

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, October 28, 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 and 10 interested parties.

AGENDA: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING RON MALESKA TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: No open forum items.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ron Maleska – Split of Property - Mr. Maleska and his brother William, own a 120-acre parcel in the township which is zoned U-1 (Urban Service District). Mr. Maleska would like to split off a 40-acre parcel as part of a family estate settlement. He was informed he will need to have the property surveyed for new legal descriptions. After that is complete, the review method in the U-1 zone is for the Town Board to recommend approval and the Joint Planning Board has final approval.

Gabrielson Variance – SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-16 GRANTING A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A 40 X 70 SQUARE FOOT ACCESSORY BUILDING IN THE FRONT YARD TO JAMES GABRIELSON, 1660 RIVERSIDE AVE, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Gabrielson Site Plan – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR JAMES GABRIELSON AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Lawn Length -Granny Pod Ordinance - SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS IV & V OF THE LESAUK ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS REGARDING WEEDS, LONG GRASS AND TEMPORARY FAMILY CARE DWELLINGS (GRANNY PODS), SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Lawn Length – Granny Pod Summary – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-19 APPROVING THE PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMARY REGARDING THE WEEDS, LONG GRASS AND TEMPORARY FAMILY CARE DWELLINGS (GRANNY PODS), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Warren-Wood Variance – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-21 GRANTING VARIANCES FOR A SIDEYARD SETBACK OF 1.3 FEET TO CONSTRUCT A GARAGE ON THE PRIOR FOUNDATION OF THE BUILDING WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE AND ALLOW TWO UTILITY BUILDINGS TO REMAIN ON THE PARCEL TO ERIN WARREN & BENJAMIN WOOD, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Margaret Traut Rev. Trust & Bluebird Hollow Rezone – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-23 REZONING THE 5-ACRE MARGARET TRAUT PARCEL AND THE 119-ACRE BLUEBIRD HOLLOW PARCEL FROM A-20 (AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT) TO RO-1 (RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY – 1 ACRE DISTRICT), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Margaret Traut Rev. Trust & Bluebird Hollow Rezone Summary – SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-24 APPROVING THE PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE THE TRAUT & BLUEBIRD HOLLOW PARCELS AT 3845 PINECONE ROAD, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2025 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Atty Gilchrist is completing the Town Code and the St. Cloud Orderly Annexation Agreement.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented the invoices & claims totaling \$4212.55. The invoices included the sewer and water of \$606.04 for 2 months and a \$2100 election equipment fee from Stearns County. Discussion was held on the \$371.00 sewer charge which seems high since nobody occupies the building on a daily basis. Treasurer Bentley will continue to monitor the water & sewer bills. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4212.55 (CHECK #14575 THRU 14580), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Road Report Rotation – Supv Westerlund discussed the road inspection rotation. Supv Heim is scheduled for the November Road Inspection.

Stearns County Township Officers Meeting – Supv Westerlund reported he attended the October 18th Stearns County officers meeting. He attends as a member of the county board, so his meeting fee is paid by Stearns County.

Semi-Annual District 5 Meeting – The semi-annual meeting of District 5 townships will be held on November 20, 2025. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ALLOW ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE MEETING AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Don Tamm – Supv Westerlund received a phone call from Mr. Tamm – his return call has not been answered.

Dan Heim –

Elijah Dockendorf – Driveway - Mr. Dockendorf contacted Supv Heim questioning regulations on the placement of a driveway to enter his parcel. Supv Heim provided him with the information.

Braegelman-Bergersen Parcel 32827 River Vista Lane Annexation – Supv Heim reported this parcel was approved for annexation to the city of Sartell.

Robbie Cordes – D & L Construction, 117 Heritage Drive – Supv Heim received an email from Mr. Cordes questioning the fence regulations in the township and he has responded with the information.

District 742 School Board Election – Supv Heim noted he had received an email from Christine Hatch. The email had election judge schedules and duties for the upcoming election. Clerk Plante informed him she has sufficient judges for the election.

Kyle Hanson, 322nd Street Complaint – Mr. Hanson had emailed the general township email stating his concern and frustration of driving conditions on 322nd Street. Supv Heim emailed him with the history of the discussions and ultimate decision relating to the possible reconstruction of this street.

Arvig Communications – Lynn Hendricks – Ms. Hendricks had emailed a right-of-way permit application for the placement of fiber optics at the intersection of County Road 4 and 19th Avenue. Supv

Heim referred her to the city of Sartell since the area is located in the city.

2025 Road Certification – Clerk Plante stated this has been completed. The township has 24.1 miles of road, down from 25 miles. 50th Avenue was removed from the map which is in the city of Sartell.

Tomczik Shoreland & Site Plan, 2944 Winnebago Road – Supv Heim received a call from Laurie Tomczik who questioned when their site plan for an inground swimming pool will be approved by the town board. Supv Heim has been in touch with Michelle Little, project manager for the remodel etc. No revised site plan has been received by either Supv Heim or the township building inspector which includes a swimming pool. The pool was not a part of the original site plan. Supv Heim noted the impervious parcel coverage is very close to the maximum amount allowed.

Mike & Kim Lakman, 304 Rosewood Road – Shoreland Alteration – JK Landscaping has been contracted to do landscaping on the shoreline of the Lakman parcel. With all alteration permits in the shoreland and shore impact zones, a septic review and recertification is required if it has not been done within 5 years. Mr. Konz of JK Landscaping has been made aware of this requirement and informed the dock area needs some rip-rap work, but the rest of the area looks good and no rip-rap allowed. Nicole Blake-Bradley of the Department of Natural Resources has met with Mr. Konz and informed him of these issues.

Vibhu Kapoor, 3736 Riviera Road – Shoreland Alteration – Joel Asp, township engineer for shoreland issues, is working with Brain Lahr of Supreme Landscaping regarding the proposed shoreland project for the shoreline at the Kapoor parcel.

Paul Wagner – No report

CLERK REPORT:

Don Tamm – Clerk Plante received phone calls from Mr. Tamm who questioned the side yard setbacks of township parcels and his concern of the placement of the accessory building located on the Dockendorf parcel adjacent to his parcel. He also discussed whether storage containers are allowed in the township.

District 742 Voter List & Mailing – Clerk Plante requested a voter list of District 742 parcels located in the township. This required a \$30 fee to the Secretary of States Office. Clerk Plante sent a letter to each of the 114 parcels informing them of the change in polling place to our new town hall for the upcoming District 742 school board election.

District 742 Election Day – This is being held on Tuesday, November 4th with polling hours from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. As in the previous 742 election, the district will not reimburse judges for their meals throughout the day, but the township will reimburse the meal cost.

Ron Maleska – Split of property – Mr. Maleska attended this evening's meeting and this was discussed earlier in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – No further information has been received from the county attorney's office.

Zander Property – Supv Heim has been in touch with Mark Iverson, Stearns County Auditors office, informing him this has been paid in full.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – This will remain under old business and reviewed in the spring,

Website Redesign – No update as of yet.

Fee Schedule – No further information.

Townline Road Update – Supv Heim has been working with Jeff Tougas, Stearns County Right-of-Way Specialist, who is handling the right-of-way acquisitions for the town line road reconstruction. The following negotiations have been discussed with township property owners:

- Julie Hennen – Fencing replacement since her fencing must be removed. The estimate for a contractor to remove the fencing is \$756.00
- Mark & Peter Heinen – The Heinen's own a 40-acre parcel and questioned the market value per acre @ \$6700 per acre. Mark Heinen felt the per acre value wasn't high enough. It will be kept at the current value.
- John & Judy Berg – Fence removal bid was \$440 less than a bid the Berg's received. The difference will be split.

Township Lawn Weed & Feed Bids – This will be discussed further in the Spring of 2026.

Tree Trimming – Supv Heim will be doing the November Road inspection and will view the following areas for possible tree trimming: 27th Street, Winnebago Road and 1st Street. Supv Westerlund's had received a bid for \$2000 for the tree trimming in these areas.

LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program) – Supv Heim is meeting with Engineer, Dave Blommel, to view and discuss 17th Street North.

OCTOBER ROAD REPORT: Supv Westerlund provided a report for all town board members. He viewed and drove all township roads. The roads are in good condition with 30th Avenue and 322nd Street being our poorest roads. It was noted by Supv Heim there is a small pot hole just south of the bridge that should be filled. Supv Westerlund reminded the board members to view the tree trimming areas as discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante,
LeSauk Township Clerk