

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
August 5, 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, Barry Fritzke, Stephanie Coe, and Wayne Hubin.

Visitors: Mike Wandersee, Ron Hoese, Seth Quiggle, and Larry Oberander

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 Brunner and seconded by Kathy McCann.
Motion carried.

The minutes of the July 1 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 07/31/2024 equaled \$202,687.41 and total disbursements of \$198,760.02, giving an ending balance of \$318,162.48, and an investment balance of \$496,019.06, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$814,181.54.

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

New Business

Liquor license requests and fees for Luce Line Orchard, B's on the River, and Timber Creek have been submitted, and a motion was made by Jerry Brunner and seconded by Kathy McCann to approve all requests.
Motion carried.

Cannabis registration authority. Following discussion, a motion to approve the transfer of authority of cannabis registration from the township to Carver County, was made by Scott Hoese and seconded by Kathy McCann.
Motion carried.

Carver County Association of Townships has developed a Letter of Concern regarding business practices of MAT (Minnesota Association of Townships) for review and comment. This letter was reviewed and a recommendation of adding a request for the immediate resignation of Gary Burdorf, MAT Board Chair and District 4 representative.

A motion was made by Scott Hoese and seconded by Kathy McCann to approve the letter as written with inclusion of the foregoing provision.
Motion carried.

Old Business

The New Western Star dump truck is expected to be in to the dealer the week of Aug 12. The question was raised by the dealer as to our intentions to trade the Mack truck in or sell it ourselves. It was the township's intention to sell it independently, however a significant maintenance issue has arisen regarding a small hole that has developed in the lower region of the engine block, thus allowing oil to leak. Given this new development, the Township has decided to offer the truck as a trade in item, thus will schedule the dealer to do an onsite visit to determine the best action to repair or replace the engine, and then prepare a trade in value.

Preliminary costs for an engine replacement are in the range of \$39K.

Other

Reminders of the primary election date of August 13 as well as the candidate filing period of July 30th through August 13th were given.

Building Permits

None

Barry's Road, Building and Site Report

Quarry Ave traffic striping will be completed by and independent company at the cost of \$600

Additional granite will be added to specific sections of Quarry Ave.

The wood chipper, co owned with Laketown Township, is in need of repairs. Laketown will be asked to cover the entire cost based on usage.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15009-15014, and tax pay orders, PERA 08-24, USTR 08-24, 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 8:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin

Clerk of Watertown Township