

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, May 26, 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 one interested party.

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

OPEN FORUM: No open forum items.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Blake Burton, 32467 County Road 1 - Variance – The public hearing for the variances requested by Mr. Burton was held at the previous Joint Planning Board (JPB) meeting. The JPB recommended approval of the accessory building being constructed in the front yard, the variance for the building which is a tube frontier metal shed with siding to match the home of like kind and color and they recommended approval of the attached garage to the home remaining to larger than the footprint of the home. Mr. Burton had applied to allow a larger footprint than the home for the attached garage. Mr. Burton agreed to the reduction in size of the attached garage. Supv Heim will have Atty Troy Gilchrist change the resolutions for the Burton variances requests. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-09 FOR BLAKE BURTON, 32467 COUNTY ROAD 1 TO CONSTRUCT A TUBE METAL SHED ACCESSORY BUILDING IN THE FRONT YARD WITH LIKE KIND AND COLOR SIDING TO THE HOME AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ATTACHED GARAGE NO LARGER THAN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE HOME (1654 SQUARE FEET), SECOND BY SUPV. WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

David & Cathy Wogen, 32572 River Vista Lane – Site Plan Approval – The town board reviewed the site plan presented by the Wogen's to replace the 12 X 24 deck on their home. Their home is located on the Mississippi River, but does not fall within the 300 feet of shoreland, so a review by our shoreland consultant is not needed. The deck will be the same size as the previous deck and in the same location. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR REPLACEMENT OF A 12 X 24 DECK IN THE SAME LOCATION AND SAME SIZE BY DAVID & CATHY WOGEN, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

David & Janet Tilstra, 305 Rosewood Road – Site Plan Approval – The Tilstra's presented a site plan to replace their deck overlooking the Mississippi River. Since the deck is located within the 300-foot shoreland, Stephen Gritman, township shoreland consultant, viewed the plans and area. He stated it would be allowed if the size of the deck remains the same, no land is disturbed and no footings are replaced. If the footings were replaced, the plans need to go through the Department of Natural Resources etc. The Tilstra's agreed the footings will not be replaced. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN TO REPLACE A DECK FOR DAVID & JANET TILSTRA, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Thomas Property – Atty Troy Gilchrist has contacted Chad May, Stearns County Attorney, to check with Tim Oswald, Stearns County Environmental Services, regarding an update of the county's position of the Shirley Thomas property.

Town Code Fine Violations – Atty Ben Gilchrist has completed the code violations and drafted a resolution to approve the violations. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-10 REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FINES FOR DESIGNATED ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, 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:

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented invoices and claim vouchers for payment in the amount of \$13,137.56. He noted the invoices included a bill from ASTECH for just over \$7000, which included snow & ice removal and street sweeping. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,137.56 (CHECK # 14692 THRU #14702), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Township Lawn Cutting – Supv Westerlund reported he had recently cut the township lawn. He also questioned whether Deluxe Lawn Care also placed weed killer on weeds in the landscaped areas around the town hall. Clerk Plante stated it was only placed on the lawn area.

Tree Trimming Quotes – The town board discussed the tree trimming quotes Supv Westerlund has attempted to receive. He has left messages for Able Tree Service with no call back. Supv Heim stated the tree trimming needed to be done and suggested having Ludvig do the trimming with the bid Supv Westerlund received in 2025 since they will honor the \$2000 amount that was quoted. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE SUPV WESTERLUND CONTACT LUDVIG TREE SERVICE TO TRIM THE TREES AT 27TH STREET & 35TH STREET AT THE 2025 \$2000 BID RECEIVED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Dan Heim –

Angie Manis – Xcel – Power Pole Replacement – Supv Heim reported the power poles that were being replaced at the intersection of 5th Street & 27th Street were in the city of Sartell's right-of-way. He emailed Kari & Angie @ Xcel.

IDDE (Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination) Videos – Fire & Police Department - Supv Heim questioned whether contact was made with the Fire & Police departments regarding their officers viewing and being trained on IDDE. Clerk Plante stated she has received the list of trained officers from the Sartell Fire Department but not the police department yet or the Stearns County Sheriff's

office.

Joel Asp – Shoreland Permits – Mr. Asp, shoreland engineer from S.E.H., is continuing working on shoreland permits for township properties.

Sullivan Property Clean-Up, 1954 4th Ave. No - The certified letter sent to the Sullivan's was not claimed and returned to the township clerk. The town board has been working with this property owner for quite some time to mow their lawn. No response or action has taken place. The certified letter sent to the Sullivan's included the new ordinance regarding lawn maintenance passed in October of 2025. Complaints were received there are also feral cats now on the property. It was the consensus of the town board to have Clerk Plante send a non-certified letter to the Sullivans giving until June 30, 2026 to maintain their yard in compliance with the lawn maintenance ordinance and if it is not completed, the township will begin the abatement process.

Paul Wagner –

17th Street North Grading– Supv Wagner reported that 17th Street North was graded. Lance of ASTECH will also be providing a quote to bring material prior to the next grading of 17th Street. The quote will be reviewed and considered by the Town Board when it is received.

Water Issue at Town Hall – Supv Wagner received a call from Chris at J.K. Storage regarding water spraying in an area behind the town hall garage. Supv Heim and Clerk Plante both viewed the issue and Clerk Plante contacted Traut Wells. David Traut of Traut Wells came to view the leak and after checking the well head near the leak, it was found the leak was actually on the J.K. Storage property. Supv Wagner contacted Chris to let them know it was on their property and not the townships.

30th Avenue/Town Line Patching – Supv Wagner reported that ASTECH has completed the patching of 30th Avenue/town line road.

CLERK REPORT:

Sprinkler System – Clerk Plante reported she met with Roy Nies from Traut Wells when he came to check the sprinkler system. The system had been set at sprinkling every day, 20 minutes per each zone. He has changed to have it run only once per week, 20 minutes per each zone.

Sullivan Certified Letter – This was discussed under Supv Heims report. The certified letter was returned to Clerk Plante with no pick up by the Sullivan's.

Town Hall Landscaping – Clerk Plante spoke with Kyle of Deluxe Lawn Care who stated it would be approximately \$500 cheaper to go with mulch versus rock for landscape material, \$6500 vs \$7000. Bushes (5-6) would be between \$50-\$100 each. She is working on getting two other quotes for landscape replacement around the town hall and garage.

Town Hall Lawn – Weed & Feed – Clerk Plante reported the first treatment of weed and feed has been completed by Deluxe Lawn Care.

Postage Increase – The postage will be increase from \$.78 to \$.82 on July 8th. Clerk Plante requested ordering another 1000 government postage-paid envelopes which would have the "Forever" postage stamp on them and save some money for the township. It was the consensus of the town board to have Clerk Plante order the envelopes.

Town Hall Keys – Clerk Plante had Security Locksmith make 2 more master keys. To have 2 keys made for just the south door (for renters), they would need to copy an existing key otherwise a new lock etc. needs to be done. She will contact Chuck Haselkamp with the American Legion.

Lights in Kitchen – Clerk Plante reported there was an issue with the lights going out in the kitchen when she turned them on. Chris Nies of Nies Electric came to check, but they turned on and off for him just fine.

Election Judge List for Upcoming August Primary & November General Election – Clerk Plante

provided a list of election judges for the town board to certify for the upcoming primary and general election. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION JUDGE LIST PROVIDED BY CLERK PLANTE, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – No further information at this time – Atty Gilchrist has contacted Stearns County.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – Certified letter returned and next step discussed earlier in the meeting.

Website Redesign – Website redesign should be done shortly.

Fee Schedule Review – Supv Heim has emailed Atty Gilchrist.

Town Hall Rental Agreement – Supv Heim has sent the agreement to Atty Gilchrist for review.

Townline Road Update – Supv Heim reported no new information on the town line road project.

Township Landscaping – Clerk Plante is continuing to get bids for this possible project.

Tree Trimming – Discussed under Supv Westerlund's report.

Partnership w/Sartell Police Department – No further information at this time. This will be considered and discussed after receipt of the 2026 fire department fee which should be some time in June.

MAY ROAD REPORT: Supv Westerlund provided his May Road report to all board members. He stated most roads were in good driving condition but there are numerous areas where cold patch is needed and asked to have another board member help with this task. Supv Heim and Supv Westerlund decided on June 8th. Clerk Plante will post a notice stating a possible quorum of supervisors will be patching roads throughout June, July & August 2026 in order to cover the open meeting law regulations.

Supv Westerlund also noted he had not taken any pictures, but the Thomas property remains the same with numerous vehicles and junk in the front yard. The Zander property had several vehicles on it, but no issues with parking on 27th Street have been reported. He also said the Sullivan yard remains uncut.

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