

St. Lawrence Township  
Special Meeting  
April 20, 2026

**Officers Present**

Chairman Ted Kornder, Supervisor Ron Symanitz, Supervisor Les Quatmann, Treasurer Amy Mullen and Clerk Ramona Bischof

**Officers Absent**

None

**Called to Order**

The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Kornder. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of this meeting was to have discussion with Hoffman Construction about mining sand from the Heidi Suel property for the City of Jordan overpass project. Ted stated that this is a board meeting and discussion will be by the board only with Jason. Jason gave a quick background on the project in that one of the niches of doing these projects is to get sand/gravel from areas near the project. This is the reason for this meeting. The Burmahi//Heidi Suel property is the property in question. He stated that they would like 200 yards of sand. There is a full engineered restoration plan. They will take off the top soil and put a berm up on 190<sup>th</sup> for noise control. After sand is mined, they will restore and reseed. There will not be any holes or anything. Not trying to open a 40-year sand pit. Only for this project and for about 1 to 1.5 years. No crusher, etc. Need only sand. Les asked if Jason could explain how far the distance is from Beaumont into the property. Jason stated that it was 100 ft offset from the center of Beaumont Ave. Les then asked after all is said and done and the amount of what they are taking out, what is the depth change of existing to when is complete. Jason stated that after moving father to the west, they will do an area grade. Heidi wants to get rid of the cedar trees so this would be part of that. It will drain to the west and will be out of the wetlands, minimizing hardwoods. There will be a pond that will fill up and then go into the wetlands. Designed too be build so that if houses are ever built or whatever, this property would be ready for that. There is a 100 ft buffer from the wetlands. Les asked if the pond would be where they are taking sand out of or southwest more. Jason said they flatten it out and the grade will go down in certain areas 4-10 ft. with a small pond in the back corner 1-2 acres. Drainage is southwest as it currently flows. He stated they would plan to use a field entrance off of 190<sup>th</sup> to go in and out of the property. Will have a water truck on site for watering if there is dust. Jason also said they are not allowed per the city to use Beaumont Avenue. Ted asked if the city gave permission to use 190<sup>th</sup> St and Jason stated it is a public road and it can be used. Jason stated that one truck will enter or exit at a time. Once on the property, they may widen the road a bit so they can pass while operating. Ted stated they will have dust issues and Jason stated that they have been using some on the current overpass. Les asked if this all gets approved when will start. Jason stated that it would be June. There is a county board meeting which would be the last meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ron asked hours of operation. He stated 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Would like to extend the hours if possible to a little later. Ted asked if there were any comments from the county with regards to a EAW or anything. Jason stated it is accurate to state they are not going to mine like other mining projects. It is more of a grading project, avoiding wetlands, full restoration plan, stormwater report, etc. Ted asked him to explain how

when taking the top layer off of the soil, then take sand out and push more overburden. Jason stated that the farther they move with the grading, they will restore as they go. They will spread top soil and seed as they move forward. Ron stated she feels Heidi has a right to do this with this property. Ted asked about Minger Construction and how they lowered that property about 5 feet just to make it flat to build their building. Ted stated that per visual, this would be the same type of thing that they are doing to Heidi's property.

**Public comments:**

Darren Troseth asked if he can confirm why they are not just getting the sand from the Hanson Pit. Jason stated that it is because of the cost and when you are talking 6 figures worth of material, this can add up. Darren also asked about how many trucks a day would be going in and out. Loads per day about 286 and trip average 572. Jason said they are aiming at 5,000 yards a day which would be on a 12-hour day about 32 truck loads an hour. Bob Malz asked about what happens when there are events going on. Jason stated they would try not to run then.

Cory asked if it would be dump trucks or belly dump trucks. Jason said if he can use belly dumps he would as they haul a lot more. He said right now they will be utilizing dump trucks.

Bob Schmitz asked about his property and how it is right next to the proposed digging. He said that it is 8-10 feet of sand and then clay. He asked if they have done the WMO research and Jason stated yes, they have completed that. He stated that the runoff from this property, runs right into his property. Jason stated they would not just leave clay as it is not good for runoff. Jason said we are not changing the runoff of the property. The water will go to a pond and then runoff to the wetland as it currently does today. Bob is north of this property and the water will go southwest. Bob asked if they are digging into the corn field and Jason stated no, they will not even be close to the cornfield. Bob asked about mining in an agricultural property. Ted stated that mining is an allowable use in Scott County on agricultural land.

Kerri Troseth wondered about the impact of the roads on 190<sup>th</sup>. Ted stated that MN DOT and county were asked to use this road as a detour road and so this road is being used and we will patch and such as necessary and once the projects are complete they will repave the road. Ted also asked with that number of trucks, will there be a flag person.

City resident asked if there will be a backlog of traffic that dump trucks will be staging or blocking traffic. Jason stated that he would never anticipate actual backups other than when people are leaving for work.

Katy Johnson from Sioux Vista asked about which road they would be going out – 190<sup>th</sup> or Beaumont. Jason stated again, 190<sup>th</sup> Street would be the road entrance and exit.

Resident asked how do we know that this project won't be delayed and that the project goes on longer than is supposed. Jason stated that he is running the job, is doing his job and is planning to go home when done.

Bob Malz asked about what would be left afterwards that someone wouldn't continue to want to mine that. Jason said he cannot speak of any future companies that want to mine. Anyone else would have to go through this process again. Jason said he is here to do a job not open a gravel pit. He needs

220,000 yards. Resident asked if he could sell to others. He said he is not here to sell product but if Heidi wanted to. She said she heard drilling yesterday and that the noise is very loud and don't want to listen to that everyday. Another resident complained about this also. She said that the city is concerned about this and Jason said that the city is not concerned about that.

Timberline resident asked if they were going to ask Scott County to haul on weekends and if so, Saturdays or Saturdays and Sundays. Jason stated at this time they are planning Monday-Friday but maybe a Saturday and never a Sunday. Bob Malz asked if they have ever been this close to a housing development. Jason said he's seen it all. Hours of operation will be determined by the County and there is variation of hours depending on the project. Ted stated notices would be sent out, etc. Resident asked if the township benefits in any way to do this project. Townships get stipends from mines in the township but this is not a mine. They asked who is called when there are traffic issues. Julie Slavik asked about the homeowner selling the sand. Can she do this while you have the permit? Les stated when this is done, it closes. Jason also stated that this permit request is for this project and once complete, its done. Not even Heidi can sell it unless she applies. It's called a land use permit. It would be a mining permit if they were opening a pit but they are not. Resident asked if they assumed they would be getting sand from a local neighbor and not using a regular gravel pit. Jason stated yes, this is the way it was bid. Kerri asked again about the hours of operation and clarify. Jason said 7 a.m. to about 5:30 or 6 p.m. He is hoping they can run 12-hours a day. Trucks and backhoes are done at the same time. Bob Malz asked about on-site fuel storage. He said they do not have one out there but they would have one come and fill the trucks at night. Craig from Sioux Vista asked if he could see the maps that they were talking about. Jeff Bjick asked if there would be groundwater impact. Jason stated that no there would not be any groundwater impact. Alisha from Timberline asked if there was an example of another area in MN where they opened one of these and then closed it off after it was completed. Jason said they have done this multiple times and he does not have the information with him right now but they have done this in other areas close to neighborhoods.

Bob Schmitz stated the Sioux Vista development was named because of the Indian heritage in that area. Jason stated that if something like that was found, work would stop until things were examined.

Ted asked if this was helpful and consensus was yes.

Darren asked about what the next step is. It will go to the planning and zoning at Scott County on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Ted stated that Suel's own the property and they have the right to do this on their property but everyone is entitled to their opinion.

Motion by Ted and seconded by Les to have no recommendation to the County. No further discussion. Motion carried by all.

Motion by Les and seconded by Ron to adjourn the meeting. No further discussion. Motion carried by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Submitted by: Ramona Bischof Approved by: Ted Kornder  
Ramona Bischof, Clerk Ted Kornder, Chairman