

**LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, September 29, 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 and Brian Fasen, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Treasurer Josh Bentley and three interested parties.

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Teague Monroe, Stearns County Deputy Sheriff – Deputy Monroe reported to the town board the incidents/calls within the township during July and August. In July there were 62 calls and August had 91 calls. These calls were answered by both the Stearns County Sheriff's Department and the Sartell Police Department. There were no questions or concerns for Deputy Monroe by the town board.

Blake Burton, 32467 County Road 1, St. Cloud – Accessory Building – Mr. Burton attended the previous township meeting questioning whether he can expand the 20 X 21 accessory building he received approval for in May 2026 to a 24 X 24 accessory building. The town board approved the expansion contingent on whether township attorney, Troy Gilchrist, approved the change without applying for a new variance. Attorney Gilchrist advised the town board that a new variance would need to be applied for since it was a significant square footage change. He also stated the town board would have the option to waive the variance application fee. Mr. Burton was not in agreement with the decision but would abide by the board's decision.

Brandon Silgjord, Sartell Police Chief – Township Law Enforcement Services – Police Chief Silgjord spoke with the town board about the use of the city of Sartell's law enforcement for the township. He stated that currently many calls for services are answered first by Sartell officers simply because Stearns County officers are located throughout Stearns County and are further away. Sartell generally has 4 patrol cars on 24/7. Stearns county has 4 patrol cars that are covering the entire county. Police Chief Silgjord will draft a memorandum of understanding and contract to possibly be presented at the October 13th township meeting. After receiving this draft, the township will review it with the township attorney.

MINUTES:

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Brain Fasen abstained since he was not present at the meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT: The following items are being worked on by Atty Gilchrist: Atty Gilchrist continues to work on the St. Cloud Orderly Annexation Agreement and an ordinance regarding data centers in LeSauk Township.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented three invoices for payment. He received 7 permits from David Barsody, township building inspector, noting that 5 of the 7 permits were for furnace replacements. **SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3842.96 (CHECK #14766 THRU #14768), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

Treasurer Bentley completed the credit application for Knife River. Knife River will be doing dust control application on 17th Street (Udermann area)

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 Ludivig Tree Service proposal of \$2000 had now increased to approximately \$5000. He received two new bids from Total Tree Control (\$4525.00) and Midwest Tree Experts (\$4500.00). Both proposals included 27th Street, 35th Street and Winnebago Road). SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE BID FROM TOTAL CONTROL TREE EXPERTS FOR \$4525.00 TO TREE TRIM ON 27TH STREET, 35TH STREET AND WINNEBAGO ROAD WHICH SHOULD BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante asked Supv Westerlund to have them provide a copy of their certificate of insurance prior to any work being started.

Paul Wagner –

Thomas Property – Chad May – Supv Wagner has been in contact with Chad May regarding the Thomas property. Attorney May is checking with Stearns County Environmental Services who were to have viewed the property quite some time ago checking whether the property owners completed the clean-up items the department had placed on the Thomas. This request was done some time ago with no apparent inspections by Environmental Services. Township Attorney Gilchrist has also been in contact with Atty May.

17th Street Grading & Dust Control – Supv Wagner reported the work on 17th Street has been completed with grading, rolling of the road and dust control completion.

322nd Street Patching – Supv Wagner sent a text to Lance Bemboom w/ASTECH questioning when the patching on 322nd Street would be completed. Lance phoned back to inform the board the patching will be done the following week around October 8th or 9th.

322nd Street Reconstruction – Supv Wagner received an email from Chris Byrd, Stearns County Highway Engineer regarding establishment of representatives from the jurisdictions on this road; St. Wendel Township, LeSauk Township and the city of St. Cloud. Local road improvement funds of \$3.5 million have been designated for the reconstruction of this road. Supv Wagner will be the LeSauk Township representative with Treasurer Josh Bentley named as an alternate. Clerk Plante will contact Mr. Byrd to add Treasurer Bentley's name to be contacted for all future meetings regarding 322nd St.

Trench/Hole near 484 30th Ave – Supv Wagner stated the trench/hole area has been filled and seeded.

Brian Fasen – No report.

CLERK REPORT:

2026 Road Certification – Clerk Plante received the annual road certification report. LeSauk Township is listed as having 24.10 miles of roads. No changes have been made through the last year. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO RECERTIFY THE TOWNSHIP ROAD MILES AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supv Wagner signed the report and Clerk Plante will email it to the appropriate party.

322nd Street Upcoming Meetings – Clerk Plante received the notification from Chris Byrd. Supv Wagner and Treasurer Bentley were named as representatives for LeSauk Township.

PAT (Public Accuracy Testing) – Clerk Plante stated she has picked up the supplies provided by Stearns County Election Offices for the public accuracy testing. These tests are done prior to each election in order to assure

accurate counting of ballots for all elections.

Election Judge List – Clerk Plante presented a list of election judges to the Town Board for approval for the upcoming general election in November. She has 7 judges trained but would like a couple of extras should anyone be unable to serve as a judge. She provided the website to Supv Wagner since himself and his wife Lori may consider taking the election judge training. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ELECTION JUDGE LIST AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Leroy Ludwig – Natures View Landscape – Clerk Plante reported she will be meeting with Leroy Ludwig to review the landscape project around the town hall. The town board were in consensus to have the shrubs removed in the back of the building and north side of the building since they are doing damage to the buildings siding.

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 with the new company and bid was approved this evening.

Townline Road Update – Chrm Wagner attended the Teams meeting and gave a brief update. A time table discussed with bids for the project going out shortly and opening of bids planned for December 10, 2026, awarding of bids on December 15, 2026 and clearing of trees etc. beginning in December 2026 with completion by February 2027. Another meeting has been set for October 2nd with Jeff Langen to discuss the invoices received from Stearns Election for relocation of power poles. Clerk Plante has sent a copy of LeSauks invoice to Mr. Byrd.

Partnership w/Sartell Police Department –Sartell Police Chief Brandon Silgjord was in attendance earlier

NEW BUSINESS:

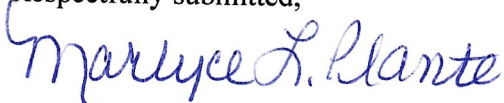
2027 Levy Certification – SUPV FASEN MOTIONED TO SET THE 2027 LEVY AT \$375,000 AS DISCUSSED WITH TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING WITH SEPARATION OF FUNDS BEING; \$100,000 FIRE FUND, \$200 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND AND \$75,000 IN THE GENERAL FUND, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante will complete the form and email to Stearns County.

ROAD REPORT:

September Road Report – Supv Westerlund viewed all township roads and stated they were in generally good condition. There are some small pot holes on 30th Avenue which he will handle with cold patch. The Thomas property seems to have accumulated more cars and abandoned junk. He reported that Kerry Sullivan has not continued with the cutting of her lawn and it is again over the 10-inch height limit. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO HAVE CLERK PLANTE SEND A LETTER TO MS. SULLIVAN REGARDING THE LAWN LENGTH, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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