

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, July 21, 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 Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, Clerk Marlyce Plante and six interested parties. Supervisor Appointee, Brian Fasen
ABSENT: Treasurer Josh Bentley

AGENDA: SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Appointment of Supervisor: SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPOINT BRIAN FASEN AS SUPERVISOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2026, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: Presentation of retirement gift to Dan Heim.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

MINUTES:

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley was absent but had prepared the vouchers and invoices for signature by the chairman and clerk. The invoices included the fire department agreement charge for 2026 which was \$75,124.00. Though high, it was lower than the expected \$80,000. Another large payment was to Building Inspector David Barsody for \$9356.82. The invoices totaled \$86,873.98. SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,873.98 (CHECK # 14732 THRU #14737), SECOND BY SUPV FASEN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante will mail all checks.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Township Lawn Cutting – Supv Westerlund reported he has continued to cut the town hall lawn each week, usually prior to a township meeting.

Shannon Sullivan Yard – Ms. Sullivan has again requested an increased timeframe to complete the clean-up of her yard. After discussion, SUPV FASEN MOTIONED TO ALLOW MS. SULLIVAN

TO JULY 31ST TO COMPLETE THE CLEAN-UP OF HER YARD, IF IT IS NOT COMPLETED, THE TOWN BOARD WILL HIRE A LANDSCAPE COMPANY TO COMPLETE THE CLEAN-UP WHICH WILL THEN BE BILLED TO MS. SULLIVAN AND IF NOT PAID, THE TOWN BOARD WILL PROCEED WITH THE LEGAL PROCESS OF PLACING THE COST OF CLEAN-UP TO HER PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Clerk Plante will prepare a letter to Ms. Sullivan with this information and it will be hand-delivered to Ms. Sullivan by Supv Westerlund on July 22, 2026.

Paul Wagner –

Steve Loehlein and Joe Novak – Supv Wagner met with Mr. Loehlein and Mr. Novak to discuss the maintenance of a township easement between these two property owners. Mr. Loehlein has tried to maintain the easement by seeding, fertilizing, mowing etc. but Mr. Novak has consistently driven on the area causing inconsistent development of grass etc. After discussion with the two neighbors, Mr. Novak has agreed to stay off the section of road that Mr. Loehlein is attempting to maintain.

James Trantina – Supv Wagner had received calls from Mr. Trantina and Mr. Dvorak, contractor for Mr. Trantina, questioning what the parcel number is for Mr. Trantina's new parcel. He was also asked what the new address would be for the property since it was needed to receive a building permit. Clerk Plante had also received a call regarding this – she provided them with the new parcel number and informed them a new house number and address would be done by the Stearns County Property Services. Once that number is received, she will order a new 911 sign.

Brian Fasen – No report.

CLERK REPORT:

Town Hall Landscaping – Clerk Plante has not received all landscaping bids yet.

Via Riviera Parcel – 17.09631.0000 – Clerk Plante received a call from a realtor questioning whether construction equipment could be stored on this parcel between the construction of a home and an accessory building. She asked to have further information as to the length of time and what equipment will be stored on the parcel.

Concerned Neighbor – Clerk Plante received a call regarding concern of an adjacent property owner's property care.

Ross Cummings – Faith Journey Church – Accessory/Utility Building – Mr. Cummings contacted Clerk Plante questioning the allowable sizes of accessory and utility buildings. The church is planning to remove the current shed they have and construct a new one. She provided him with the utility shed size which does not require a building permit and an accessory building, which will require a building permit. She also informed him a site plan will need to be approved by the board once a decision is made for the building.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – Supv Wagner was given contact information as to who has been involved with the clean-up process of the Thomas property. Tim Oswald of Stearns County Environmental Services and County Attorney Chad May, are both involved with the effort to clean up this property. Atty Gilchrist has also contacted the county attorney's office with no call back yet.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – This property clean-up was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Website Redesign – No further information at this time.

Tree Trimming Bids – No work or bids have been completed as of yet.

Townline Road Update – Supv Wagner will be the new representative from LeSauk Township on the town line road project. Clerk Plante was forwarded an email that archaeological digs along 30th Avenue are planned to be completed by the end of July.

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.

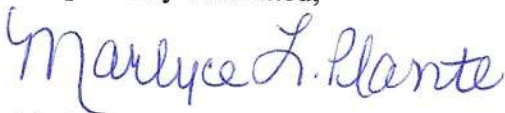
Partnership w/Sartell Police Department – No further information at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

ROAD REPORT: Supv Westerlund provided copies of his road report to the town board. The township roads are in good summer driving condition. He noted there are small pot holes on 321st Street and 30th Avenue which he will be filling as soon as possible. The board also discussed 17th Street North – Pinecone area. There was concern by the city of Sartell what type of repair is planned after the solar garden is completed. Supv Wagner will contact the city informing them the road is a minimum maintenance road and will be repaired by Evan Carlson, owner of the solar garden being constructed. He has signed a road maintenance agreement to repair the road and bring it to the standard to allow snowplowing during the winter months in case there is a need to make repairs to the solar garden.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
LeSauk Township Clerk