

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 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 on Zoom call.

Visitors: Joel Buttonhoff, Brandon Leistiko in person, and Seth Quiggle on Zoom call

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 March, 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.

The minutes of the March 10, 2026 Annual meeting were reviewed, no changes were recommended.

New Business

Joel Buttonhoff appeared before the board to request a positive recommendation for approval of development of two additional lots on the previously owned Eugene Sweet property adjoining Swede Lake Rd.

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

Motion carried

Brendan Leistiko of Minnesota Topsoils appeared before the board to request a positive recommendation for a CUP amendment allowing them to expand their operation as well as increase the height of storage piles. The expansion related details have been worked out with the county.

Following a detailed review and discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to provide a positive recommendation for the above request.

Motion carried.

Polling place resolution..... A motion was made By Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to approve the resolution declaring the township hall to be the designated polling location.

Motion carried.

Resolution governing write-in vote counting..... following discussion, a motion was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Scott Hoes to approve this resolution.

Motion carried.

Old Business

The township's 2040 comp plan revision/update relating to the Watertown Township solar development ordinance 6-2021-I, and the Carver County recommendation that the Township take over all permitting activities relative to solar energy systems, large, was discussed.

Following there was consensus that the Township hold to its position of the county handling all solar energy systems large relating to permitting, with the exception of ordinance 6-2021-I provisions.

County representatives will be invited to the township's May 4th board meeting to discuss further, as well as details of the upcoming 2050 Comp Plan.

Township fuel sources..... following review and discussion of a quote for propane and diesel fuel from Centra Sota there is consensus that we change suppliers immediately from United Farmers Co-op for pricing, supplier corporate location, and related options reasoning.

Annual \$ levy..... There was review and discussion on why there is a shortfall every year when comparing the actual tax levy to the actual amount received. There was consensus that the clerk pursue this item further with the appropriate county department.

Cost per mile survey..... A sample survey form was reviewed 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.

There was consensus that the clerk pursue this idea with the chairperson of the Carver County townships association group.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of March 31, 2026 equaled \$8,126.95 and total disbursements of \$16,953.75 giving an ending balance of \$241,349.63, and an

investment balance of \$241,424.18, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$482,773.81.

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

Motion carried.

Informational items

Carver County Special Waste collection day..... 8:00 to 12:00, Saturday, April 25th, at the Township maintenance shed.

Building Permits

One.....new residence, Andrew O’Rielly, 11390 Swede Lake Rd, \$603K.

Two....miscellaneous

Road, Building and Site Reports

Plans to begin utilizing MN Topsoils (Ecklund Tree Recycling location) for disposing of wood chips and logs cut from the township’s ROW.

Regraveling to be done on four separate sections of roadway with identified need.

Will consider borrowing a 3 point shoulder disc to compare results with the Harly rake currently used for spring roadway shoulder recovery.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15152 - 15158, payroll, and tax pay orders, PERA 3-26, USTR 3-26, Q1 withholding, and MN Paid 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 8:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Board Chair Scott Hoes_____

Attested by Clerk Wayne Hubin_____