

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, June 23, 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, Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut and 7 interested parties.

AGENDA: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING JANELLE PETERSON & HEIDI & BRANDON WINKELS RE: RUPERT WEYER PROPERTY AND STEVE & BETTY LOEHLEIN TO OPEN FORUM, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Janelle Peterson, Heidi & Brandon Winkels – Rupert Weyer Property – Ms. Peterson and Heidi & Brandon Winkels came before the board to discuss the Winkels interest in purchasing the Rupert Weyer property. They questioned whether the deferred assessments of approximately \$118,000 on Mr. Weyer's parcel could be waived. They were informed the assessments were from the city of Sartell and they would need to discuss that possibility with Kari Haakonsen, City of Sartell Project Planner. The Winkel's, who are interested in purchasing the property, also had questions on options for using and developing the parcel.

Ms. Peterson questioned the use of 17th Street for the planned solar garden's being constructed in the area. She stated 17th Street has changed course the last several years and feels it has infringed on her father's property. Supv Heim did inform her that Mr. Weyer did sign an easement as part of the solar farm's construction. Evan Carlson, developer of the solar farm's, has signed an agreement with the township, stating after construction of the solar farm, and prior to winter, he must upgrade 17th Street to allow for ease of snowplowing the street.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

6:15 Public Hearing – Fee Schedule Revision – Chrm Heim read the public hearing notice regarding the revision of the township fee schedule. Three items were changed in the schedule; minor shoreland and major shoreland alteration escrow accounts were increased and the hourly rate for any type of office duplication, research etc. will now be \$23.00/hr. No further comments were heard. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The changes were briefly discussed. Shoreland alterations have become more complex. The town board recently approved the use of Joel Asp, engineer at SEH Engineering, to handle all shoreland alterations in the township. This, of course, will increase the expenses for shoreland alteration applications.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-11 UPDATING THE TOWNSHIP FEE SCHEDULE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-12 APPROVING THE SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 26-02 FEE SCHEDULE REVISION, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Steve & Betty Loehlein, 6204 321st Street – Maintenance of Township Easement – Mr. Loehlein came before the board to request an on-site visit from a town board supervisor to view and discuss the maintenance of the township easement that is between his home and adjacent property owner, Joe Novak. Mr. Loehlein requested Supv Heim to view the area since he is familiar with what has transpired with previous neighbor, Dennis Kelzenburg. Supv Heim stated he would not be able to and it was the consensus of the board to have Supv Wagner go view the area as soon as possible.

Dan Heim Resignation - Supv Heim informed the town board that he will be resigning his position on the Town Board. He and his wife have decided to move nearer to their son who lives in Wisconsin. Discussion was held when his last attendance of meetings will be. He thinks they may be moved to Wisconsin by the before the end of the month. Meetings scheduled in July are the 14th and the 28th. After discussion, SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO MOVE THE MEETINGS IN JULY TO JULY 7TH @ 6:00 P.M. AND JULY 21ST @ 6:00 P.M., SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Heim stated he will have a better picture of the time frame he will be available after viewing Wisconsin homes and selling their home. He also believes his wife, Sue, begins her new position on July 29th, so the plan would be to be in the area by then.

The town board also discussed whether the remainder of Supv Heim's term, which is 4 years, could be placed on the upcoming November election. Supv Westerlund is up for re-election in November. Clerk Plante will contact Mary Kay Lindmeier at the Stearns County Elections Office regarding the process. Clerk Plante will also contact Atty Gilchrist to draft the necessary paperwork needed to declare a vacancy on the board as well as appointing someone to the board.

MINUTES: SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Fine Schedule – Atty Ben Gilchrist completed and sent the fine schedule to Stearns County. The fines have been placed in the county system and the judge has signed off which now allows the sheriff's department to issue tickets for the various fines in the township.

St. Cloud Orderly Annexation Agreement – Atty Troy Gilchrist is continuing work on the OAA with the city of St. Cloud. While viewing the property owners affected by this agreement, he found there are three property owners that are in the city of Sartell. Before implementing the orderly annexation agreement, Atty Gilchrist stated the three parcel owners had two options: Option 1. Detach from Sartell and return to LeSauk Township, Sartell must pass a resolution to support the detachment and then it must be approved by the State of Minnesota. Option 2. Annex to the city of St. Cloud. It was the consensus to have the three parcels do option 1. Supv Heim will inform Atty Gilchrist.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Building Inspector Barsody questioned whether a site plan for the Janet Tilstra parcel located at 305 Rosewood Road had been approved. Supv Heim informed him the site plan was approved on May 26, 2026. The Tilstra's are replacing a deck that is within the 300-foot shoreland. They agreed that no footings would be replaced. If that were to change, the plans would need to go through the Department of Natural Resources.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented invoices and claim vouchers for payment in the amount of \$4,448.71 Two larger invoices included the patching of 30th Avenue by ASTECH for \$1882.50 and the second half of the 2026 assessments from the Area Planning Organization for

\$805.50. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,448.71 (CHECK # 14712 THRU #14718), SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Bentley also informed the board the township received it's first payment of real estate for 2026 which was roughly \$138,000. He has yet to receive an invoice from the city of Sartell for the fire department charges for 2026. After receiving that invoice, the town board will begin to review the possible plan to contract with the city of Sartell for its police services.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Township Lawn Cutting – Supv Westerlund reported he cut the township lawn on Monday, June 22nd. He tries to cut prior to a township meeting.

Pothole Patching – Supv Westerlund spent Saturday, June 20th, patching potholes throughout the township. Supv Heim or Wagner were unavailable to help. Clerk Plante has posted a notice to cover the open meeting law during the months of June, July and August should two supervisors patch the roads together.

Dan Heim –

Rupert Weyer Property, 1593 Pinecone Road – Supv Heim has received several calls inquiring about the Weyer property which consists of roughly 58 acres. Questions are centered around whether the property must be annexed to the city of Sartell and whether the deferred assessments must be paid upon annexation.

Jim & Susan Goodew – Rupert Weyer Parcel - The Goodew's contacted Supv Heim questioning whether the Rupert Weyer parcel can be split. The Goodew's would consider the construction of a church on the large field area near the home site and a new home near Baker's Lake if possible.

Arlene Weyer Property, 2705 Pinecone Road – Supv Heim has been in contact with Kari Haakonsen, City of Sartell Project Planner, who has stated since the septic system located on the Arlene Weyer parcel is further than 300 feet from city services and the use of the property remains the same, the parcel will not have to be annexed to the city.

Nikki Theisen – Ms. Theisen is a realtor who has a client interested in a vacant lot located in Via Riviera Addition. The client questioned whether a manufactured home could be built on the vacant lot. Supv Heim informed her of the required size of a single-family dwelling in R-1 which would have to be met as well as all necessary frost footings required by the State of MN Building Codes.

Ross Cummings – Park Fellowship Church – Mr. Cummings is the new pastor at Park Fellowship Church and questioned the regulations for expanding the churches parking lot and asphalt regulations. Supv Heim stated there are no township regulations they must follow, but since their driveway is located off County Road 4, they should contact the Stearns County Highway Department and check their regulations regarding driveway access in the county right-of-way. Mr. Cummings provided a site plan for the parking lot. SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR THE PARK FELLOWSHIP CHURCH PROVIDED THEY CLARIFY THE DRIVEWAY ACCESS ON COUNTY ROAD 4 AND WHETHER IT WOULD INFRINGE INTO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH STEARNS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Blake Burton – Resolutions – Atty Troy Gilchrist provided updated resolutions for the variances granted to Blake Burton, 32467 County Road 1, St. Cloud. Mr. Burton had requested to construct an attached garage that was larger than the footprint of the home. That variance was not approved.

Election Judge – Supv Heim stated he would not be available to serve as an election judge for the upcoming Primary and General Elections.

Thomas Flint, Alexander Design Group - Tomczik, 2944 Winnebago Road – Supv Heim received an email from a contractor working with the Tomczik's. They would like to construct a new larger accessory building on the same spot the present accessory building is now located. After viewing the site plan and working out the impervious coverage, they would not be allowed to build anything larger. Supv Heim will contact the contractor.

Jill Hollenkamp – Property with weeds – 401 15th St. No. – Ms. Hollenkamp is the Development Specialist at the City of Sartell. She received a complaint regarding the tall weeds on this property. Supv Heim viewed the parcel, took pictures and shared with the board members. The parcel looked fairly well kept and wondered if they had recently mowed the yard. No action taken.

Paul Wagner –

Heidi Winkels – Rupert Weyer Property - Supv Wagner received a call from a realtor as well as Heidi Winkels, regarding the Rupert Weyer property. The Winkels attended the meeting and discussed their questions on the property.

17th Street North Grading– Supv Wagner had this month's road report and felt that 17th Street was wash boardy. The board discussed the quotes for hauling in fill, grading the road, then placing a dust control.

CLERK REPORT:

Town Hall Landscaping – Clerk Plante reported she met with LeRoy Ludwig at the town hall. Mr. Ludwig planned to put in a bid for the landscape project at the town hall. She has not received a bid from Aaron Schiemann. She will check with them again.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – Clerk Plante sent copies of previous letters sent to Shannon Sullivan which began in 2023.

Chuck Ertl, Certificate of Insurance – A certificate of insurance was received from Chuck Ertl's insurance carrier. He will begin the cutting of township ditches after 6-15-26.

Chris Spanier, 3739 Spider Court - Ms. Spanier contacted Clerk Plante requesting the regulations on swimming pools and placement of a fence. Clerk Plante emailed the information.

Rebecca W/Structural Engineers – Clerk Plante was contacted by Structural Engineers who are designing an accessory building on the Steven Carlson parcel located on 35th Street. She provided the regulations for an accessory building, setbacks etc.

Nikki Theisen – Manufactured Home in Via Riviera, Susan Goodew, Construction of a church on the Rupert Weyer property and Ross Cummings, Park Fellowship Church Parking Lot – Clerk Plante received calls regarding these items which were discussed by Supv Heim earlier in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – Supv Heim has spoken with Ms. Sullivan regarding the clean-up of her yard which must be done before June 30th. If not completed, he asked that she attend the next scheduled meeting to discuss with the board.

Website Redesign – Website is close to being completed. It could be on-line mid-July.

Fee Schedule Revision – Remove from old business since the revision was approved this evening.

Town Hall Rental Agreement – All town board members were asked to review.

Tree Trimming Bids – Supv Westerlund is working with Ludiwig Tree Service to complete the tree trimming on township roads.

Townline Road Update – Supv Heim stated a new representative must be assigned to the Townline Road Project. He will forward any emails he may receive regarding upcoming meetings.

Town Hall Rental Agreement – The updated draft from Atty Gilchrist was emailed to the town board for review and discussion at the next meeting.

Township Landscaping – Clerk Plante is continuing to work on getting 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:

August Township Meeting – The primary election is being held on August 11, the townships first meeting of the month. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO MOVE THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING FROM TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH AT 6:00 P.M. TO MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M., SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JUNE ROAD REPORT:

Supv Wagner discussed his viewing of all township roads. He stated most roads are in good shape. There are several smaller potholes on the top of the hill located on 40th Street. Other areas with just small potholes that could be filled with cold patch are: 7th Avenue, River Vista Lane and 322nd Street in Pleasant Dale Addition. Supv Westerlund had been out patching roads and stated he will purchase cold patch for these areas.

Supv Wagner had pictures of several parcels in the township the town board is viewing for continued abandoned vehicles, property etc. There were no parked vehicles near the Zander property and the property itself did not look too bad, with only some parked vehicles on the parcel.

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