

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2025
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, Wayne Hubin, and Stephanie Coe (remote).

Visitors: Mike Wandersee, Carter Nelson, David Grommersch, and Seth Quiggle (remote)

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 Jan 6, 2025 regular board meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve as written was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann.
Motion carried.

The minutes of the Jan 6, 2025 Reorganizational Meeting were reviewed. There were no recommended changes.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of Jan 31 ,2025 equaled \$22,274.06 and total disbursements of \$23,941.72, giving an ending balance of \$225,557.83, and an investment balance of \$254,739.01, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$480,296.84.

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

New Business

The 2025 fire protection contract with the City of Mayer was reviewed and following discussion a motion was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner to approve.
Motion carried.

Mill Avenue.....Carter Nelson, who is considering a land purchase in this area of the Township, requested consideration for raising the elevation of portions of Mill Avenue that are prone to flooding.

There is complexity in this request as portions of the road are adjacent to city resident property, as well as sections of the road to the south, and to the north in Wright County, of the townships portion that also flood. Mr. Carter indicated reasoning for this request is that emergency vehicles could then safely travel this road during flood season, and that if he and his partners built homes in this area, they would be able to enter and exit their properties at will.

Any plans for road elevation changes would need the involvement of the city of Watertown, Carver County, DNR, possibly Franklin Township, and Wright county.

Following the discussion the clerk was directed to contact Bolton and Menk to obtain a rough idea of viability and cost of this potential project.

A request from resident Jim Sexton was considered regarding cleaning of a short section of Neil Ave. road ditch beyond his property that constricts water drainage from his lawn area.
Barry was directed to correct the problem sometime this spring or summer.

David Grommersch attended the board meeting regarding a complaint letter that he had received from Carver County Land Management pertaining multiple complaints of unauthorized storage containers on his property.

He was assured by the Board that the Township has not received any complaints in the past 15 years regarding the foregoing and that he needs to pursue the issue with Carver County Land Management.

The City of Watertown has communicated interest in an item contained within our annexation agreement regarding a provision for a township liaison to attend the City of Watertown Planning Commission meetings. Following discussion, Jerry Bruner offered to attend an upcoming planning commission meeting to determine necessity.

The Clerk will also review the City of Watertown Planning Commission upcoming agenda each month to determine township items of interest.

Old Business

None

Other

Grant compensation of \$10,000 for recycling was received from Carver County.

Building Permits

One bathroom upgrade, and one chimney repair.

One septic system replacement.

Barry's Road, Building and Site Report

Resident Deb Rockney questioned whether Hutchinson Rd. is an actual township road or simply a cartway. She will be informed that it is indeed a township road.

A new cell phone/plan has been subscribed to for a cost of \$39.00 a month versus the old plan which was \$49.00 a month.

A virtual weed spray seminar required for licensure will be completed in February.

Options for clearing roadside brush will be pursued, including third party involvement as well as rental of equipment for that specific purpose.

DOT drug testing was completed.....no issues.

Will be checking pricing and availability of a portable weed sprayer with a greater capacity and range.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15069-15077, and tax pay orders, PERA 02/25 and USTR 02/25, 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 8:20 PM

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Board Chair Scott Hoese_____

Attested by Clerk Wayne Hubin_____