

Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
May 4, 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: Scott Hoes, Kathy McCann, Jerry Bruner, Barry Fritzke, Wayne Hubin, and Stephanie Coe

Visitors: Seth Quiggle, John Quann, Paul Moline, Jason Mielke, Kristen Larson, Randy Kubes, and Tim Lynch

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

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

Motion carried.

The minutes of the April 6, 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.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of April 30, 2026 equaled \$872.90 and total disbursements were \$19,339.02 giving an ending balance of \$222,883.51, and an investment balance of \$242,017.89, therefore a grand total balance of \$464,901.40. A motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner.

Motion carried.

New Business

Data centers.....this item and the potential of one of these systems being proposed for placement in our township was discussed.

There was consensus of the Board that while in the present day, this potential is probably quite remote, the need for some type of controlling ordinance might be advisable. Final consensus was that this item of concern be brought to the Carver County Assn of Townships for discussion, along with a possible recommendation that the County take the role of managing this type of development overall.

2050 Comp Plan...Kristen Larson, Paul Moline of Carver County Planning, and Jason Mielke of Land Mgmt reviewed all the details of the current plan in an effort to highlight areas of concern, potential change possibilities, and initial recommendations with regard to a first pass at developing the 2050 Comp Plan. Following this meeting, this group will put together these inputs for the Township's review and subsequent further inputs if necessary, and then final development and approval.
The time line for this plan is completion by end of year 2028.

Discussion/action on the current solar related update of the present 2040 Comp Plan was deferred to a date in the future.

Randy Kubes representing a coalition of agricultural land owners presented 2050 Comp Plan talking points for consideration relating to Width to Depth Ratios, Prime Ag Restrictions, Base Density Considerations, Roadway Access Provisions, Eligibility Transfers, Conditional Uses and Non-Ag Activities, Planned Unit Developments, and Out Building regs.

Old Business

Annual \$ levy..... Following discussion on why there seems to be a shortfall every year when comparing the actual tax levy to the actual amount received from the County was following up with a phone conference with several members of the county taxation group including Manager, Crystal Campos. It was learned that the shortage is related to ag credits that are issued to eligible parcels, which is then reimbursed by the state.

This enlightenment is contrary to the common thought of this shortage being directly related to delinquent taxes, as we have learned, there are no delinquent parcels though end of 2024, and only a single one though end of 2025. Further detail will be explored by the Treasurer and the Clerk to confirm that all levy related variances are understood and accounted for going forward. More information on this item to be reported on in the June mtng.

Cost per mile survey..... A sample survey form was reviewed in April for collecting overall cost of operations and reviewing this cost divided by the miles maintained from Carver County townships.....for purposes of better understanding cost of inhouse road maintenance vs, outsourcing. The Clerk will send out the survey to surrounding townships for input.

Informational items

Carver County Special Waste collection day..... held Saturday, April 25th, at the Township maintenance shed resulted in 148 individuals dropping off items for collection. This is an increase of about 10% in activity over the previous year.

Building Permits

None

Road, Building and Site Reports

Regraveling (1900 yds) was completed on four separate sections of roadway with identified need.

Oxford Ave (south) ...9 beaver were professionally removed from an area of water drainage to eliminate continued blocking of a road culvert.

Dust coating needs to commence sooner than planned due to the current dry and windy conditions that are causing binder material loss on the township roadways.

Dan Vanderlinde will be contracted for mini backhoe work relating to several culvert replacement projects.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15159 - 15164, payroll #15435-37, and tax pay orders, PERA 5-26, USTR 5-26, Leave, 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 Hoes at 9:30 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Board Chair Scott Hoes

Scott Hoes

Attested by Clerk Wayne Hubin

Wayne Hubin

