

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2024
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 (remote), Barry Fritzke, Stephanie Coe, and Wayne Hubin

Visitors: Mike Wandersee, Seth Quiggle, Larry Oberander, John Quam, and Kim Derry

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 Scott Hoese.

Motion carried.

The minutes of the Sept 3rd, 2024 regular board meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve as written was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoese.

Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of 09/30/2024 equaled \$573,546.61 and total disbursements of \$539,394.12, giving an ending balance of \$249,258.17, and an investment balance of \$300,833.14, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$550,091.31.

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

New Business

St. Boni Fire Dept made a formal request to increase the annual per year of service benefit from \$5700 to \$6500. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to approve.

Motion carried.

Resident Kim Derry appeared before the Board to request clarification regarding access to family property located at 2716 Hwy 25. County maps indicate a road leading off the end of Speckle Lane once existed which would front the above located property. Mr. Derry requested Township confirmation that the road right away actually exists on official plat records.

There was consensus of the Board that the clerk should contact the township's lawyer for assistance in confirming the above right away and communicating accordingly.

Carver County Environmental has requested a letter of support for the county's application of an ash tree removal grant.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to approve the development and forwarding of a letter of support.

Motion carried.

Old Business

The 2007 Mack truck disposal item was tabled at the September board meeting for action in the October meeting.

Following discussion of options there was consensus that the Township should attempt to sell the truck independently via Market Place, and Craigs List with an initial asking price of \$50,000. The Town Clerk is to initiate the process and serve as the contact person.

The decision to purchase a new truck warranty tabled in the September meeting for action in the October meeting.

The price of an extended 7 year warranty on the new Sterling truck recently purchased, is \$11,625.

Following discussion regarding positive maintenance experience with the current truck, the township's level of limited heavy use, and the significant expense of a seven-year warranty, there was consensus of the board to forgo purchase of any warranty beyond the factory warranty.

Rose Ave. bridge..... Following discussion of a bid of \$20,000 to provide 80 feet of fence railing on this bridge and concluding it as excessive use of public funds, there was consensus that the board not consider the railing option but rather simply go with the installation of four culvert markers to mark the lintel corners of the bridge. The township will provide and install the markers.

Other Informational Items

Capital CEF Watertown Community Solar has allowed the property lease to expire on the Calvin Lad Property.

Building Permits

One permit for an accessory structure, Shea Lang, and 5 miscellaneous permits.

Barry's Road, Building and Site Report

1200 tons granite it was applied to sections of Quass Avenue, and Due to lack of rain 4 loads of water was provided by Franklin Township

Road shoulder mowing is nearly completed.

The road ditch drainage issue concern of Wilbur Light has been corrected.

Nine loads of fill have been provided for road shoulder stabilization adjoining the Glen Strube property. Additional loads may be provided as needed.

Road grading has been limited to spot dry grading due to the lack of moisture in the past month.

Vacation is planned for October 15 through 18.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15023-15030, and tax pay orders, PERA 10-24, USTR 10-24, was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann. Motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, Chair Scott Hoese adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Signatures of approval and attest:

Chair Scott Hoese _____

Clerk Wayne Hubin _____