm, Town Law Center, PLLP. They will dedicate their firm to specialization in township law. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CONTINUE WITH TROY GILCHRIST AS LESAUK TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY AT THE TOWN LAW CENTER, PLLP, BUT CONTINUE AND FINISH THE ZANDER SUMMONS WITH BOB ALSOP OF KENNEDY-GRAVEN CHARTERED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

Infinity Homes – James Anderson Accessory Building & Mechanical Permit – Supv Heim was contacted by David of Infinity Homes who handled the construction of an accessory building for James Anderson. The permit also included a \$75 charge for a mechanical permit which ultimately was not needed. They are questioning whether the \$75 charge could be refunded. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO

REFUND \$75.00 TO INFINITY HOMES, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TREASURERS REPORT & CLAIM VOUCHER PAYMENTS:

Treasurer Bentley reported on two CD's approved by the Town Board at the May 14th, 2024 meeting, which he has placed at Bank Vista, both at 5.25% - a \$200,000 CD for 9 months and a \$200,000 CD for 12 months at 5.30%. If by chance, the township is in need of funds prior to the CD's maturing, there would be a three-month penalty, but he felt there will not be a need with the current township balance, as well as the receipt of real estate tax settlements coming in June.

Only two claim vouchers were presented to the board for a total of \$428.15. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$428.15 (CHECK #14251 & 14252), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Townline Road Maintenance - Supv Westerlund reported he had placed 6 bags of cold patch in potholes located on Townline/30th Avenue and ran out. He will finish the patching as soon as possible.

MS4 Permit Audit – Supv Westerlund informed the Town Board the township will be audited by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) regarding the township's MS4 Permit. He spoke with Julie Johnson, former Watab Township Clerk and now a township supervisor, about the process. Wayne Cymbulak of the Central Minnesota Water Environmental Alliance, will be completing the 36-page audit and will be contacting both the clerk and Supv Westerlund, for information to complete the audit. Ms. Johnson provided her phone number should we have any questions.

Dan Heim –

Rodney w/Xcel Energy – Fitzthum Solar Farm/17th St. North – Supv Heim has heard nothing further regarding the width of 17th St. North requested by Xcel Energy.

Luke Schaefer – 2nd Accessory Building – Mr. Schaefer contacted Supv Heim questioning whether a second accessory building is allowed at 3934 Riviera Road. The parcel is on the Mississippi River and would be subject to the Shoreland Ordinances and would need a variance since the building would be placed in the front yard and not the rear yard as stated in township ordinances. Supv Heim provided the information to Mr. Schaefer regarding the square footage allowed and number of buildings etc.

Shoreland Information – Supv Heim received a call from Scott (no further information given) who had questions about shoreland regulations. Supv Heim returned his call but no answer back has been received.

Mark Suess – Mr. Suess contacted Supv Heim with questions whether a demolition permit is needed to remove walls and a roof. Supv Heim returned the call, but has not heard back.

Jonathon Rengel – Slivnik Building Permit – Supv Heim received a call regarding deck renovation, siding and interior remodeling – Supv Heim is waiting to hear back.

Fallen Tree on 30th Avenue – With a recent storm, a tree fell onto 30th Avenue in the St. Wendel Township portion of 30th Avenue. Lisa Vollbrecht, city of Sartell Public Works Director, had her crew push the tree off to the side of the road. Supv Heim contacted Glen Lauer, St. Wendel Township Supervisor, informing him the tree would need to be removed from the side of the road.

Blow Patching of Township Roads – The Town Board approved up to three loads of material (\$5500 per load) for the blow patching of township roads by Bertram Asphalt at the May 14th township meeting. Bertram's contacted Supv Heim informing him of the approximate areas/roads they were able to complete

with the three loads, but were not able to complete all the road projects. After discussion by the Town Board, SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO HAVE BERTRAM ASPHALT FINISH OUT THE 5 PROJECTS, PLEASANTDALE ADDITION, COUNTRY SIDE ACRES ADDITION, BONHOMIE VALLEY ADDITION, RIVIERA ROAD INTERSECTION AND 35TH STREET (LLOYD TRAUT AREA), ALLOWING UP TO 4 MORE LOADS OF BLOW PATCH MATERIAL AT \$5500 PER LOAD, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Heim will contact Bertram Asphalt of the Board's decision and also inform him no blow patching should be done on 321st Street (Foley Street area).

17th Street Bid Proposal – No information or proposal has been received from Lance of ASTECH Inc. It was the consensus of the Town Board to get another bid from Bertram Asphalt who are doing the blow patching on township roads.

Fire Department Contract – Supv Heim reviewed the information sent by Peter Kedrowski, City of Sartell Fire Chief. Chief Kedrowski was working on getting current numbers regarding household value, population comparisons between the city and the township and fire calls in the township versus the city.

Paul Wagner –

35th Street Tree Removal – Supv Wagner reported that he cut a tree that was leaning over 35th Street before it fell on the road.

Memorial Day Service – Supv Wagner attended the Memorial Day service that was held at the Sartell Community Center at which time he was questioned by Glen Lauer, St. Wendel Township Supervisor, wondering who did the pothole patching on 30th Ave/Townline Road.

Clerk Report –

Building Permit Application Process– Clerk Plante briefly discussed the building permit application process since she had received several applications. No further action since it is a matter of whether they fully read the instruction sheet that is on the website.

Troy Gilchrist & Jason Hill – New Law Firm – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Solar Farm Presentation – Clerk Plante has secured the community center for June 12th at 6 p.m. for a special meeting to listen to a presentation by SolarStone Energy regarding solar farms & gardens. The park fund will also be discussed at the meeting.

MS4 Permit Audit – Supv Westerlund discussed the audit being requested by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Clerk Plante was also contacted.

322nd Street Information Request – Stephen Barthel, a city of St. Cloud resident who lives on 322nd Street, contacted Clerk Plante requesting information about when Roberts Road was going to be extended and when 322nd Street was going to be overlaid and upgraded. She provided him with names to call at the city of Sartell and St. Cloud for information on Roberts Road and public meetings that will be held regarding the 322nd overlay project.

Township Website – Clerk Plante reported that she has heard from Leslie Rosendahl regarding the cost of upgrading our township website. Her fee is \$1500 with monthly payments to the website host of approximately \$20 per month. She has also emailed Margaret Stang questioning the website designer and the cost of it. She has not received an answer as of yet.

17th St. North Right-of-Way Width - Clerk Plante received a call from Evan Carlson, Enterprise Energy who is working with Xcel and the owner of the parcel, Ryan Fitzthum who also requested the road width information and had questions about whether the township would remove trees in the road right-of-way etc. She asked that he attend a township meeting to discuss with the entire board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall – No new information at this time.

Zander Property Clean-Up – Discussed under the attorney report.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – This property will be viewed during monthly road inspections.

Website Redesign – Reported on earlier under Clerk's Report.

Solar Farm/Garden Presentation - Park Fund – Upcoming meeting will be on June 12th at 6 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

ROAD REPORT: No report since the annual road inspection had been done by the entire board earlier in the month.

322nd St. Overlay Project – Supv Heim reported on the 322nd Road Project earlier in the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante,
LeSauk Township Clerk