LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, October 13, 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, and Treasurer Josh Bentley.

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: No business from the floor

MINUTES:

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2026 SPECIAL TOWNSHIP MEETING AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV FASEN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Clerk Plante contacted Atty Gilchrist regarding 1685 Riverside Avenue. The parcel was previously two lots but was combined many years ago. A realtor questioned whether the lot could be split. Atty Gilchrist stated it could not be split since it is zoned R-1 which would require annexation to Sartell and if divided, one lot would become nonconforming since the lot size would be under 30,000 square feet. 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.

SEPTEMBER TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Bentley reviewed the September treasurers report noting revenues were minimal. The revenues included smaller building, mechanical & plumbing permits. The township has two certificates of deposit; one will mature on October 17th and the other on May 17th. Bank Vista is offering a 10-month CD at 4.11% interest rate. It was the consensus of the town board to renew the October 17th CD at Bank Vista. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER TREASURERS AS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented invoices & claims for payment. He stated the invoices included quarter ending payments as well as payroll. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,622.54 (CHECK #14769 THRU #14782 PLUS EFT'S 355, 356 & 357), SECOND BY SUPV FASEN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Township Lawn Cutting – Supv Westerlund reported he mowed the town hall grass possibly for the last

time this season since the temperatures are cooling.
Tree Trimming – Supv Westerlund reported that Total Tree Control Experts planned to do the trimming of trees some time in February 2027. It was the consensus of the town board to have Supv Westerlund contact Total Tree Control and have them do the tree trimming as soon as possible. Supv Westerlund provided a Certificate of Insurance for the tree service.
Area Planning Organization (APO) Meeting – Supv Westerlund attended the monthly APO meeting and provided an agenda which was reviewed by Supv Wagner. According to the agenda, information regarding plans for roads in the county area as well as discussion on future plans for a bridge over the river near the St. Cloud Country Club were discussed.

Paul Wagner –

30th Avenue/Town Line Road Update – Supv Wagner attended a Teams meeting regarding the moving of poles by Stearns Electric and the subsequent invoices that were sent to the jurisdictions. An approximate count of the poles and the invoices jurisdictions received to move them are: 45 poles in LeSauk at $175,000, 36 poles in St. Wendel at $88,000 and 31 poles in Brockway at $34,000. Supv Wagner stated there was no definite decision whether the townships must pay for the utility relocation or if it is paid through the funding received for the project. Further discussion regarding how the amounts were reached will also be determined. Supv Wagner also reported that he had spoken to former supervisor, Dan Heim, regarding the history of the town line road project and how amounts were determined for each jurisdiction to be set aside to cover project expenses not covered with state and federal funds.
322nd Street – ASTECH repaired the potholes on 322nd Street, but the 40 tons of asphalt did not quite complete the project. Lance of ASTECH, stated approximately 15 tons more would be needed and could be completed by the end of this week (October 16th). Supv Wagner approved the adage of roughly $3800. This repair will last up to three years and hopefully by then, the reconstruction of this street will be planned. Supv Wagner will be the township's representative for upcoming Teams meeting for the 322nd reconstruction project.

Brian Fasen – No report.

CLERK REPORT:

322nd Street – Clerk Plante received a call from Mike Klisch thanking the township for the work that was completed on 322nd Street.
PAT Testing & Election Update – Clerk Plante report the Public Accuracy Testing has been completed for the upcoming general election. She also stated that she has the schedule of election judges completed for the day. She will be putting out the swing sign to guide voters to the town hall. She will also put a notice on the township website in order to minimize township residents going to the Sartell Public Utilities building to cast their ballot.
Town Hall Landscape Project – Leroy Ludvig will begin the landscape project closer to the end of the month. He plans to remove all the bushes on the north and west end of the town hall plus trim the tree in the back of the garage.
Erick Swanson, 2576 Riviera Road – Mr. Swanson contacted Clerk Plante questioning whether he could construct an accessory building on a lot that already has an accessory building but no primary home or put an addition on the present accessory building. Clerk Plante informed him he could do the addition with approval of a site plan but if he wanted to build another accessory building, he would need to apply for a conditional use permit. This parcel is not within the shoreland area.
Ryan Gustafson, 1685 Riverside Drive – Split of Parcel – Clerk Plante reported on this question under the attorney's report. Mr. Gustafson is selling his home and questioned whether his parcel could be split since it

was two parcels previously.

James Will, 1430 Riverside Drive – Car Port – Mr. Will questioned whether he could have a car port to keep his boat under cover for the winter. Mr. Will already has an accessory building. A car port could only be a temporary structure with no permanent foundation.

Leroy Hanson – Burning Permit – Mr. Hanson contacted Clerk Plante questioning where township residents receive a burning permit since Dan Heim is no longer living in the area. Clerk Plante contacted the Department of Forestry who gave her information on the process of becoming a fire warden should anyone be interested. Township residents can receive a burning permit at Trobec's Bar by Ray or David Trobec or pay for a burning permit ($5 charge) through the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) website. Permits can also be received through the DNR office in Sauk Rapids, but minimal office hours are held there.

Kenneth Heim, Son of Kathleen Heim – Mr. Heim contacted Clerk Plante questioning whether his mothers parcel on 33629 County Road 4 could be split. The parcel is already split by County Road 4. Clerk Plante contacted Anna Gruber, city of Sartell business administrator, questioning whether this would be allowed. She felt that since the split would create two parcels under the 40-acre limit in the orderly annexation agreement, it could not be split. This information was passed on to Mr. Heim. Mr. Heim did state he may proceed further with his request to have the parcel split.

September Fine Reimbursement – The September fine reimbursement was $33.33.

2026 Annual Weed Inspection Report – Clerk Plante completed the annual township weed report stating there were no weed inspections during 2026 and the township spent $3720 for mowing of 20 miles of township ditches. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NOXIOUS WEED REPORT FOR 2026, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Chrm Wagner signed the report and Clerk Plante will email it to the Stearns County Weed Inspector.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – Supv Wagner has heard no further news from Atty May who is to discuss this property with Stearns County Environmental Services and Attorney Troy Gilchrist.

Tree Trimming Bids – Discussed earlier in the meeting. Supv Westerlund will contact them to complete this project as soon as possible.

Townline Road Update – Chrm Wagner reported on this project earlier in the meeting.

Partnership w/Sartell Police Department –Sartell Police Chief Brandon Silgjord plans to send a draft of a joint power's agreement between the township and city of Sartell for law enforcement services. Once received, it will be forwarded to township Attorney Gilchrist for review. It is planned to have Chief Silgjord attend the first meeting in November to discuss the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 Noxious Weed Report – This was discussed under the Clerk's report.

There being no further business, SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante

Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk