

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall  
Tuesday, May 27, 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 new LeSauk Town Hall.

**PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim and Jeff Westerlund, Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut and Treasurer Josh Bentley plus 0 interested parties. Absent Supervisor Paul Wagner and Clerk Marlyce Plante.**

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Cannabis Business Ordinance** – Whereas the Joint Planning Board recommended approval of an ordinance amending chapter V of the LeSauk zoning and subdivision regulations to regulate cannabis businesses, and there being no questions from the floor:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V OF THE LE SAUK ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS TO REGULATE CANNABIS BUSINESSES AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**Cannabis Business Ordinance, Summary Publication** – The ordinance must be published in a local newspaper. Supv Westerlund commented on the savings the township was making by using the newest publication St. Cloud Live.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY LANGUAGE FOR PUBLICATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V OF THE LESAUK TOWNSHIP ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS REGARDING CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN THE ST. CLOUD LIVE NEWSPAPER, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0

#### **MINUTES:**

Due to the absence of Supv Wagner, the decision was made to table the review of the 5/13/25 minutes until the 6/10/25 meeting.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Attorney** – Supv Heim is awaiting information regarding the St. Cloud OAA from Atty Gilchrist.

**Building Inspector** – Supv Heim is awaiting information about the Michael and Karen Lee property, 32688 River Vista Lane.

#### **Treasurer:**

**Claims and Invoices** – Treasurer Josh Bentley gave a brief synopsis of the invoices and claims presented to the board which totaled \$3095.70. The largest amount is \$2031.20 which is the escrow

account refund for David and Judy Traut. Other claims and invoices included utility bills along with Park Fellowship Church cleanup day.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,095.70 (CHECK #14490 THRU 14494), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**Certificate of Deposit maturity** – Treasurer Bentley informed the Board that a CD is coming due, and that he is researching the best rates.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW TREASURER BENTLEY TO CHOOSE A CD AT THE MONTHLY TERM AND RATE OF HIS DISCRETION, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**Zander property resolution** – Supv Heim reported on communications between Treasurer Bentley and Marc Iverson, Stearns County Land Records Coordinator. Through an email, Mr. Iverson advised that before the tax is assessed, the township over-communicate with the Zanders and allow them until 12/31/25 to pay the full amount (\$14,504.67).

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO HAVE ATTORNEY GILCHRIST DRAFT A CERTIFIED LETTER TO THE ZANDERS NOTIFYING THEM OF THE OPTION TO PAY IN FULL AS OPPOSED TO BEING ASSESSED FOR FIVE YEARS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

## **SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

### **Jeff Westerlund –**

**Meetings** – Supv Westerlund reported about two meetings he had attended on May 22, 2025: the CMCEA and township MS4.

**Lawn Mowing** – Supv Westerlund reported he had mowed the township hall lawn today (May 27) and had wrecked his mower deck due to concealed rocks. He was able to get it repaired thanks to David Plante.

### **Dan Heim –**

**Sam DeLeo** – Mr. DeLeo had informed Supv Heim that the Lawrence Traut property (2271 1st St., Sartell) had been sold.

**Discount Tire – River Vista Lane** – Supv Heim reported that Sartell City Council would be discussing the sale and plotting of an outlot along River Vista Lane near West Bank acquired by Discount Tire.

**MS4 Workshop** – Supv Heim reported that after attending the May 22 workshop, he realized that the town's snow and ice policy needed to be updated as it hasn't been done since 2017-2018.

**322<sup>nd</sup> Street Meeting** – Supv Heim reported that he had emailed David Blommel for recommendations because the city is requesting 80–100 foot right-of-way and were proposing 12-foot lanes with 4–6 foot shoulders. Mr. Blommel had responded that those specs were reasonable. Blommel's only recommendation was to limit the right-of-way to 80 feet rather than 100 because we have to buy it.

**Construction Site Permits – Solar farms** – During the MS4 meeting, permitting was discussed, and Supv Heim reported that because the solar construction for the Kevin Traut solar farm will be disturbing more than one acre, the solar company will have to follow through with an MS4 construction stormwater permit. Supv Heim stated that he will ask David Blommel to take care of everything. Supv

Heim also questioned whether the construction of the solar garden off of 17th Street would trigger more than one acre of disturbance.

**Rod Traut – T-Eight, LLC** – Supv Heim had emailed Mr. Traut about the septic at 1835 27th St. N. asking for certification since it had been installed in 2005–2006. In regards to the property split, if the septic does not meet code, the property might need to be annexed to the city because it is zoned U-1.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Thomas Property** – Supv Heim received a copy of the letter Environmental Services sent to the Thomas family. Environmental Services proposed an extended timeline to June 30, 2025, to achieve the agreed upon goal. An inspection was to be scheduled around June 1 to identify the requirements.

**Sullivan Yard Clean-Up** – Move this to the next meeting.

**Website Redesign** – No update as of yet.

**Fee Schedule** – Treasurer Bentley is working on this.

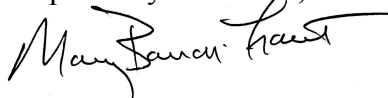
**Townline Road update** – There haven't seen any updates since April 23rd.

**Kyle Puckett – 144 Cty Rd 120** – Supv Heim stated that Clerk Plante had forwarded an email from Mr. Puckett requesting information about building an attached garage. He had been invited to attend this evening's meeting, but did not attend.

**New Business** – No new business.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Barron-Traut,  
LeSauk Township Deputy Clerk