

LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, July 7, 2026

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

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

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

Appointment of Chairman: SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPOINT SUPV PAUL WAGNER AS CHAIRMAN, SECOND BY CLERK MARLYCE PLANTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPOINT SUPV WESTERLUND AS VICE-CHAIRMAN, SECOND BY CLERK PLANTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: No open forum items.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mike Klisch, Mike's Dirtwork Representative and Doug Welk, ASTECH Inc. Representative – 322nd Street Improvement.

Mr. Klisch came before the board to discuss possible upgrades to 322nd Street. He has spoken to the City of St. Cloud as well as members of the LeSauk Township Board. Luke Langner of the City of St. Cloud, informed him the city has received approximately \$3 million for reconstruction of the road but those funds would not be available for at least 2 years and they were also looking into federal funds for this street.

Mr. Klisch also contacted Clerk Plante who after the conversation contacted Doug Welk of ASTECH Inc. inquiring what a possible "temporary fix" would be for this street and whether he could attend this meeting. He presented the board with a quote to micro-surface the entire length of 322nd Street for approximately \$82,000. The micro surfacing is done in two lifts. First, 4-5 tons of patching is needed on the street, then two lifts of a liquid sealant are laid down. The bid does not include the turn lanes which they will do for approximately \$4500. He reiterated this would only be a temporary fix lasting approximately 2-3 years but would buy enough time until possible funding from state and federal sources would be available. The project would then need to go through the necessary planning and bidding process which takes time.

Since this street involves 3 entities, St. Cloud, LeSauk Township and St. Wendel Township, it was the consensus of the board to have Clerk Plante contact those jurisdictions to agree to the project and pay their share of the cost of this project. Mr. Welk did state they would not be able to do this project until fall since most of their equipment and workers are at other projects until that time.

MINUTES:

SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 29, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Clerk Plante discussed her meeting with Dan Heim, former supervisor. He provided all his files, laptop etc. which are all in the town hall. He reviewed with her files he was presently working on.

St. Cloud Orderly Annexation Agreement – Atty Troy Gilchrist is continuing work on the OAA with the city of St. Cloud. Atty Gilchrist will be working with the City of Sartell regarding the three City of Sartell parcels in the orderly annexation area which will need to be annexed back to the township, then included in the St. Cloud orderly annexation agreement.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No report.

TREASURERS JUNE REPORT: Treasurer Bentley reviewed the June Treasurers Report. Revenues in June totaled just over \$154,000 with our first half of the real estate settlement of \$137,000 being received. Expenses totaled approximately \$13,500.00. Ending cash balance in all township funds totaled \$532,285.78. With CD investments, the township fund balance at the end of June is \$965,052.84. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JUNE TREASURERS REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented invoices and claim vouchers for payment in the amount of \$17,932.38. These expenses included monthly payroll, township liability insurance premium, attorney invoice and a town hall interest loan payment. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,932.38 (CHECK # 14719 THRU #14731 PLUS EFT'S 348,349 AND 350), SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Bentley questioned whether the township should consider purchasing a locked slotted mailbox for the town hall. He noted this would eliminate confusion as to where checks & correspondence should be mailed, plus the cost of the post office box will again increase. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO HAVE CLERK PLANTE PURCHASE A LOCKED MAIL SLOT BOX FOR THE TOWN HALL, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

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.

Paul Wagner –

Shannon Sullivan – Yard Clean-Up – Supv Wagner has been in contact with Ms. Sullivan regarding the clean-up of her yard. She provided several pictures of the progress she has made. Pictures showed the tall grass, weeds etc. cut down, but not picked up etc. It was the consensus of the town board to have Clerk Plante answer the email she sent thanking her for the pictures and allowing her until July 20th to have the entire yard cut. All debris should be raked up and disposed of, plus continue with using a lawn mower. Supv Westerlund will view the yard on Monday, July 20th and report at our meeting on July 21st.

Jennifer – Xcel Energy – Road Right-of-Way Permit – Supv Wagner has been in contact with Jennifer from Xcel Energy who is requesting a right-of-way permit to replace a power pole near 3576 Riviera Road. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT FOR XCEL ENERGY CONTINGENT A CHECK FOR THE FEE OF \$250.00 IS RECEIVED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

James Trantina – Site Plan Approval – A site plan for Mr. Trantina's new home was received. Supv Wagner has been in contact with Kevin Dvorak, Mr. Trantina's contractor who has requested site plan approval so work can begin on the construction of the home. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR JAMES TRANTINA, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND. After viewing the site plan, it was noted the two parcels had yet to be combined. If left separate, Mr. Trantina would need to apply for a conditional use permit for planned sheds on a parcel that does not have a primary residence. The motion was tabled and Supv Wagner will get in contact with Mr. Trantina regarding this issue.

CLERK REPORT:

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

Jason Dale – Neighbor's Dog Issue – Clerk Plante contacted Mr. Dale checking whether this problem is continuing after notifying the dog owner. Mr. Dale noted he wanted this issue on record in case future issues arise.

Primary Election – Clerk Plante discussed the upcoming primary election informing the board if scheduling the PAT (Public Accuracy Test) etc. since she will be on vacation during that time. As of now, Mary Barron-Traut, deputy clerk, and Josh Bentley will handle the PAT testing.

Assessment Searches – Clerk Plante completed assessment searches for the Dan Heim and Arlene Weyer properties.

Dan Heim's Emails - Currently, all emails sent to Dan Heim will be forwarding to Clerk Plante who will review and forward to Supv Wagner.

Pinecone Road Closure – Clerk Plante received a notice from the City of Sartell that Pinecone Road will be closed beginning July 9th until July 14th. The closure is to fix a water main pipe break between 2 ½ Street and 5th Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – No further information at this time – Atty Gilchrist has contacted Stearns County. Discussion was held whether this shouldn't be handled as the Zander property since this issue has been with the county for approximately 1 ½ years.

Sullivan Yard Clean-Up – Ms. Sullivan, as stated earlier, has begun some progress on the clean-up of her yard – the board has given her until July 20th to complete and continue the clean-up of her yard.

Website Redesign – Website should be on-line shortly. Clerk Plante stated she needs to go through the process of how to post items etc. before having the site go live.

Town Hall Rental Agreement – SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE TOWN HALL RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CHANGES ATTY GILCHRIST PROVIDED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Tree Trimming Bids – No work has 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 and email the 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.

17th Street North (Pinecone Road) – Kari Haakonsen, City of Sartell Economic Developer, questioned the planned upgrades to 17th Street North. She will be informed to contact Evan Carlson regarding the completion of the solar farm project.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

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