

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, February 24, 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 and Paul Wagner, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Josh Bentley and Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut.

ABSENT: Supervisor Jeff Westerlund

AGENDA: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING ASTECH SWEEPING PROPOSAL TO NEW BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OPEN FORUM: No open forum items.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: No business from the floor.

MINUTES:

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026 ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Supv Heim reported a final draft and resolution for the parking regulation amendments to the town code are ready for public hearing and adoption. The public hearing will be scheduled for March 16, 2026. Attorney Gilchrist continues work on the St. Cloud orderly annexation agreement and 17th Street Road maintenance agreement. The town code violations have been given to the Stearns County Attorney's Office.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Bentley reported he spoke to Rob Voshell, city of Sartell Financial Director, regarding the 2026 Fire Contract. The townships payment is a one-time payment in June per Mr. Voshell. In previous years, payments were made in January and June.

Treasurer Bentley noted he has completed all 2025 yearly audit reports. In Supervisor Westerlund's absence, Treasurer Bentley attended the Area Planning Organization's monthly meeting. Reports were given on the light rail system, monetary awards for smaller projects and a planned roundabout in Waite Park near the intersection of 10th St. So. & 1st St. So. He also requested to have upcoming APO meeting information & agendas sent to him for the time being.

Treasurer Bentley also requested to be authorized to pay by EFT, the withholding taxes for the township which must be paid prior to the 15th of the month. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW TREASURER BENTLEY THE AUTHORIZATION TO PAY MONTHLY WITHHOLDING TAXES

BY EFT (ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER) ON A TIMELY BASIS PRIOR TO THE 15TH OF THE MONTH, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented the invoices & claims totaling \$1080.19. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1080.19 (CHECK #14647 THRU 14652), SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Dan Heim –

Township Officers Paid Sick Time & Leave – Supv Heim discussed with the board the absence of Supv Westerlund. Per state statute, he can be absent for 90 days unless he agrees to have a temporary person fill his position during that time. Supv Heim has spoken to Supv Westerlund's son, Alec, who thought he may be back in another month. SUPV HEIM MOTION TO PAY SUPV WESTERLUND HALF MONTHLY SALARY FOR FEBRUARY AT \$225, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Joint Planning Board Meeting – Supv Heim contacted Kari Haakonsen, city of Sartell Project Planner, regarding the change of date for the March Joint Planning Board Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 5:30 instead of March 24th. She has received commitment from one city JPB member to be in attendance for that date. If Supv Westerlund is unavailable for the meeting, Treasurer Josh Bentley will replace him.

Chad Spoden, 3826 Riviera Road – Landscaping Project – Supv Heim was contacted by a representative of Cutters Lawn Service who Mr. Spoden has contracted with for his planned landscaping project. No site plans or information have been provided to Supv Heim.

Jim Gabrielson, 1660 Riverside Ave – Incinerating Toilet – Supv Heim spoke with several entities regarding allowing an incinerating toilet in the accessory building Mr. Gabrielson will be constructing on his parcel. David Barsody, township building inspector, has never encountered this request but did indicate the Minnesota State Plumbing Code does not allow them. Mark Finn, the commercial building inspector for Sartell, also stated it would not be allowed. It was the consensus of the town board to not allow the incinerating toilet. Supv Heim will contact Mr. Gabrielson.

Casey Gallus, 306 21st St. – Bathroom Remodel – A building permit application was received from Mr. Gallus for a bathroom remodel which was forwarded to David Barsody, township building inspector.

MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) Comment Period – Supv Heim reported he went on line to the MPCA's website during the comment period and provided his comments regarding new MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) regulations.

Rental of Town Hall – Supv Heim spoke with Kari Haakonsen, city of Sartell Project Planner, regarding whether there are regulations for rental of the town hall. She stated there were none.

Updated Zoning Map – Supv Heim received a PDF of the updated township zoning map which will be posted on the township website.

Paul Wagner – No report.

CLERK REPORT:

Fine Reimbursement – January 2026 – The township received \$73.33.

Website Reconstruction – Suggested additions and changes were given to Brian Laverdiere of W3 Web Design. No updated website had been received yet.

Parking on 27th Street – Clerk Plante was contacted by Sue & Steve Symanietz regarding the parking on 27th Street. They are concerned about the continued parking of vehicles on 27th street, especially overnight parking. With oncoming traffic & minimized area of the road, it is difficult to see these vehicles at night. Clerk Plante informed them the town board is working on new parking regulations for the township.

Fire Department Annual Report – Clerk Plante received an email from Brent Ambeuhl, Sartell Fire Chief, informing her he will be attending the annual meeting on March 10th to give a yearly report of the fire department.

Daryl Scholz – Home Business – Mr. Scholz, who is a pitching coach, contacted Clerk Plante questioning whether he would be allowed to have his business on his property. After viewing the address, the property is located in Brockway Township. She gave him contact information for Brockway Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – No further information. Supv Heim is still waiting to hear from Tim Oswald who is with Stearns County Environmental Services.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – No further information – will be looked at in the summer.

Website Redesign – Discussed during Clerk Plante's report.

Fee Schedule – No further information at this time.

Townline Road Update – Supv Heim reported on the Team's meeting he attended with updates for the reconstruction of town line road. Presently, negotiations are being held with 2-3 property owners regarding road right of way acquisition. Currently plans are to have bid opening in the fall of 2026 with construction in 2027. The removal of trees for the reconstruction will be done between December 2026 and April of 2027. An open forum will be held at the Sartell Community Center on March 17th to update the public on the reconstruction time frame.

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

Tree Trimming – No information at this time.

LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program) – An answer whether we have received these funds will be announced around March 30th.

Parking Regulations – A public hearing will be scheduled for March 16th at 6:15 p.m.

17th Street North (Pinecone Rd) Maintenance Agreement – Atty Gilchrist is revising this agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

ASTECH Sweeping Proposal – The board reviewed the proposal provided by ASTECH. There are no price increases from the previous year. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SWEEPING PROPOSAL FROM ASTECH INC. TO SWEEP ALL PLATTED AREAS OF THE TOWNSHIP, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

2027 Levy – The board discussed their proposal for the 2027 Levy which is given to township residents at the annual meeting in March. Due to the increased cost of fire protection, Treasurer Bentley suggested a \$25,000 increase in the levy which would be added to the Fire Fund. The total suggested levy will be \$375,000, an increase of \$25,000 from previous years.

FEBRUARY ROAD REPORT:

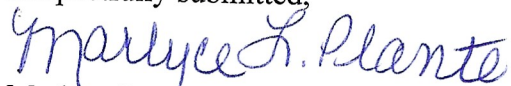
Supv Heim drove all township roads and found most roads to be in good winter driving condition. Riviera Road, Pine Ridge Road & Spider Court had small potholes. 322nd Street and 30th Avenue

(Townline) both have miscellaneous potholes and cracks. 30th Avenue/Townline will be kept up as much as possible until the planned reconstruction in 2027. Reconstruction of 322nd is also being discussed as a future project, but until then, St. Cloud is patching the majority of the potholes.

Supv Heim discussed the numerous vehicles parked on 27th Street near the Zander home. The Thomas property on County Road 1 is also accumulating more vehicles and abandoned property. Legal processes may be possible on the Thomas property depending on the decisions of Stearns County Environmental Services.

There being no further business, SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk