

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, April 28, 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 and four interested parties.

AGENDA: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING BRIAN JOHNSTON SITE PLAN TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: No open forum items.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Marty Kane, 1693 35th St. No. – Site Plan Approval – Mr. Kane is requesting site plan approval for a 64 X 34 square foot barn to be constructed on his 20-acre parcel zoned A-20 (Agricultural - A20). The barn will have a height of 29 feet and meets all side and rear yard setbacks. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR MARTIN KANE TO CONSTRUCT A 64 X 34 SQUARE FOOT BARN WHICH MEETS HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS AND ALL SETBACKS, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Steven & Kayla Carlson, 1995 35th St. North – Variance Approval – The public hearing for the Carlson's variance application was held at the Joint Planning Board meeting prior to this township meeting. The Carlson's applied to construct an accessory building in their side yard versus the rear yard as required in township regulations. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-07 GRANTING A VARIANCE TO STEVEN & KAYLA CARLSON TO CONSTRUCT AN APPROXIMATELY 2000 SQUARE FOOT ACCESSORY BUILDING IN THE SIDE YARD, AT 1995 35TH STREET NORTH, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Brian Johnston, 2643 7th Ave. North – Site Plan Approval – Mr. Johnston presented a site plan for his property to construct an addition to an existing accessory building located on his parcel. Mr. Johnston must remove the present carport and lean-to on the existing building. The total square footage of the new accessory building will be 2643 square feet. He will relocate an 8 X 12 utility shed and remove another utility shed on his property. The new accessory building will be sided to match the home on the parcel. The Joint Planning Board recommended approval of the site plan. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR BRIAN JOHNSTON REMOVING THE PRESENT CARPORT, LEAN-TO AND A UTILITY SHED THEN CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING ACCESSORY BUILDING FOR A TOTAL OF 2643 SQUARE FEET WITH SIDING TO MATCH THE EXISTING HOME, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2026 AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION MEETING HELD ON APRIL 21, 2026 AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM,

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Town Code Provisions – Atty Ben Gilchrist provided the town board with suggested fines relating to code violations in the township. The Town Board reviewed the suggested fines. Once the code violations and subsequent fines are in place on the county level, county sheriff officers can begin ticketing for violations within the township. SUPV MOTIONED TO HAVE ATTY BEN GILCHRIST RESEARCH A TIERED SYSTEM FOR TOWN CODE VIOLATIONS AND DRAFT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CODE VIOLATIONS SPREADSHEET POSSIBLY FOR THE NEXT TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

St. Cloud Ordering Annexation Agreement – Atty Troy Gilchrist is continuing work on the OAA with the city of St. Cloud.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Bentley has completed the yearly SLFRF (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) report. The final report on the funds received during COVID should be completed in November 2026. He is also reviewing the interest rates being offered by local financial institutions since one of the townships two CD's will be due for renewal on May 17th.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented several invoices for payment in the amount of \$2785.29. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2785.29 (CHECK #14695 THROUGH 14699), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Township Clean-Up Day - Supv Westerlund reported there were 15 customers who brought in items during the township clean-up day event. \$485.00 was taken in for items such as TV's, couches, chairs and tires. Both 30-yard dumpsters were full. Ordering a third dumpster was considered, but with the slow down of people coming in after lunch, Supv Westerlund and Wagner decided to cancel the dumpster. Opatz Metal & Roll-Offs came in the late afternoon to pick up the dumpsters Saturday.

Semi-Annual District 5 Meeting – Supv Westerlund attended the district 5 meeting in Freeport which was well attended by township officers, legislators etc.

Tree Trimming Quotes – Supv Westerlund is working on getting three quotes for tree trimming in the township. He will be meeting with representatives of the businesses in order to show them where the tree trimming will need to be done.

Dan Heim –

Townline Pothole Repair – Supv Heim spoke with Lance from ASTECH Inc. questioning when they will be able to repair the potholes on 30th Avenue/Townline. Depending on weather, Lance stated they should be out on Thursday, April 30th to do the pothole repair.

Sweeping of Township Platted Areas – With rainy weather conditions, ASTECH was unable to sweep but will be doing that within the next week. Supv Heim spoke with Wayne of ASTECH.

Tyler Lange – Hauling on 30th Avenue/Townline – Supv Heim reported there has been no crushed

granite hauled by Mr. Lange to the Udermann Farm. Mr. Lange had requested an overweight permit for the month of April. Supv Heim will contact Mr. Lange checking whether he will complete this job prior to April 30th which is the last day his overweight permit is in effect.

Kristi Stebbins, 3980 Riviera Road – Branch on Power Line – Ms. Stebbins sent an email through the township website questioning who she should call regarding a tree branch on a power line on her property. Supv Heim informed her she should contact Xcel Energy or the Fire Department.

Joel Asp, Engineering Contract for Shoreland Issues – Mr. Asp sent a contract and requested approval of the Town Board for his services relating to shoreland issues. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH S.E.H. ENGINEERING, JOEL ASP FOR ALL SHORELAND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Joel Bemboom, 3462 Riviera Road – Addition to patio & fire pit replacement – Mr. Bemboom's parcel is located on the Mississippi River. He would like to construct an addition to his patio and replace his fire pit. Supv Heim has referred him to Joel Asp of S.E.H. Engineering to begin the process for a shoreland alteration.

Evan Carlson – 17th Street North Improvements – The township has requested plans be made for the improvement of this street after construction of the solar farm this summer. Improvements must be made prior to the start of winter in order to allow snow plowing on this minimum maintenance street.

Illicit Discharge Video – Supv Heim reminded Supvs Westerlund and Wagner to watch the IDDE (Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination) video in order to be in compliance with the townships MS4 permit. The video must be watched yearly.

Blake Burton, 32467 Couty Road 1 – Variances – Mr. Burton has applied for two variances; an attached garage that is larger than the footprint of the home and a 20 X 21 square foot accessory building located in the front yard. Supv Heim has been in contact with the county engineer who stated Mr. Burton will not need a variance for being within the road right-of-way.

Elijah Dockendorf, 40th Street North – House Construction Site Plan – Supv Heim is working with Mr. Dockendorf who plans to construct a new shouse on a parcel with a pole-type building. Mr. Dockendorf's lot is under the 2-acre minimum that would allow a pole type building, which will require a variance. He will also need a conditional use permit for a pole-type building. Mr. Dockendorf's site plan also needs the location of his septic, well etc. along with a septic certification from the county. Supv Heim informed him the CUP and variance could be held at the same time with \$400 for the first hearing and \$200 for the second.

322nd Street – Supv Heim reported that St. Cloud Mayor, Jake Anderson, was in Washington D.C. pursuing funding for 322nd Street as well as 33rd Street Southbridge and Benton County Road 1 in St. Cloud.

Chuck Ertl – Township Ditch Mowing and Brush Cutting Bid – Mr. Ertl came before the board with a bid for the 2026 township ditch mowing and brush cutting. The first cutting will be \$1100, second cutting - \$2200 and brush cutting for \$420 (40th Street, Townline Road & 17th Street). SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM CHUCK ERTL FOR THE 2026 DITCH MOWING AND BRUSH CUTTING (1ST CUTTING - \$1100, 2ND CUTTING - \$2200 & BRUSH CUTTING AT \$420, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Paul Wagner –

District 5 Semi-Annual Meeting – Freeport – Supv Wagner attended the district 5 Semi-Annual Meeting in Freeport. He briefly discussed the new Text MyGov which would allow townships to notify township residents of major changes or special announcements relating to their township etc.

17th Street North – Supv Wagner has been in contact with Ms. Udermann regarding the grading of

17th Street. The board will view 17th Street during the monthly road inspections and consider grading it after the planting season is completed. Discussion was held on the hauling of the crushed granite to the Udermann farm yard area which should also be done prior to any grading of 17th. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE CLERK PLANTE ISSUE A NEW OVERWEIGHT PERMIT TO LANGE EXCAVATING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY IF THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE HAULING OF CRUSHED GRANITE PRIOR TO APRIL 30TH, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLERK REPORT:

Jerry Burau – Mr. Burau emailed and thanked the township for placing the No Parking signs on 27th Street. He questioned what residents do if they are having events, garage sales etc. She informed him to contact the township and provisions will be made for events such as that.

Township Clean-Up Day – Clerk Plante attended the clean-up day for a portion of the morning. When the invoice is received from Opatz Metal & Roll-Off, she will submit the invoices for reimbursement from the Stearns County SCORE grant.

Updated Township Information for Stearns County Website – Clerk Plante received an email from Stearns County requested updated information for town board members, town hall information etc. She noted there were changes for our building inspector, hours of meetings and an email clarification.

Upcoming Training Sessions for Clerk, Head Judge & Election Judges – Clerk Plante reported there will be upcoming Head & Election Judge training opportunities. She will be attending a Clerk Training on June 11th. Registration of all training sessions will be done online. Once dates have been received, she will forward the information to all judges interested.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – No further information at this time.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – The Sullivan's have been sent a letter as well as a copy of the new Lawn Length Ordinance passed in October 2025.

Website Redesign – Clerk Plante is working with Brian Laverdiere of Web Wizard updating the township website. The website should be ready within the next month.

Fee Schedule Review – Supv Heim sent the fee schedule to town board members requesting suggestions for any fee changes. It was the consensus of the Town Board the changes that were made for shoreline alteration escrow amounts were sufficient to cover costs incurred by the township.

Town Hall Rental Agreement – Supv Heim emailed a town hall rental agreement. He had contacted Watab Township who gave him permission to develop a town hall rental agreement using Watab's rental agreement. In doing a brief review of the rental agreement, it was the consensus of the town board to allow no alcohol for any type of occasion at the town hall. Fees were reviewed. Supv Heim will make the changes and send a revised rental agreement for review by town board members again.

Townline Road Update – Supv Heim reported a Teams meeting will be held on April 29th. Right-of-way purchasing is still being conducted with a couple residents of St. Wendel Township.

Township Lawn Weed & Feed Bids – Clerk Plante will continue to get bids for the township lawn. Supv Wagner suggested getting in touch with Joel of Emerald Lawn Care. Clerk Plante requested to get bids for the removal of rock and upgrade of the landscaping around the town hall. It was the consensus of the town board to allow Clerk Plante to get bids for the landscaping and report at the next meeting if possible.

Tree Trimming – Supv Westerlund is working to receive quotes for tree trimming in the township. He will be meeting with potential contractors so he can show them the areas the town board would like trimmed throughout the township.

Partnership w/Sartell Police Department – No further information at this time. It was the consensus of the town board this will be considered after receipt of the 2026 fire department fee.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk