

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Monday, March 16, 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 one interested party.

ABSENT: Supervisor Jeff Westerlund

AGENDA: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING CHUCK HASELKAMP TO OLD BUSINESS, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OPEN FORUM:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Teague Monroe, Stearns County Deputy Sheriff – Deputy Sheriff Monroe has been assigned to LeSauk Township as its liaison officer. He reported there were 62 township calls to the sheriff's department in January. The majority of them being speeding, plus several domestics etc. Supv Heim questioned whether there were calls regarding the parking on 27th Street. Deputy Sheriff Monroe did not see any but he is aware of previous calls for that area. The town board informed him the township is in the process of adopting new parking regulations which hopefully will help rectify some of the issues with continuous parking on 27th. He provided business cards for town board members and will report to the town board as required.

Parking Regulations Public Hearing – Chrm Heim read the public hearing notice regarding an amendment to the LeSauk Town Code regarding the parking & towing of vehicles within the Town. The hearing was open to the floor. Chrm Heim briefly discussed the amendment regarding parking regulations. No comments were heard from the floor and no emails etc. were received by Clerk Plante. After calling for comments from the floor three times, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-01 APPROVING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III OF THE LESAUK TOWN CODE REGARDING PARKING AND TOWING OF VEHICLES, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 26-01 AMENDING CHAPTER III OF THE LESAUK TOWN CODE REGARDING PARKING AND TOWING OF VEHICLES, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-02 PROHIBITING PARKING ON A PORTION OF 27TH STREET NORTH FROM CSAH 1 EAST TO WINNEBAGO ROAD YEAR-ROUND, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Supv Heim will check with Atty Gilchrist regarding the wording in the resolution for year-round no parking. Clerk Plante will contact John Peterson of ID Sign Solutions to order the appropriate signs along with placement of signs after the summary has been published and ground is thawed enough for placement of the signs. After all items have been completed, Clerk Plante will send notices to all residents located on 27th St. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TDO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-03 APPROVING THE SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION AMENDING CHAPTER III OF THE LESAUK TOWN CODE

REGARDING PARKING AND TOWING OF VEHICLES, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Evan Carlson, 17th Street (Pinecone Road) Expanded Road Agreement – An updated road agreement was drafted by Atty Gilchrist to expand the road agreement to include two new companies for solar projects. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 17TH STREET EXPANDED ROAD AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE PROJECT EESOLAR10 LLC AND CAPITOL SOLAR 10 LLC, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Chrm Heim and Clerk Plante signed the agreement and asked Mr. Carlson to provide a copy of the signed agreement after receiving the signature of Rick Perube of EESolar11 LLC.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Supv Heim reported Attorney Gilchrist continues work on the St. Cloud Orderly Annexation The town code violations have been given to the Stearns County Attorney's Office.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

TREASURER'S FEBRUARY REPORT – Treasurer Bentley reviewed the February expenditures and revenues of the township. The township received \$33,374.19 in gas tax which is a yearly payment. Expenditures were approximately \$42,000. Two larger expenditures included snow removal of \$16,326 and road right-of-way acquisition cost of \$16,603. He noted the road right-of-way expense completed the acquisition cost for LeSauk Township residents. The ending township account balances including investment accounts was \$866,855.73.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE FEBRUARY TREASURERS REPORT, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented the invoices & claims totaling \$14,960.51 SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,960.51(CHECK #14653 THRU 14666 PLUS EFT'S 339 & 340), SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Dan Heim –

Sweeping Proposal – Supv Heim reported he emailed the signed sweeping proposal to Doug Welk of ASTECH. Supv Wagner questioned why and where the township sweeps. Supv Heim stated it is a regulation of the townships MS4 permit and all platted areas of the township are swept. ASTECH will report the amount of sand that is swept up and in turn it is reported as part of our MS4 requirement.

Tom Fish – LRIP Status – 17th Street – Mr. Fish contacted Supv Heim regarding the status of the LRIP (Local Road Improvement Projects) application. He informed Mr. Fish he will not know the outcome of the township's application for funding for 17th Street until March 30th. Mr. Fish also suggested placing crushed concrete on 17th Street. Supv Heim spoke with Lance of ASTECH

regarding the crushed concrete who suggested the township not consider it due to the fact it is extremely dusty. Lance did suggest spraying chloride down on 17th Street after it is graded and packed to help with dust control. He will put together an estimate for the township.

Maleska Certificate of Compliances – Supv Heim reported the certificate of compliances for the William and Ronald Maleska split of properties have yet to be recorded.

Ron Rebel, 2410 40th St – Property Evaluation Increase – Mr. Rebel contacted Supv Heim regarding the increase valuation of his home & parcel. Supv Heim provided him with Scott Hemmesch's contact information as well as the date of the Board of Appeal meeting which must be attended in order to appear before the County Board of Appeal.

Paul Clark – Serkland Accessory Building – Supv Heim informed Mr. Clark he could not use the Serkland accessory building for storage rental. The accessory building owned by Marianne Serkland is for sale. In 2004, she received a conditional use permit for constructing the building on a vacant lot for storage and a variance for a larger than allowed size accessory building.

Bluebird Hollow – Margaret Traut Minor Subdivision – The minor subdivision named Bluebird Hollow will be considered at a public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, March 31st at 5:30 at the Joint Planning Board meeting.

Paul Wagner –

Plowing of Town Hall Parking Lot – Since the absence of Supv Westerlund to plow the town hall parking lot, Supv Wagner worked with Jason Dale to plow the lot. Supv Wagner and Mr. Dale worked out a price of \$100. Supv Wagner will ask Mr. Dale to send an invoice.

Reflective Siding on Stop & Yield Signs – Supv Wagner reported he placed the red reflective siding on the Stop sign at 35th Street & 30th Avenue as well as the yellow reflective siding on the Stop Ahead sign on 35th Street. He provided pictures of the signs which definitely highlight the signs at night.

CLERK REPORT:

Township Clean-Up Day – Clerk Plante spoke with a township resident who questioned the charge of bike tires brought to the township clean up day. After speaking to Tony at Opatz Recycling, the bike tires would be between \$1-\$2 each and inner tubes would have no charge. She relayed this information to the township resident. Clerk Plante also reported a board representative will need to be present when the dumpsters are dropped off at the town hall on Friday, April 24th in order to direct them where to place the dumpsters. The dumpsters will be picked up after the clean-up event on Saturday, April 25th. This is due to the close proximity to other homes or businesses in the area and the possibility of placing items and garbage in the dumpsters throughout the weekend.

Fine Reimbursement for February – Fine reimbursement totaled \$73.33 for February 2026.

Minnesota Association of Township (MAT) Short Course – The MAT Short Course is being held in St. Cloud on Tuesday, March 24th at the Holiday Inn. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE SHORT COURSE OF THEIR CHOICE WITH REIMBURSEMENT AT THE REGULAR RATE OF PAY, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

MAT Membership Cards – Clerk Plante received and distributed membership cards to town board members for 2026.

Transition to .Gov Website – Clerk Plante questioned whether the town board would like to transition to a .gov website with the redesign of the website. Our township is not required to do so, since we do not handle any absentee ballots. It was the consensus of the town board to question our website designer, Brian Laverdiere, whether it is difficult or if there is an extra charge. Mr. Laverdiere is currently working on embedding a calendar on the home page of the new website along with other

suggestions for new pages such as a page specifically for our MS4 permit & CMWEA (Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance) information and frequently used ordinances.

2026 Tax Capacity Rates – The 2026 tax capacity rates were recently emailed to all town board members and briefly discussed.

Kitchen Stove Purchase – Clerk Plante recently purchased a new stove from Menard's. The stove is currently on back order but is expected to be delivered to Menard's around April 4, 2026. Members of the board will need to pick it up since delivery to the town hall was an extra charge of \$99.50.

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 in the summer.

Website Redesign – Discussed during Clerk Plante's report.

Fee Schedule – No further information at this time.

Townline Road Update – Supv Heim reminded board members of the upcoming information meeting which will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center.

There will be a presentation at 5:30 p.m. Clerk Plante has posted there will be a quorum of the board at this meeting. Supv Heim noted that Stearns County is currently negotiating with the Maleska's for acquisition of right-of-way of their property located on 30th Avenue – their parcel is located in St. Wendel Township. If acquisition of the right-of-way can not be negotiated, eminent domain process may begin which could take 2-3 months.

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) – Decision for the funding should be announced around March 30th.

Parking Regulations – The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting with all resolutions etc. approved. Supv Heim will be checking on wording in the resolution to be year-round for parking on 27th Street. After finalized wording, the summary can be published and arrangements made to have signage completed and 27th Street residents notified of the new parking regulation.

322nd Street – Supv Heim has been contacted by Zachary Borgerding, St. Cloud City Engineer, requesting a letter of support for funding to reconstruct 322nd Street. Supv Heim completed and signed the template letter and returned it to Mr. Borgerding. The city of St. Cloud did not have 322nd Street on it's 5-year capitol improvement plan, but now are reconsidering adding it to the road improvement plan.

17th Street North (Pinecone Rd) Maintenance Agreement – This has been completed and can be removed from Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck Haselkamp – American Legion Use of Town Hall – Mr. Haselkamp contacted Supv Heim requesting the use of the town hall meeting room and kitchen for a regional meeting of American Legion members on July 8th, Social hour at 6 p.m. and meeting from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. There may be 10-20 members attending the meeting. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW THE AMERICAN LEGION TO HOLD ITS REGIONAL MEETING IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM FOR \$25 ALLOWING THEM TO USE THE KITCHEN FACILITIES AS NECESSARY, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Partnership with Sartell Police Department – Supv Heim emailed Brandon Siljgord, Director of Public Safety, requesting sample agreements of partnership with law enforcement entities. Mr.

Silgjord stated he will email sample agreements this week. This item will be moved to old business in order to continue discussion.

FEBRUARY ROAD REPORT:

Supv Wagner drove all township roads prior to the expected snow storm on Saturday, March 14th. The roads were in good winter driving condition. He discussed the continuation of increased abandoned vehicles and property at the Zander home along with parking on 27th Street. The Thomas property on County Road 1 is still accumulating more vehicles and abandoned property. Board members viewed pictures Supv Wagner took of the Zander, Thomas and Hernandez property as well as the new home built on River Vista Lane replacing the one demolished after a fire.

He discussed the excess of loose gravel in the platted areas of the township, small potholes on 40th Street, Riviera Road, Pine Ridge Road, Spider Court & Pleasant Dale Addition streets. He suggested the grading of 17th Street and tree trimming on Winnebago Road & Pine Ridge Road.

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