

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, March 31, 2026

The regular township meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 6:00 p.m. in the LeSauk Town Hall.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Josh Bentley, Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut and four interested parties.

AGENDA: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING LANGE OVERWEIGHT PERMIT TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: No open forum items.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Bluebird Hollow Minor Subdivision – Final Plat – The Joint Planning Board recommended approval with the change of the name of 35th Street to 40th Street on the plat survey. Doran Fischer who is a neighboring property owner near the Bluebird Hollow plat, questioned whether he could view the plat itself. A copy of the plat was sent to all neighboring parcel owners along with the notice of the public hearing. Mr. Fischer viewed the plat but had no comments or concerns.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-05 GRANTING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF A MINOR SUBDIVISION NAMED BLUEBIRD HOLLOW FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3845 PINE CONE ROAD, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Tyler Lange, Lange Excavating Overweight Permit – Mr. Lange came before the Town Board to request an overweight permit for his company to haul approximately 17 tons of crushed granite to be hauled in 8 loads to the Meadowbrook Farm property to repair an access area to the farm's barn. There is a 5-ton total weight limit on 30th Avenue which needs to be used to access 17th Street where the farm is located.

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO GRANT THE OVERWEIGHT PERMIT TO LANGE EXCAVATING TO HALL CRUSHED GRANITE TO THE MEADOWBROOK FARM AREA BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2026 AND APRIL 30, 2026, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

The annual township meeting minutes were reviewed and spelling & grammar by the Town Board. These minutes are approved by township residents attending the 2027 annual meeting.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2026 AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. SUPV WESTERLUND ABSTAINED SINCE HE WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Supv Heim reported Attorney Gilchrist continues work on the St. Cloud Orderly Annexation which he hopes to complete in the next week. The Stearns County Attorney's Office has provided a link for the township attorney's office to input the code violations into the county court system. Atty Gilchrist also informed him they have hired a third attorney to help in their firm. Their new lawyer is Ben Gilchrist.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented two invoices for payment. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$546.68 (CHECK #14667 AND 14668), SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Treasurer Bentley reported he has completed a final report for the federal money received through SLFRF (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds).

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Denny Molitor – Supv Westerlund reported he had all of his fire alarms replaced by Denny Molitor of the Retired Firefighters. Most of the alarms he had were never replaced. Information regarding the fire alarm replacement program can be found on the Sartell Fire Department's website.

Brian Johnston – Construction of Accessory Building – Supv Westerlund has received calls from Mr. Johnston who had questions regarding construction of a larger accessory building on his parcel.

MP Asphalt & Concrete Maintenance – Supv Westerlund received an email from MP Asphalt requesting the township place them on their bidder's list for upcoming road projects.

Dan Heim –

Tyler Lange – Lange Excavating – Overweight Permit – Supv Heim was contacted by Tyler Lange who requested an overweight permit to haul crushed granite to the Meadowbrook farm. Mr. Lange appeared earlier in the meeting and was issued a 30-day overweight permit.

Alex Udermann – Meadowbrook Farm Driveway – Mr. Udermann contacted Supv Heim regarding the possibility of moving the farm's driveway to the barn. Supv Heim informed him they will not be able to fill in the ditch that runs along 17th Street. Supv Heim asked Mr. Udermann to contact him when they have their site plan for the new driveway in order for him to view it.

Chuck Haselkamp – American Legion Rental of Town Hall – Supv Heim contacted Mr. Haselkamp informing him the town board had approved the rental of the town hall for the American Legion on July 8th for \$25.

Evan Carlson, 17th Street Road Agreement – Supv Heim received the 17th Street (off Pinecone Road) revised and signed road agreement from Mr. Carlson. All upgrades & plowing of 17th Street for the future solar farms will be made and paid for by the solar farm owners beginning with an escrow account of \$5000 from each the EESolar10 LLC & Capitol Solar10 LLC plus \$10,000 from EESolar11 LLC.

Kyle Wilson, 3884 Riviera Road – Mr. Wilson emailed Supv Heim and building inspector David Barsody, requesting building permits issued for 3884 Riviera Road. Mr. Barsody did not have records of any permits issued since he has been the townships building inspector beginning in 2011.

Nadia Corrieri, 2675 7th Ave. No. – Excessive Sand – Ms. Corrieri contacted Supv Heim questioning when the sweeping of sand will be done in the township. Supv Heim contacted ASTECH, and

depending on weather, it should be done within the next week to 2 weeks. He relayed the information to Ms. Corrieri.

Bryan Johnston, 2643 7th Ave. No. – Accessory Building – Mr. Johnston would like to construct a larger accessory building on his property. Supv Heim stated he currently has a lean-to, a utility shed, an accessory building and a carport. He informed Mr. Johnston he is allowed one accessory building and one utility shed. If Mr. Johnston removes a building & the carport, he may be able to construct one larger accessory building. Mr. Johnston will contact him when he has a definite plan.

No Parking Signs on 27th Street – The board discussed the proposal from John Peterson of ID Sign Solutions for \$2357.00 to place the no parking signs on 27th Street. The proposal includes 8 no parking signs, all necessary hardware and installation. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM ID SIGN SOLUTIONS FOR \$2357.00 FOR PLACEMENT OF 24 X 24 “NO PARKING” SIGNS ON 27TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN COUNTY ROAD 1 AND WINNEBAGO ROAD, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante will email Mr. Peterson.

Maleska Certificates of Compliance – Supv Heim contacted both Brian Maleska and Tim Nelson regarding the recording of the certificates of compliance for the Maleska property. The certificates have not been recorded yet. Mr. Nelson informed him the purchase agreement for the 40-acre parcel that was split off has not been signed yet.

Brandon Tchida - Traut Wells – Sprinkler System Check – Mr. Tchida emailed Supv Heim that he will check the town halls sprinkler system on May 22nd. Mr. Tchida will contact him 3-5 days prior to coming out. Clerk Plante will plan to meet him and discuss the programming of the system.

Christine Ravenberg – Mailbox Repair – Ms. Ravenberg contacted Supv Heim questioning when her mailbox will be repaired by ASTECH. It was damaged during the snowplowing season. He has contacted Doug Welk of ASTECH to remind him.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) – The MPCA plans to have the new MS4 permits completed some time during the summer.

Chad Spoden, 3826 Riviera Road – Shoreline Alteration – Supv Heim reported that he is working with several people regarding the shoreline alteration planned by Mr. Spoden. Dave Blommel, township engineer, Joel Asp, waterway engineer, Stephen Grittmann, township shoreland consultant as well as Nikki Blake-Bradley of the DNR. It has been recommended that no rip-rap is needed but no definite plans for the alteration has been presented.

Emma Heim – Plant Stand at the Heim Mill Site – Supv Heim was contacted questioning whether Ms. Heim could have a plant stand on the Heim Mill site. Discussion was held on where the stand would be placed etc. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF THE PLANT STAND ON THE HEIM MILL SITE BUT IT MUST BE OUT OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 1, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTIONED CARRIED 2-0, SUPV HEIM ABSTAINED.

Paul Wagner –

Brian Fasen, 494 30th Ave. No. – Shouse Construction – Mr. Fasen owns an approximate 8.6-acre parcel and would like to construct a shouse. Mr. Fasen's parcel is located in the U-1 zoning district which will require recommendation for approval by the Joint Planning Board and final approval by the Sartell City Council. Supv Heim stated he will need a site plan before any further actions can be done.

17th Street (Udermann area) Grading - Supv Wagner had viewed this road during his road inspection and suggested it needed grading. It was the consensus of the board to wait until the April 14th meeting to make a decision regarding the grading.

Mary Lou Udermann – LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program) Decision – Ms. Udermann contacted Supv Wagner whether a decision has been made regarding the township's application for

LRIP funds for 17th Street. Supv Heim did receive the notice that 17th Street was not selected to receive funding. Supv Wagner will contact Ms. Udermann regarding the decision.

CLERK REPORT:

Empire Solar Group LLC Bankruptcy – Clerk Plante received final settlement notice of the bankruptcy for Empire Solar. The township had one resident that used the company to place solar panels on their house roof.

Wacosa Shredding – Clerk Plante took township files for shredding to Wacosa DocuShred.

Parking Regulations Ordinance – The summary for the new parking regulations was published on March 27, 2026.

Kitchen Stove Installation – Clerk Plante received notice the kitchen stove ordered from Menards was in. Since there was a limited time for pick-up, she had David Plante sign a Volunteer Service Agreement who then picked up the stove and installed it.

Carr's Tree Service Information – The information was given to Supv Westerlund for contact for bidding of tree removal areas in the township.

Legal Description Question – 90 27th Street North – Clerk Plante was contacted by Tom Schiffler, real estate agent, who questioned the legal descriptions for the property at 90 27th Street North. He also requested copies of the survey when this property was split. Clerk Plante provided the legal descriptions the township received from the surveyor to split this property in 2004. She also provided Mr. Schiffler with the surveyor's name, Scott Gyllen of Westwood Professional Systems. Mr. Schiffler was concerned the septic system for 90 27th Street is located on the parcel located to the east and owned by Carlson Rev Trust.

HP Instant Ink Contract Change – Clerk Plante informed the board she has changed the HP Instant Ink contract to 100 pages/month for \$7.99 versus the 300 pages/month @ \$15.99 she had previously. She reported the majority of her copying is done on the printer at the town hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – No further information has been received from Stearns County Environmental Services yet.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – No further information – will be looked at during the annual road inspection meeting.

Website Redesign – Clerk Plante has not received an update from the website designer or a time frame when the website will be ready for publication.

Fee Schedule Review – No further information at this time.

Townline Road Update – Supv Heim reported the meeting held for the public was well attended. All LeSauk Township residents have settled with their road right-of-way acquisitions. The county is still working with a couple of property owners in other entities for right-of-way acquisitions. He reported that a Joint Powers agreement was signed by all entities involved with this project. Depending on what the final project cost is, the amount of funding received and how much each entity will need to contribute, Stearns County will bill each entity for their percentage of the construction project.

Township Lawn Weed & Feed Bids – Clerk Plante will begin to contact companies for proposals.

Tree Trimming – Supv Westerlund will contact tree services for proposals.

LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program) – Supv Heim received notice the application he submitted for LRIP funds for 17th Street North (Udermann area) was not chosen for funding.

Partnership w/Sartell Police Department – The board reviewed and discussed the outline of a joint powers agreement sent by Brandon Siljgord, Sartell Public Safety Director regarding the partnership with the Sartell police department. It was the consensus of the board to hold off on further discussion

about the partner ship until the fire department invoice has been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Appeal Meeting – Town Board members were reminded the annual board of appeal meeting will be held on April 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. All town board supervisors are currently trained in the board of appeal process.

Annual Bridge Report – Clerk Plante received the annual bridge report from Stearns County. Inspectors of the bridge have requested the south side delineators were missing and need to be replaced and the guardrail post on the northeast corner is damaged and need of repair. Clerk Plante was asked to contact John Peterson of ID Sign Solutions checking whether the replacement of the delineators would be something he could do. She will also contact Stearns County regarding the guard rail repair which will be done when 30th Avenue is reconstructed.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk