

Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
April 7, 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, Conner Schrempp, Alex Akins, John Quam, 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 March 3, 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 March 11th annual meeting minutes were reviewed, with a note regarding the correct spelling of the Citizens Alliance Bank.

Treasurers Report1

Receipts for the month as of March 31, 2025 equaled \$1830.22 and total disbursements of \$114,903.73, giving an ending balance of \$134,288.61, and an investment balance of \$356,298.11, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$490,586.72.

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

Motion carried.

Note: Per Bd motion and approval, \$100,000 was moved from investments into checking, to supplement the current balance in that account.

New Business

Alex Akins appeared before the Board requesting a variance with regard to property which adjoins Mud Lake and is located at 10480 Swede Lake Rd.

The variance request is in regard to reducing the County/DNR required 150 foot setback from shoreline to the foundation of a planned house to 100 feet.

After an overhead review of the layout and discussion regarding other options, a motion was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner, to provide a positive recommendation with regard to their request for a variance. Motion carried.

Barry has noted that one of the aged main shop heaters is in need of replacement.

Several options of burner type (steel or stainless steel) were reviewed along with a quote from Hollywood Heating and Plumbing of \$5400 for turnkey replacement.

Jerry Bruner moved, and Kathy McCann seconded, to purchase and replace the heating system.

Old Business

Discussion was had regarding the Rose Ave. bridge engineering and design expense invoice of \$20,000 received this month. It was noted that this project was completed 18 months ago and there is uncertainty about how these expense numbers are supported.

It was also noted that the certain provisions in the Joint Powers agreement were not met by the county. The clerk was instructed to communicate these questions to the county and seek to obtain supporting documentation as well as credit for soil testing that was completed and paid for by the Township.

Other Informational Items

MAT short courses were attended by Kathy McCann and Jerry Bruner this month.

Subject matter covered included info from the MN State Fire Marshall regarding fire districts, fire fighting equipment expense, and firefighter health requirements.

Other presentations included info about township road surface care research, info regarding township road approaches, Legislative updates, MAT and MATIT insurance updates, and lastly, paid leave reporting information.

A solid waste grant application for \$12,000 was completed and signed off by the county.

Building Permits

1 heater installation

2 reroof

Road, Building and Site Reports

Spring road surface conditions show some soft spots but not to the degree expected with the minimal amount of snow and deep frost conditions experienced this winter.

Eight culverts have been ordered for replacement.

The front tires of the one ton truck have been replaced due to ply separation.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15084 - 15088, and tax pay orders, PERA 04/25, USTR 04/25 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 7:40 PM

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Board Chair Scott Hoese _____

Attested by Clerk Wayne Hubin _____