

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, September 23, 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 LeSauk Town Hall.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Josh Bentley and 3 interested parties.

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

OPEN FORUM: No open forum items.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Jeremy Legatt – Infinity Homes – Mr. Legatt came before the Town Board to discuss the construction of a new home located on 35th Street, the driveway easement for the property and assignment of an address for the parcel. The easement for the driveway change was due to a fiber optic box placed in the area of the previous driveway and Supv Heim informed him it was approved at the previous meeting. The address will be assigned by the Stearns County Property Services/G.I.S. Department. When the town clerk receives the new address, she will order a 911 sign for the property and notify him.

Doug Welk and Lance Bemboom – ASTECH Inc. – 17th St. North (Udermann area), Snow & Ice Policy & MS4 Regulations Update – The Town Board asked Mr. Welk and Bemboom to attend a meeting to discuss several items, the first being the condition & possible solutions to 17th Street (Udermann area). Several months ago, the township had ASTECH bring in 50 tons of recycled Class 5 (asphalt/concrete mix) material which was placed on the west end near the stop sign, due to the wash boarding in the area. The road was then graded but within a short amount of time, the road was again wash boarding. Mr. Welk and Bemboom both stated the wash boarding is due to receiving rain shortly after the Class 5 material was laid down along with the heavy equipment that is consistently run on this street. Also discussed was the base of 17th Street which is quite swampy. It would be extremely costly to reconstruct 17th Street, digging out the base, bringing in new fill along with an overlay. Both Mr. Welk and Bemboom stated a possible solution would be to place two 2-inch lifts on 17th Street. Supv Heim will consult with the township engineer.

Snow & Ice Policy & MS4 Regulations – Mr. Welk and Bemboom both reviewed the revised township snow & ice policy and were in agreement with the schedule of township roads, the amount of snowfall needed before the plows go out. Mr. Welk also informed the board that all snow plow drivers have taken the snow & ice refresher course required by the townships MS4 regulations.

MINUTES:

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Ordinance Re: Grass/Lawn Length & Granny Pods/Mother-in-Law Suites - Atty Gilchrist updated the Grass-Lawn Length & Granny Pod Ordinance. The town board were of the consensus to hold the

public hearing for the ordinance at the October 28, 2025 Joint Planning Board meeting. Supv Heim will contact Atty Gilchrist to draft the resolutions for this ordinance change.

Atty Gilchrist is continuing work on the St. Cloud Orderly Annexation Agreement and the Town Code Provisions for Stearns County Enforcement.

Zander Property – Chrm Heim noted the Zanders had until September 20th to comply with Atty Alsop's court order regarding the storage of vehicles & abandoned property. Supv Heim viewed the area which looks much better. Supv Westerlund also viewed the area during his monthly road inspection and was in agreement with Supv Heim. It was reported that several trucks and junk had been removed several days ago.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented the invoices & claims totaling \$5292.11. Two larger invoices from ASTECH (\$2406.00) and S.E.H. Engineering (\$2596.54) were included. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,292.11 (CHECK #14556 THRU 14559, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Printer Purchase – Treasurer Bentley informed the board he purchased a new printer after several attempts to revive his printer. He is requesting reimbursement for his new printer. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO REIMBURSE TREASURER BENTLEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182.59 FOR THE NEW PRINTER, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Treasurer Bentley briefed the board on the Epson printer he purchased. The Epson printer ink is replaced with bottles of ink versus the cartridges of most printers. He felt it was much more cost effective and replacing the ink is a very simple process.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Mowing at Town Hall – Supv Westerlund mowed the town hall lawn on 9-22.

30th Avenue Pothole Repair – Supv Westerlund purchased 4 bags of cold patch and plans to complete the patching of holes within the next day or two on 30th Avenue.

Dan Heim –

Shoreland Permit - Paul Tomczik, 2944 Winnebago Road – Supv Heim reported the Tomczik shoreland permit has not been finalized yet due to a score that fell below the minimum requirement on the Shoreland Site Assessment. The assessment must be completed prior to issuing a shoreland permit. The landscaper and property owners have been given options to upgrade the score.

Shawn Kroll, 32252 River Vista Lane – Supv Heim noted the Kroll property has requested annexation to the city of Sartell. The request was part of the city of Sartell's meeting packet.

Rod & Gary Traut – Feedlot Information – The Traut's contacted Supv Heim requesting more feedlot information. The Traut's spoke to Amber at Stearns County Environmental Services regarding the feedlot regulations but were informed by Supv Heim the township took over the feedlot regulations in 2017 and have adopted the county regulations by reference.

Erin Warren, 32169 County Road 1 – Garage Rebuild – Chrm Heim has received an application from Erin Warren for variances for the side yard setback and more than the allowed buildings on a

property. The public hearing will be scheduled for October 28th at the Joint Planning Board Meeting. **Jim Gabrielson, 1660 Riverside Ave – Accessory Building** – Mr. Gabrielson emailed Supv Heim that he was unaware he was on the agenda for this evening's meeting. Mr. Gabrielson has not submitted all the necessary paperwork and applications for an accessory building he would like to construct in his front yard. The public hearing for this variance will be held on October 28th at the Joint Planning Meeting if fees and applications have been received.

322nd Street – APO (Area Planning Organization) – LRIP (Local Road Improvement Plan) – Chrm Heim reported no application has been posted to the website yet and he has not heard back from representatives of St. Cloud or St. Wendel Township whether they will work with him to complete the application for 322nd Street.

Road Certification - Supv Heim reviewed the road certification form sent by Stearns County. 50th Avenue needs to be removed – Clerk Plante will complete and return the form.

Paul Wagner –

Andrew Fisher – Rental Property – Mr. Fisher contacted Supv Wagner questioning the townships regulations regarding rental property. The township does not have rental regulations but refer anyone with questions to Stearns County Environmental Services. Stearns county does have them and it is in their best interest to follow the requirements to rent a property. Supv Wagner will contact him and relay the information.

CLERK REPORT:

Swing Sign Usage – Clerk Plante questioned the board whether the area churches could use the townships swing sign to advertise their upcoming craft & bake sale. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE SWING SIGN FOR A NON-PROFIT (SARTELL AREA CHURCHES) AT NO CHARGE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

District 742 Special Election – Clerk Plante discussed the upcoming special election for District 742 on November 4, 2025. The town hall will be used for the election and she has assigned election judges.

“Road Closed” Roll-Up Sign & Sign Purchases – The “Road Closed” barricades & barricade lights have been purchased and received from U-Line Company. A roll-up “Road Closed” sign has been ordered through M-R Sign Company. With the purchase amount, a free gift from U-Line was offered and a small Bluetooth speaker was received for the town hall. The speaker can be used by all board members when needed at the town hall.

Jason Brieland of Cedar Creek Energy – Mr. Brieland called with questions regarding the townships solar farm ordinances. A solar farm is being considered for a parcel owned by Rupert Weyer. Since the Weyer parcel is zoned U-1, a solar farm would not be allowed unless it is annexed to the city of Sartell. Mr. Brieland was given this information and who to contact at the city.

New City of Sartell Public Works Director – Bartt Gevens has been named the new public works director for Sartell. Contact information has been forwarded to board members.

Use of Town Hall Parking Lot – Brandon Silgjord, city of Sartell Police Chief, emailed and questioned whether city staff members can use the township hall parking lot on Friday, September 26th for the Niron Magnetics Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. It was the consensus of the Town Board to allow the use of the parking lot. Clerk Plante will email Mr. Silgjord.

Loehlein - Volunteer Service Agreement – Clerk Plante reported that she spoke with Steven Loehlein regarding signing of the volunteer service agreement since he maintains portions of a township easement between his property and neighboring parcel owner, Joe Novak. Mr. Loehlein has not contacted Clerk Plante or signed the agreement as of yet.

Vacation – Clerk Plante informed the board she will be on vacation October 4 through October 13th.

She hopes to have the agenda, minutes our prior to leaving. She will also need to have all information for the upcoming public hearings by October 3rd in order to have them published for the 10-28-25 Joint Planning Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – No further information - the Thomas property issue has been referred to the county attorney's office.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – No update.

Website Redesign – No update as of yet.

Fee Schedule – No further information.

Townline Road Update – Supv Heim reminded board members of the upcoming informational meeting to be held on October 6, 2025 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center. Clerk Plante has posted the necessary information on the website and the town hall door since there will be a quorum present at the meeting.

322nd Street Update – No LRIP application is posted to date and no response from St. Cloud or St. Wendel representatives.

Snow & Ice Policy – This was reviewed and approved by ASTECH (snowplowing company).

Tree Trimming – Will remain under old business until bids have been received later in the fall.

Lawn Length Ordinance – Atty Gilchrist has provided a revised ordinance which will include the Granny Pod provision. A hearing will be scheduled for October 28th.

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 Levy Split – After discussion, SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO SPLIT THE 2026 LEVY AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL FUND: \$60,000.00, FIRE FUND: \$80,000 AND ROAD & BRIDGE: \$210,000, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SEPTEMBER ROAD REPORT: Supv Westerlund provided copies of his monthly road report to all board members. He noted that township roads are in good driving condition other than 322nd Street (which has been patched by the city of St. Cloud) and 30th Avenue (which Supv Westerlund will patch potholes using cold patch in the next couple of days). He viewed the Zander property which looks much better. The Thomas property remains cluttered with abandoned vehicles and junk.

Supv Westerlund again reminded board supervisors to view where trees should be trimmed on their upcoming road inspections so detailed areas can be named for proposals for tree trimming can be requested and everyone is on the same page. He noted the speed limit sign near 3630 Riviera Road, needs trimming.

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