LeSauk Township Regular Township Meeting – LeSauk Town Hall
Tuesday, October 27, 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 WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2026 REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY SUPV FASEN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Clerk Plante contacted Atty Gilchrist regarding the St. Cloud Orderly Annexation Agreement (OAA) and Data Center Ordinance draft. Atty Gilchrist had sent a draft of the St. Cloud OAA several weeks ago. Clerk Plante will forward again to the board to review and discuss at a future meeting. Atty Gilchrist is also drafting an ordinance regarding data centers in LeSauk Township.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Clerk Plante received an email from building Inspector David Barsody, questioning whether Blake Burton's site plan for his attached garage had been approved by the town board. Mr. Barsody also wanted to clarify the size of the attached garage. She informed him the square footage of the attached garage is 1651 and the house is 1654 square feet which meets township regulations. Mr. Barsody will issue a building permit.

TREASURERS REPORT:

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS: Treasurer Bentley presented three invoices & claims for payment for a total of $21,367.04. He noted that building inspector, David Barsody, had sent his permits for the last quarter which was just over $20,000. SUPV WAGNER MOTIONED TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF $21,367.04 (CHECK #14783 THRU #14785), SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Treasurer Bentley discussed the town hall water usage. The town hall water is seldom used other than the watering of the lawn once per week along with bathroom usage when meetings are held. He will now check the water meter after a couple of days when the town hall is not in use. He could then see whether there is a leak somewhere.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Jeff Westerlund –

Tree Trimming – Supv Westerlund reported that Total Tree Control Experts will be doing the tree trimming in November or December in order to minimize any damage to the trees that will be cut.
Road Patching – Supv Westerlund purchased four bags of cold patch which were used on 30th Avenue.

Supv Wagner asked Supv Westerlund to fill the small potholes he noted on his monthly road inspection.

Paul Wagner –

322nd Street – Supv Wagner attending a TEAMS meeting regarding 322nd Street reconstruction. The meeting was considered a planning meeting. Future meetings will be set, but no timeline. He reported ASTECH had patched the length of LeSauk & St. Cloud's area, but did not quite finish. Lance stated they would need about 15 tons of asphalt to finish at approximately $3600. Supv Wagner informed him to go ahead with fixing the remaining areas.
17th Street North (Pinecone) - Supv Wagner reported there will be no work done on this road until next year since the solar garden is not yet completed. Clerk Plante questioned whether snowplowing would be difficult without any upgrades to the road. Supv Wagner felt the snowplow would be able to get through if there is a need to enter the solar farm. Being able to access the solar farm area during the winter months is part of the road agreement with Evan Carlson, Enterprise Energy.
30th Avenue Pot Holes – Supv Wagner contacted Glen Lauer, supervisor with St. Wendel Township about potholes on 30th Avenue on St. Wendel's portion. After learning that Supv Lauer contacted ASTECH to patch, he contacted Supv Lauer back and had ASTECH also patch LeSauk's portion.
Tire on 322nd Street – Supv Wagner picked up a tire on 322nd Street and recycled it.

Brian Fasen – No report.

CLERK REPORT:

Doug Brennan Property, 160 County Road 120 – Chris Hauck, a local realtor, contacted Clerk Plante questioning whether the Brennan property would be annexed to the city of Sartell or St. Cloud. She informed him it would be to the city of St. Cloud, once the St. Cloud Orderly Annexation Agreement would be in place.
Brandon Silgjord, Sartell Police Chief – Chief Silgjord will be attending the November 10th meeting to review the joint powers agreement with the city of Sartell to contract to cover law enforcement in the township. Clerk Plante has forwarded the agreement to Atty Gilchrist for review as well as the town board. She asked they all read and review the agreement.
Burning of Leaves & Wood – A complaint was received regarding a township resident burning a large pile of leaves and sticks in his yard for several days. Clerk Plante will send a letter to the resident about the requirement for a burning permit for the size of leaves and brush they had.
Blake Burton Site Plan – This was discussed until the building inspector report.
Qt3 Contracting – Clerk Plante was contacted by Qt3 Contracting who is working with Xcel Energy to inspect and verify all sewer and septic lines which may conflict with the underground natural gas service lines that are being placed on 4th Avenue. She met with them to check both lines in the town hall.
Election Day Parking – Clerk Plante reported she has spoken to the owner of the Appliance Business located to the south of the town hall and questioned whether election judges could use their parking lot on election day. Normally the judges park on the east side of 4th Avenue, but since it is dug up for the placement of gas lines, it is unavailable. The owner, Austin, said it was fine as long as they gave him enough room to enter and exit his building and driveway.
Stearns County Officers Meeting @ Freeport – The semi-annual Stearns County Township Officers Semi-Annual District Meeting will be held in Freeport on November 19th at 6:00 p.m.
Charles Ehlen Lot Split, 2920 Riviera Road – Realtor, Mary Kleimke, contacted Clerk Plante questioning whether this lot which is roughly 70,000 square feet, could be split. Clerk Plante sent her the information and review procedure for splitting property under the orderly annexation agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Property – No further information has been received. Supv Wagner will again try to contact Atty May and Atty Gilchrist regarding the Thomas property.
Tree Trimming – Discussed earlier in the meeting, will be done in November or December.
Townline Road Update – Chrm Wagner reported no further meetings had been set. At a previous meeting, it was determined the townships will be responsible for the cost of moving the Stearns Electric poles.
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: No new business.

OCTOBER ROAD REPORT: – Supv Wagner provided his monthly road report stating township roads are in good driving condition. There were a couple of areas with small potholes which he asked Supv Westerlund to purchase cold patch and repair. The holes were on Pine Ridge Road, River Vista Land and 321st Street. He observed a large pile of leaves, branches etc. that had recently been burned. It was the consensus of the board to have Clerk Plante send a letter to the property to remind him that a burning permit is needed for large piles of leaves, sticks etc.

Supv Wagner suggested possible blow patching in the Pleasant Dale Addition next year, namely on 61st and 62nd Avenues.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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