

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, September 15, 2026

The regular township meeting of the LeSauk Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Paul Wagner at 6:00 p.m. in the LeSauk Town Hall.

PRESENT: Supervisors Paul Wagner, Jeff Westerlund, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Josh Bentley and one interested party.

ABSENT: Supervisor Brian Fasen

AGENDA: SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING BLAKE BURTON TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR, AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Blake Burton, 32467 County Road 1, St. Cloud – Accessory Building – Mr. Burton received a variance in May 2026 to construct a 20 X 21 accessory building in his front yard. He is now requesting to increase the size of that accessory building to 24 X 24. It was noted the resolution approved by the Joint Planning Board and the Town Board as well as Mr. Burton's site plan, stated the accessory building would be 20 X 21 square feet. This increase may warrant a new application for the increased size of the accessory building as well as a new site plan approval. After discussion by the board, the following motion was made: SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE INCREASED SIZE OF MR. BURTON'S ACCESSORY BUILDING FROM 20 x 21 SQUARE FEET TO 24 x 24 SQUARE FEET CONTINGENT ON TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TROY GILCHRIST'S APPROVAL THAT MR. BURTON WOULD NOT NEED TO APPLY FOR A NEW VARIANCE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

MINUTES:

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: The following items are being worked on by Atty Gilchrist:

- Drafting the St. Cloud Orderly Annexation Agreement.
- Drafting an ordinance amendment regarding data centers.
- Atty Troy Gilchrist will be attending the special meeting being held on October 6, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Southwest Sartell Water Main Project will be discussed with affected township property owners.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

AUGUST TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Bentley reviewed with the town board the expenditures paid out and revenues received during the month of August. August expenditures totaled \$7969.13 and revenues received were \$17,734.59. The townships cash balance at the end of August was \$507,273.35. With the certificates of deposit, the townships fund balance is \$940,040.21. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST TREASURERS REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented the claims and vouchers totaling \$7817.12. Discussion was held on the water and sewer invoice from the city of Sartell. For a two-month period, the invoice was just over \$600.00. There is no one in the town hall. The town clerk comes in once or twice a week, two Tuesday evening meetings per month and watering the lawn happens only once per week. The amount of usage stated on the invoice seems to be extremely high. Treasurer Bentley will track the water meter for the next two months to see the actual usage amount and report back to the board. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7817.12 (CHECK #14756 THRU #14765 PLUS EFT'S 353 & 354), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Treasurer Bentley discussed the delivery of Xcel checks to former Dan Heim's home address. Xcel does not delivery to a P.O. box. He will have Xcel change the delivery address to his home address.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Township Lawn Cutting – Supv Westerlund reported he mowed the town hall grass just prior to the scheduled township meeting.

Tree Trimming – Supv Westerlund reported the 2025 Ludvig Tree Service proposal of \$2000 to complete the tree trimming on 27th Street and 35th Street was increased to \$2400.00. The proposal only included 27th and 35th Street and not Winnebago Road which has tree trimming that should be done. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE UP TO \$3000 TO INCLUDE 27TH STREET, 35TH STREET AND WINNEBAGO ROAD AND SHOULD BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Area Planning Organization Meeting – Supv Westerlund attended the recent APO meeting. He provided the agenda from the meeting which was reviewed. The one item discussed was the issues area cities are having with the safety of E-bikes.

Paul Wagner –

Thomas Property – Chad May – Supv Wagner spoke briefly with Stearns County Attorney Chad May regarding the status of the Thomas property clean-up. Mr. May informed Supv Wagner he will contact him after he speaks with Tim Oswald in the Stearns County Environmental Services Department who has worked with this issue. Supv Wagner will contact Mr. May in a week if he has not heard from him.

Local Road Improvement Plan (LRIP) Application – Supv Wagner received an email regarding the application process open for available 2027 funds for local road projects. Clerk Plante had received the email also and sent to Luke Langner, Zacharey Borgerding (St. Cloud) and Glen Lauer (St. Wendel Township) to see if there would be interest in applying for 322nd Street. The applications are due by November 25, 2026.

Xcel Energy Cable Replacement – SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT FOR XCEL ENERGY TO PLACE CABLE UNDER STREETS WITHIN THE BONHOMIE VALLEY ADDITION PROVIDED THE \$250 PERMIT FEE HAS BEEN RECEIVED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Xcel Energy Pole Replacement – SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF A POWER PLE AT 3333 321ST ST, ST. CLOUD CONTINGENT ON RECEIVING THE \$250 APPLICATION FEE, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

17th Street Grading & Dust Control – Supv Wagner recently spoke with Lance Bemboom with ASTECH Inc. regarding when the grading can be completed on 17th Street. Lance was waiting to hear from Knife River since both have to be done in conjunction with each other. The Knife River signed bid of \$2.60 per gallon for the dust control material had yet to be received from the township. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO SIGN THE PROPOSAL FROM KNIFE RIVER FOR \$2.60 PER GALLON OF CALCIUM CHLORIDE FOR PLACEMENT ON 17TH STREET, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. The proposal was signed by Chrm Wagner and will be faxed to Knife River by Clerk Plante. Clerk Plante will also contact Lance w/ASTECH to coordinate with Knife River a date as soon as possible since this street is in need of grading and the calcium chloride will also help to keep the road from wash boarding so quickly.

322nd Street – Discussion was held on the poor condition of 322nd Street. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR \$10240.00 TO PATCH THE LESAUK TOWNSHIP PORTION OF 322ND STREET ON BOTH SIDES EVEN THOUGH THE SOUTH PORTION IS IN THE ST. CLOUD JURISDICTION, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Chrm Wagner signed the proposal and Clerk Plante will scan and send to Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc.

Snow Removal for 2026-2027 Winter Season – The 2026-2027 proposal for snow removal was received from ASTECH. There is generally a \$20-30 increase on all items used for snow removal. Salt/Sand (15%) was also up from \$185/ton to \$230/ton. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE 2026-2027 SNOW REMOVAL PROPOSAL FROM ASTECH, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Trench near 484 30th Ave – Supv Wagner has worked with Century Link and Albany Telephone regarding a trench that has been dug near township property and left for several weeks. He learned they were waiting on a subcontractor to complete splicing of cable lines within this trench. He will continue to contact if not completed since it should be done before winter.

Brian Fasen – Absent – No report.

CLERK REPORT:

Town Hall Landscaping – Clerk Plante did not contact the low bidder on the town hall landscaping project since no formal acceptance of the bid was done. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM LEROY LUDWIG FOR \$6795.00 TO REMOVE ALL ROCK, OLD BUSHES AND REPLACE WITH MULCH AND NEW PLANTS, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Reena Dahl – 911-Mail Box Pole Damage – 32214 County Road 1 – Clerk Plante received a call from Ms. Dahl regarding someone sheering off her mail box pole and possible 911 sign replacement. The 911 sign is intact, but Ms. Dahl's mail box pole needed replacement. Clerk Plante spoke with Stearns County Highway Department who also had spoken with Ms. Dahl. The county will replace the mailbox pole, replace the 911 sign etc. for a \$150 fee.

Town Hall Rental Agreement – The board had approved the rental agreement at a previous meeting but the "application fee" was left in question. After discussion it was the consensus of the board to not charge an application fee and leave it to the discretion of the board at the time of rental. Clerk Plante printed a new application with the necessary changes and had Chrm Wagner sign it.

Mike Klisch – 322nd Street – Mr. Klisch contacted Clerk Plante regarding any possible decisions on improving 322nd Street. She informed him of the decisions made to have ASTECH fix all potholes

with hot mix versus a cold patch. The city of St. Cloud is working on getting more funding to reconstruct this road.

Website – The website is up and running. The domain site remains with Homestead at \$14.99/yr. Clerk Plante has been working with Web Design to learn how to update aspects of the website etc.

Fine Reimbursement – August – The fine reimbursement for August was \$33.33.

17th Street Crushed Culvert – Clerk Plante was received no answer regarding the inquiries into a crushed culvert on 17th Street. It was determined the culvert was placed outside of the township road right of way by the property owner, so no replacement of the culvert will be considered at this time.

Clem Ruhland, 2671 7th Avenue North – Deck Surface Replacement – Mr. Ruhland questioned whether he needs a building permit to just replace the surface of his deck. She referred him to David Barsody, township building inspector.

Marilyn Krehbiel, 1573 Riverside Ave North – Annexation – Clerk Plante reported she worked with Marilyn Krehbiel to complete an annexation petition for her property. She had some questions regarding an outstanding assessment on her property for a drainage project. Clerk Plante will research this since records show the assessments for the Kutzman Drainage project were paid.

Townline Road Meeting – A Teams meeting will be held on September 22nd to discuss the updates on the town line road project. Chrm Wagner will attend the meeting and will question the cost of moving the Stearns Electric poles – whether it is covered by funds received through the state and federal.

17th Street North – Clerk Plante received a call from Jeff Bollinger regarding the wash board condition of 17th Street. Mr. Bollinger lives on 17th Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – Supv Wagner discussed earlier in the meeting – he has spoken to Chad May from the Stearns County Attorney's Office.

Tree Trimming Bids – Discussed earlier in the meeting. Supv Westerlund will get this completed prior to the next meeting.

Townline Road Update – Chrm Wagner will attend the Teams meeting on September 22nd.

Partnership w/Sartell Police Department –Sartell Police Chief Brandon Silgjord will be attending the September 29th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Items under new business were taken care of during the meeting; rental of town hall application fee and Xcel Energy excavation permits payments.

Xcel Energy ROW Permit – 333 321st Street – SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE XCEL ENERGY POLE LOCATED AT 3333 321ST STREET PROVIDED THE \$250 APPLICATION FEE IS RECEIVED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

ROAD REPORT:

17TH Street Grading & Dust Control – Discussed and approved earlier in the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante, LeSauk Township Clerk