

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, June 9, 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 ADDING XCEL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: No open forum items.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Teague Monroe, Stearns County Deputy Sheriff – Deputy Monroe provided the bi-monthly incident reports in LeSauk Township. Both April & May saw similar incident counts – 73. In April there were 5 calls to Shady Oaks Manufactured Home Park for disturbances and in May there were more than usual burning ban complaints. All other calls were traffic stops, welfare checks, medical emergencies etc. The Town Board questioned whether there has been increased call with electric scooters & bikes, which there has been. Mary Barron-Traut questioned Deputy Monroe regarding the correct procedure reporting or dealing with a 4-wheeler with passengers trespassing on neighboring parcels. He suggested when the trespasser is seen, the property owner should immediately contact the sheriff's department.

Xcel Road Right-of-Way Permits – Supv Heim has received 3 road right-of-way permit applications from Xcel Energy for the replacement of power poles.

- SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCAVATION PERMIT NEAR 2648 WINNEBAGO ROAD FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A POWER POLE BY XCEL ENERGY, SECOND BY SUPV HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.
- SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCAVATION PERMIT NEAR 2591 5TH AVENUE NORTH FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A POWER POLE BY XCEL ENERGY, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.
- SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCAVATION PERMIT NEAR 2151 35TH STREET NORTH FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A POWER POLE BY XCEL ENERGY, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MINUTES: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Burton Variances Resolutions – Atty Troy Gilchrist has sent the revised Burton Variance Resolutions to Chrm Heim.

St. Cloud Orderly Annexation Agreement – Atty Troy Gilchrist is continuing work on the OAA with the city of St. Cloud.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Bentley provided copies of the May Treasurers Report for all board members. Revenues in May contained several building permit fees and he expects to receive quite a few more since this is the time for building & remodeling. He reported the township has not received the first payment of real estate taxes which should come in mid-June. The balance of all township funds including the township CD investments is \$823,939.47. He also stated the invoice for the fire department contract has not been received yet. Expenses in May totaled \$29,404.89.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MAY TREASURERS REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented invoices and claim vouchers for payment in the amount of \$9073.51, The checks included payroll, monthly credit card bill, legal services etc. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,073.51 (CHECK # 14703 THRU #14711 PLUS ETF'S 346 & 347), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Township Lawn Cutting – Supv Westerlund reported he has cut the township lawn weekly.

Pothole Patching – Supv Westerlund met Supv Heim on Monday, June 8th to patch potholes in township roads. They began in Bon Homie Valley Addition but only were able to patch potholes in Spider Court before the rain began. They will set up another day to patch when weather cooperates and both are able to meet. Clerk Plante has posted a notice to cover the open meeting law during the months of June, July and August.

Area Planning Organization (APO) & Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance (CMWEA) Meetings - Supv Westerlund attended the monthly meetings of the APO & CMWEA.

Dan Heim –

Ryan Fitzthum – 17th Street North (Pinecone Area) – Supv Heim received a phone call from Ryan Fitzthum questioning when the minimum maintenance road (17th Street No) will be upgraded. Supv Heim informed him he has been in contact with Evan Carlson regarding the upgrade after the solar farms have been constructed. Mr. Carlson has been asked to upgrade 17th as part of the road maintenance agreement. The agreement is to upgrade 17th Street in order for the township to plow the road allowing Xcel Energy to access and repair equipment if needed throughout the year, especially during the winter.

IDDE (Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination) Training – Supv Heim reported that he has spoken to Wayne Cymbulak regarding the IDDE training regulations. Mr. Cymbulak stated the training, as it stands right now, needs to be done every three years. We are still in need of an updated list from the Stearns County Sheriff's Department of personnel trained in IDDE handling. The list sent by them was not up to date.

Jeff Bertch – Traut Solar Farm Extension – Mr. Bertch contacted Supv Heim requesting a copy of

the approved minutes of May 12, 2026 where the Town Board approved a one-year extension for the Traut – Minnesota Solar LLC Solar Farm. Clerk Plante was asked to provide him with a copy of the approved minutes from that date.

Relevant Life Church – Joe Lahr Excavating – Supv Heim was contacted by Kari Haakonsen, City of Sartell Project Planner and Jill Hollenkeamp, City of Sartell, Development Specialist, regarding what looked like excavation work on the Relevant Life Church parcel. Since he has not received any type of excavation permit approval, he should be asked to cease and desist. Supv Heim spoke with Mr. Lahr and he assured Supv Heim the removal of rock should be complete by Friday; June 5th. He stated they were just readying the area for the church when it is built. The work actually continued until Monday, June 8th, but it was completed the afternoon of the 8th and all areas were cleaned up in the parking lot area. It was the consensus of the board the work should be done when the project begins and if he does try to again do this type of work without a permit, he will be given a cease-and-desist order.

Lance Bemboom – ASTECH Inc. Dust Control, Fill & Grading Bids – Supv Heim received a bid from Adam Surma of Knife River, for dust control on 17th Street North. The 4/10 of a mile road would take approximately 1407 gallons of calcium chloride at \$2.60 per gallon = \$3660.00. Prior to the dust control, Mr. Bemboom suggested bringing in crushed granite fill, crown and grade the road, then put on the calcium chloride which adheres all the material together. The bid for the granite fill, crowning & grading was \$7950.00. After discussion by the board, it was the consensus to wait until after the next monthly road inspection and make a decision on June 23rd.

Fine Code Violations – Atty Ben Gilchrist is continuing to update and put the fine codes into the Stearns County code violation system. After the fines are in place, a county judge will review and approve. The county will let us know when it is complete.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) - The MPCA has contacted Supv Heim informing him the township does not need to submit the MS4 report by June 30th, 2026.

Paul Wagner –

17th Street North Grading– Supv Wagner had been in contact with Lance of ASTECH but did not realize he had sent a bid to Supv Heim for the possible fill, crowning and grading of 17th Street, plus dust control. A decision on whether to go ahead with this project will be made after the June Road inspection is complete.

Shannon Sullivan – Supv Wagner received a call from Shannon Sullivan regarding the letter she received from the township requesting she cut her grass on her entire property. She stated she was trying to do this by herself and questioned whether she could have a longer time frame to complete the clean-up of her yard. After discussion by the town board, the date she was given of June 30th will remain. Ms. Sullivan has been contacted by letter beginning in 2022, with no contact from her or resolution to this issue. Supv Heim plans to call her on Wednesday, June 10th, this will remain on the agenda until resolved.

Udermann Emails – Supv Wagner has received email request from Mary Lou Udermann regarding the condition and possible grading of 17th Street North (Udermann area).

CLERK REPORT:

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – Clerk Plante reported on the phone calls she received from Shannon Sullivan regarding the clean-up of her property. She stated she planned to clean-up her property but had questions on the ordinance, authority of the clerk & township, time frame of clean up etc. She also requested copies of the previous letters sent to her. It was the consensus of the Town Board to have Clerk Plante send Ms. Sullivan the copies of letters sent in 2022, 2023, 2024 and two letters in 2026.

In 2025 no letter was sent. Supv Westerlund spoke with her and the Town Board had Bob Dunning, Stearns County Weed Inspector view the property for noxious weeds. Ms. Sullivan did not have noxious weeds on her property according to Mr. Dunning. At that time, he suggested an ordinance regarding lawn length similar to cities in the area. The township then started the process of implementing a lawn length ordinance.

Town Hall Landscaping – Clerk Plante reported receiving a bid from Supreme Lawn Care for removal and replacement of landscape rock around the town hall and garage. She has been in contact with two other landscape companies for bids. They will have them ready for the meeting on the 23rd.

Town Hall Keys – Clerk Plante will have Security Locksmith make 2 more keys for the South door.

Building Permit Application Update – Clerk Plante swapped the email addresses for the township and David Barsody on the building permit application. Hopefully the change will help to make sure that both David Barsody and the township receive a copy of building permit applications.

Fine Reimbursement for May – The township received \$106.66 during the month of May in fine reimbursements.

2025 State Demographer's Report – The MN State Demographer reported the population of LeSauk Township is at 1478 for 2025 with 566 households. No change from 2024.

Clerk Training – Clerk Plante will be attending the Clerk Training at the Stearns County Service Center being held on Thursday, June 11th.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – This was discussed earlier in the meeting but will remain under old business until the property is cleaned up.

Website Redesign – Website redesign should be done shortly. An email was received from Leslie Rosedahl who began a redesign of the township website and questioned if the township was ready to go “live” with the site. The last email received from Ms. Rosendahl was in November 2025, so the board went a different direction for website designing. The board asked Clerk Plante to let her know the board's decision.

Fee Schedule Revision – The revisions to the fee schedule are complete and a public hearing will be held on June 23, 2026. Clerk Plante has the notice ready for publication as well as the notice, revised fee schedule and resolution on the township website.

Town Hall Rental Agreement – Atty Gilchrist sent a revised copy of the rental agreement. All town board members were asked to review.

Tree Trimming Bids – The bid for tree trimming was approved at the last meeting. Supv Westerlund will be meeting with Ludvig Tree Service to complete the tree trimming in the township.

Townline Road Update – Supv Heim has been in contact with Chris Byrd, Stearns County Highway Director. Mr. Byrd discussed the cultural review being conducted on the town line road site. There will be 9 archeological digs done on the length of 30th Avenue prior to this project taking place. He noted the 106 Group Review will narrow down the archeological sites along the 30th Avenue right-of-way. The cost may be approximately \$55,000.

Town Hall Rental Agreement – Atty Gilchrist reviewed and revised the rental agreement drafted by Supv Heim. It has been emailed to the town board for review and discussion at the next meeting.

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

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 sometime in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

322nd Street – Supv Heim reported that St. Cloud has received some funding for the reconstruction of 322nd Street. They have designated \$3 million for 322nd Street. The city has also applied for \$7 million of federal fund money for this road. He noted there are three jurisdictions involved with 322nd Street; City of St. Cloud, LeSauk Township and St. Wendel Township.

Jason Dale – Neighboring Animal Issue – Mr. Dale contacted Supv Wagner and Clerk Plante regarding a neighbor, Patrick Weinand, who is a township resident. Mr. Weinand allows his dog to poop in Mr. Dales yard and he does not clean it up. It was the consensus of the board to have Clerk Plante send Mr. Weinand a letter with copies of Section 410.07 from the township codes that pertains to animal nuisances. Mr. Dale has contacted both the Sartell Police Department and Stearns County Sheriff's Office regarding the incidents where Mr. Weinand has allowed his dog to poop on Mr. Dales Property. Mr. Dale also has video of the occurrences.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk