

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, April 14, 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, Paul Wagner, Jeff Westerlund, Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut, Treasurer Josh Bentley and 1 interested party. Clerk Marlyce Plante was absent.

AGENDA: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING BLAKE BURTON TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Blake Burton, 32467 County Road 1, St. Cloud – Mr. Burton submitted a site plan for the construction of an attached garage and an accessory building. Supervisor Heim informed Mr. Burton that he would need to apply for a variance because the garage addition cannot be larger than the house, and there is a right-of-way setback of 120 feet from County Road 1. The Board informed Mr. Burton that both the garage and accessory building must be color matched to the house. Additionally, Supv Heim had consulted the township building inspector and sent him the link for the accessory building plans; Mr. Barsody advised that the accessory building must meet the snow and wind load requirements for Minnesota. Mr. Burton had hoped to begin building this summer once all has been approved. Supv Heim stated the variance form would be sent to Mr. Burton and upon its completion and the submission of the \$400 variance fee, a public hearing with the Joint Planning Board would be set for the fourth Tuesday in May.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

MINUTES: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2026 REVIEW–EQUALIZATION MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Atty Gilchrist continues to work on the St. Cloud O.A.A. and has sent Supv Heim a corrected township code with the parking ordinances added.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: None

MARCH TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Bentley reviewed the March Treasurer’s report with town board members. The total of March revenues including some permits, fines/fees, and the Bluebird Hollow Escrow was \$6312. The ending cash balance in all accounts was \$433,422.98.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE MARCH 2026 TREASURERS REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented the invoices & claims totaling \$15,507.19. Expenditures included normal payroll; a payment of \$6350 to Astech Corp. for snow removal; the

credit card bill at \$1043.13 which includes the purchase of the stove for the town hall (\$768.18); the end of the first quarter for Dept. of Labor (\$80.56); and two new items for MN paid leave (\$43.80 and \$36.05). Additional bills included X-Cel energy (\$157.98); the end of the first quarter tax deposit paid to MN Revenue (\$642.93); and payment to PERA (\$433.31).

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,507.19. (CHECKS #14669 THRU 14680 and EFTs 341–343), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Bentley reported that he submitted the last Compliance Report for the expenditures of COVID monies.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Tree trimming bids – Supv Westerlund is working to secure bids for trimming (Rodeo Road, Winnebago and 35th Str).

District 5 MAT (Midwest Association of Townships) Meeting – Supv Westerlund stated that the meeting is April 23, 2026, in Freeport, MN.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED THAT ANY BOARD MEMBER THAT WANTED TO ATTEND COULD DO SO AT THE REGULAR RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3–0.

Dan Heim –

Christie Ravenberg – 2591 5th Ave. No. – Mailbox Damage Repair – At the end of December, she reported that a snow plow had hit her mailbox. ASTECH had been notified about the damage. They have completed the repair.

Township Ordinance regarding UTVs – Clerk Plante received an email asking about the use of UTVs in the township as there is no information on our website. Supv Heim replied to the message stating that since we don't control them, we have no ordinances; he advised them to contact the Stearns County Sheriff Dept or the city of Sartell.

Brian Johnston – 2643 7th Ave. No. - Supv Heim talked with Mr. Johnston who has submitted a site plan with the intent to build a 2038 sq ft addition onto his present 630 sq ft building that will make one 2668 sq foot accessory building. He would take down an extension and a carport so the building coverage will be at 30% of his lot; the plan meets the requirements for impervious. Since it is zoned R-1, it will need to go to the Joint Planning Board set for April 28.

Marty Kane – 1693 35th Street – Mr. Kane owns 20 acres which is zoned A20. He would like to build a 64' x 34' barn-type structure. The site plan would not need the approval of the Joint Planning Board though the township board needs to approve it.

Chris Jacques – Premier Real Estate – Mr. Jacques called in regards to the 58 acres located at 1593 Pinecone Road; he asked about what could be done with the property. As it's zoned U1, Supv Heim sent him the information.

Chad Spoden – 3826 Riviera Road – Shoreline Alteration – Still working on the permit.

Illicit Discharge Training – Supv Heim reminded the board to complete the training as it's an annual requirement for supervisors.

Paul Wagner –

Mary Lou Udermann – 2611 17th Str. N., Sartell – Ms. Udermann has asked to be on a six-week schedule for grading 17th Street. The town board stated that they would continue to monitor the road during their monthly road checks and make decisions as needed.

Township Clean-up Day – April 25, 2026 – Supv Westerlund and Supv Wagner will be in attendance, and as such, will need to be posted as a meeting. There will be two dumpsters.

CLERK REPORT: None

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 – Supv Heim has made some changes and will forward them to Clerk Plante.

Township Hall Rental Agreement – Supv Heim liked the agreement Watab Township had posted on their website. He emailed Vice-chair Julie Johnson asking for and receiving permission to use their wording. After a few tweaks, Supv Heim has asked the board to review it.

Tree Trimming – Supv Westerlund is seeking bids.

Township Lawn Weed & Feed Bids – Clerk Plante is checking these out.

Partnership with Sartell Police Department – Some materials were sent to the Board to read over. A decision was made to table it until the amount for the fire department contract is known.

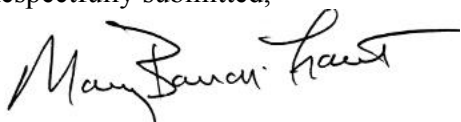
NEW BUSINESS: None

ROAD REPORT:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SET THE ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION FOR APRIL 21 AT 4:00, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Barron-Traut,
LeSauk Township Deputy Clerk