

**Watertown Township  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 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 (remote), and Wayne Hubin.

Visitors: Mike Wandersee, 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 Brunner and seconded by Kathy McCann.

Motion carried.

The minutes of the March 4th 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 3/31/2024 equaled \$9007.96 and total disbursements of \$30,933.36, giving an ending balance of \$204,736.42, and an investment balance of \$488,934.20, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$693,670.62

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

Motion carried.

**New Business**

Residents of Hainlin Drive issued a complaint regarding unauthorized parking on the roadway near Mud Creek as well as trespassing and littering in this area.

Following discussion, a motion of resolution was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner to erect official "No Parking" signs along the length of Hainlin Drive in accordance with the township's no parking ordinance.

Motion carried.

The township clerk will inform the residents accordingly.

Hainlin Drive Bridge. This wooden bridge is currently in good condition though in time will need replacement, thus discussion was had regarding the steps necessary with various agencies to initiate the replacement process. The clerk will bring more detail in this regard to upcoming meetings.

**Old Business**

New Western Star truck warranty. The dealer is offering a variety of warranty options (3, 5 and 7 year) including separate extended warranties for the engine and the truck. Costs range from \$4,000 to \$11,600, depending on length in years. Following discussion, the BD asked the Clerk to seek out more detail and options regarding truck warranty.

Sale of 2007 Mack dump truck. The board discussed various selling options including advertising in the MAT magazine, obtaining a firm trade in price from the dealer, placing the truck up for bids, and possibly working with a heavy equipment auction house. It was suggested we start with a \$95K asking price when listing. Information will be gathered for presentation at the May board meeting.

#### **Building Permits**

Three miscellaneous

#### **Barry's Road/Site Report**

The John Deere tractor warranty ends this June, thus consideration will be given to have the dealer conduct an inspection to determine if there are any issues that could be covered by warranty at this time.

Grader operation training.....James Schwartzer has been doing some snow removal with the grader as part of his orientation as a substitute operator in the event Barry is not available in given need situations.

Rain Ave bridge railing.....Local residents and Commissioner Lynch are proposing an alternate option of a pipe railing vs the county plan of fencing.

Signage will be made available for a June 8 Farm Day event at Hoese Farms on Polk Ave.

#### **Payorders**

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #13962-13978, and tax pay orders, PERA 04-24, USTR 04-24, and MN Q1-2024 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 7:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin

Clerk of Watertown Township