

Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
July 2026
7:00pm

The Watertown Township Board met on the above date for a regular board meeting to audit and allow orders, and to transact any business to come before it.

Present were Scott Hoese, Jerry Bruner, Kathy McCann, Barry Fritzke, Stephanie Coe, and Wayne Hubin

Visitors: Larry Oberander, Steve Testeeg, John Anderson, Chuck Dimler, John Quam, Drew Dimler, and Seth Quiggle

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Hoese at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann.

Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 1, 2026 regular board meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve as written was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner.

Motion carried.

New Business

Steve Tersteeg of 9855 Swede Lake Road appeared before the Board to request a positive recommendation on an outbuilding dimensional variance submission.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to provide a positive recommendation for this variance request.

Motion carried.

John Anderson representing Seven Oaks LLC, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the planned Seven Oaks housing development (4 stages) on Boll property adjacent to Buck Lake Road, which is in the jurisdiction of the City of Minnetrista.

The board expressed concerns about the size of the development, the increased amount of traffic on Buck Lake Road, the resulting increase of short term and long term road maintenance, and how traffic will join Hwy 7.

Mr. Anderson followed up by indicating the update is preliminary, as the plan needs approval from various agencies before actual development work can begin, which if approved by the City of Minnetrista, will likely begin to take place in 2027.

Chuck Dimler appeared before the Board to discuss County Use Policy LU-24B which provided for a Hwy 7 and County Rd 10 Opportunity Area that the Twp is planning to eliminate from future comprehensive plans because of apparent lack of necessity. Supervisor Bruner recommends the area be maintained in the plan, and development pursued.....this in turn to have a potential positive taxation outcome for twp residents. No action was taken on the foregoing.

Old Business

Treasurer Stephanie Coe provided a detailed analysis describing how levy revenues are received via the county.

This in response to why there was a perceived shortage in \$'s coming from the county annually.

This analysis provided assurance that all monies levied are in fact being received by the township from the county, and the state each year.

Watertown Township solar ordinance and Comp plan amendment advisory. Carver County Planning has provided input regarding their recommendation of changes to the current solar ordinance.

Following discussion there was consensus that the Township make only a spelling correction to a word in the ordinance, and make no other changes.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of June 30, 2026 equaled \$194,643.53 and total disbursements of \$31,576.42, giving an ending balance of \$318,613.71 and an investment balance of \$243,114.64, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$561,728.35.

A motion to approve the Treasurer report was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner.

Motion carried.

Other Informational Items

Building Permits

None

Road, Building and Site Reports

Dust coating has been completed with the exception the roadway portions of Swede Lake Rd and 46th Street receiving new granite material.
Road shoulder mowing is proceeding.
Ash tree removal has begun on the township hall site.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders 15172-15180, payroll, and tax pay orders #15441-15443, PERA 07-26, USTR 07-26 was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner. Motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Scott Hoese at 8:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Board Chair Scott Hoese_____

Attested by Clerk Wayne Hubin_____