

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, July 15, 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. in the LeSauk Town Hall.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Josh Bentley plus one interested party.

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: No business from the floor.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2025 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Atty Gilchrist again updated the resolution for the Kevin & Deborah Traut Interim Use Permit for a solar farm. The change outlined the right-of-way of 15-20 feet for the ditch area of the field road entrance which will be a 20-foot gravel road. Another restriction in the resolution stated they must keep 5 feet from property lines. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ALTERNATE ROUTE CHANGE FROM PINECONE ROAD TO COUNTY ROAD 1 FOR RESOLUTION 2025-12 KEVIN & DEBORAH TRAUT SOLAR FARM INTERIM USE PERMIT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Attorney Gilchrist is completing his work on town code provisions and the orderly annexation agreement with the city of St. Cloud. He is also incorporating all recent revisions of the township's ordinances and regulations, plus the solar & cannabis ordinances into a full copy of the township's ordinances.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Building Inspector David Barsody is continuing to work with Serv-Pro and Mike & Karen Lee, 32688 River Vista Lane. The Lee's home had a fire and it has been demolished with plans to construct a new home.

Erin Warren – Ms. Warren had a fire in her detached garage which she is planning to rebuild. She was uncertain of her property line – Supv Heim provided Sam DeLeo's phone number as a possible contact. Mr. DeLeo is a surveyor who has worked with many township residents.

Lawrence Traut Property – Infinity Homes purchased the Traut parcel and is working with David Barsody for a demolition permit for all buildings on the parcel. After demolition is complete, Infinity Homes plan to annex the property to the city of Sartell and develop the 38.5-acre parcel.

JUNE TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Bentley reviewed with the Town Board the June Treasurers Report. The first installment of the townships real estate tax settlement was deposited in the amount of \$137,262.50, several building permits and reimbursement of \$2930 from the SCORE grant for township clean up day expenses. Total revenues were \$163,285.51. Expenses were minimal during June, totaling \$10,329.62. Our ending balance in all township fund accounts is \$1,032,722.95.

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

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented the invoices & claims totaling \$17,479.23. They included payroll and end of the quarter expenses. He also discussed the payment of invoices from T-Mobile & Xcel Energy which were not available for this meeting. If the 7-22-25 meeting is canceled, those invoices may have a late fee.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE OF \$17,479.23 (CHECK #14511 THRU 14520 PLUS EFT'S 320 & 321) PLUS THE T-MOBILE & XCEL ENERGY BILLS, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. If the invoices for T-Mobile & Xcel Energy come in during Chrm Heim's absence, Treasurer Bentley will contact Supv Westerlund & Clerk Plante for their signatures.

After discussion, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CANCEL THE JULY 22, 2025 MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Mowing at Town Hall – Supv Westerlund reported he mowed the town hall grass on July 1st and July 11th. He has also been using weed killer on weeds that are in the “landscape rock”.

Steve Loehlein – Pleasant Dale Addition Issues – Supv Westerlund was contacted by Steve Loehlein who is concerned about property owners in the Pleasant Dale Addition that have accumulated abandoned & unlicensed vehicles and other debris in their yards. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SEND LETTERS TO KEVIN & DUANE BLASCZIEK AND DENNIS BORUD REGARDING THE ABANDONED VEHICLES AND JUNK ORDINANCE IN THE TOWNSHIP, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Dennis Mattson, 32178 62nd Ave. – Hand Rails – Mr. Mattson contacted Supv Westerlund questioning whether one or two hand rails are needed on steps entering his home. He informed him it the preference of the homeowner. However, he could contact David Barsody, township building inspector, if there are any state regulations regarding hand rails.

Nicholas Chapman, 414 27th St. No. – Lawn Mowing – Supv Westerlund reported the Chapman's have not mowed their lawn and it is quite long. The parcel is located at the intersection of 27th Street and County Road 1. Clerk Plante also received an email regarding the lawn. She has driven by and could not see any type of noxious weeds. It was the consensus of the town board to have Clerk Plante send a letter requesting the lawn be cut and see if any action is taken by Mr. Chapman.

Tree Trimming Proposals – Supv Westerlund has contacted Ludwig Tree Service and Able Tree Service requesting proposals for the tree trimming that is needed on township roads. Most tree trimming services are less expensive in the fall/winter. Supv Westerlund stated no tree trimming was needed immediately, so waiting until fall could be an option once the proposals are received.

Dan Heim –

Scott Saehr – Zoning & Sub-Division – Mr. Saehr sent his business information to Supv Heim. Mr. Saehr was previously employed as the Sartell City Development Director and has now established his own business; Saehr Consulting.

Mike's Dirt work – 322nd Street – Truck Damage – Supv Heim received information and complaints from Mike's Dirt works who drive 322nd Street and stated one of their trucks received damage from potholes on the street. They have also been in contact with the city of St. Cloud who will pay for the damage to the truck.

Gene Then Parcel – Supv Heim reported the Gene Then parcel of 25 acres and located on 50th Avenue, has been annexed to the city of Sartell. A development named Scout Haven is being planned for the parcel.

Tall Grass Issues – Supv Heim has researched area jurisdictions ordinances regarding the allowed length/height of grass. He found most areas had a 10-inch height limit. The board discussed briefly the possibility of amending township ordinances placing a height limit of lawn grass in the township. This will be placed on the old business portion of the agenda for further discussion.

Rod Traut – Split of Parents Property – Supv Heim has received no further information regarding the discussion that was held with Rod & Gary Traut who are questioning whether their parent's home can be split off from the farm parcel it is located on. It was left with the Traut's to find out whether the septic system used by their parents could be certified by Stearns County.

Brian Johnston, 2643 7th Ave. No. – Accessory Building Expansion – Supv Heim has received no further information from Mr. Johnston who would like to expand the accessory building on his property. Supv Heim noted that Mr. Johnston, currently is under the allowed 3600 square foot limit. He may need to remove the small ones he currently has, then construct one new building. He could also build one accessory building on the adjacent parcel he owns which currently does not have any accessory buildings on it.

Gloria Zander, 271 27th St. No., - Assessment Charges – Supv Heim has been trying to get in contact with Angela Olson, Gloria Zander's daughter, regarding the continued placement of abandoned vehicles, junk etc. in their yard and vehicle parking on 27th Street. Supv Heim was able to speak with Gloria Zander who stated she had received the information regarding the assessment charges that will be placed on her tax roll by the end of the year. Supv Heim sent further information regarding the assessment amounts that Ms. Zander requested.

Paul Wagner –

17th Street No – Supv Wagner reported that 17th Street was graded after 50 tons of recycled class 5 was placed on the road. Supv Wagner said it looked and drove great, but after a week or so, there was some wash boarding east of the stop sign. He will contact ASTECH regarding this issue. He also informed Mary Lou Udermann of the scope of work that was going to be done on 17th.

Cutting of Trees – Supv Wagner stated he cut and trimmed some trees from 40th Street as well as 35th Street.

CLERK REPORT:

New/Old Minnesota Flag – Clerk Plante purchased the “old style” Minnesota flag which has been put in place of the “new” Minnesota Flag.

Local Board of Appeal Training – A reminder was given to board members that the training for the local board of appeal is now on-line for those supervisors who need to be recertified.

Community Conversation @ Royalton Legion – This event, for all township board members, is being held on July 30th from 4-7 p.m. at the Royalton Legion.

Sartell Fire & Police Department Training Re: Illicit Discharge – Clerk Plante has received the list of officers trained in illicit discharge for both the Sartell Fire & Police Departments. This information will be kept and filed with all other information pertaining to the townships MS4 permit.

Bertram Asphalt Proposal – Mr. Bertram questioned whether their proposal was accepted so the blow patching project could be placed on their schedule. She informed him it was being considered at this meeting and our July 8th meeting had been postponed until today.

St. Cloud Live News Reporter – Clerk Plante met with a reporter from the St. Cloud Live newspaper who is doing a story on the incorporation of Five (5) Points as a city. She gave him information and history of the township as well as several names of township residents who would better know the history near the five (5) points area.

Keller Parcels – Clerk Plante reported she viewed the Keller parcels located adjacent to the Julie Fischer parcel to view whether there are noxious weeds. Clerk Plante stated all of the tall grass, weeds etc. had recently been cut down.

Printer Return – Clerk Plante informed the board she will be returning the recent printer she purchased for the town hall office. She will use the printer that has been on the TV cart. The current/new HP printers will

not accept cartridges other than original HP cartridges. The HP cartridges are extremely expensive and she will work with the printer that is in place now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – Mike Oswald of Stearns County Environmental Health sent information to the county Attorney to begin process of the clean-up of the Thomas property.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – No update.

Website Redesign – No update as of yet.

Fee Schedule – No further information.

Townline Road Update – No further information has been received.

322nd Street Update – No funding available at this time.

Snow & Ice Policy – Supv Heim asked the board members to review so it can be discussed at the August 12th meeting in order to have it updated prior to the upcoming winter season.

Bertram Asphalt Blow Patching Bid – Supv Heim contacted Bill Bertram requested how many loads will be placed on the particular township roads being blow patched. It would be the following: Pleasant Dale – 1 ½ loads, 321st/Foley Street – 1 load, 7th Avenue, 3 loads, Pine Ridge Road & off shoot streets – 2 ½ loads. The bid is for \$5600 per load. Total of the bid for the blow patching is: \$44,800.00. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE BERTRAM ASPHALT BID PROPOSAL OF \$44,800.00 FOR BLOW PATCHING OF DESIGNATED TOWNSHIP ROADS, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

JUNE ROAD REPORT:

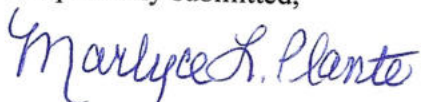
Supv Wagner provided his July Road report to all board members. He stated the previous month's road report was just done a couple of weeks ago with limited change in township road conditions. He also did not take any photographs of township parcels that have a continuous issue with abandoned vehicles & junk. The town board has been working with these parcels for quite some time and limited change has been done.

Supv Wagner noted the shoulder area on Winnebago Road seems to be deeper than usual and should be an area the town board continues to view when out on upcoming road inspections.

Supv Heim provided Supv Wagner with the MS4 Incident Report regarding illicit discharge. This incident report should be filled out each month when township supervisors are conducting their monthly road inspections.

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