

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023
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 Kathy McCann, Scott Hoese, Jerry Bruner, Wayne Hubin, Barry Fritzke. and Stephanie Coe.

Visitors: Greg Huiras (Mathiowietz Const) Seth Quiggle, Todd and Jennifer Hoerter, Jenny Enos, Susan and Loren Kohls, Mike Wandersee, Larry Oberender.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Hoese at 7 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 6 regular board meeting were reviewed, and a motion to approve as written with mtng ending time correction, was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann. Motion carried.

The Annual meeting minutes were reviewed, with correction to meeting end time, and spelling of Treasurer's name.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of 3/31/2023 equaled \$553.35, and total disbursements of \$19,611.72, giving an ending balance of \$349,815.75. Investment balance equaled \$337,324.16, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$687,139.91.

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

New Business

Loren Kohls land split..... the Kohls family came before the board to request a variance recommendation to allow them to retain a small lakeshore lot from lake shore property they are proposing to split off of their current farm. The proposed piece is undersized with limited frontage per county ordinance, thus a variance is required.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to provide a positive recommendation to the county per the land owners request. Motion carried.

Todd Hoerter appeared before the board to request a variance recommendation with regard to the purchase of a small piece of property from the county, which adjoins their present location on County Road 23. This present location is less than 1/2 acre, thus is under the county minimums for that type lot, as is the property they are proposing to purchase from the county. The addition of the proposed property would give them a legal lot in total and a second drain field site if ever necessary.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to provide a positive recommendation to the county per the land owners request. Motion carried.

Greg Huiras with Mathiowitz Const appeared before the board to request a variance recommendation regarding soils being removed from the Highway 25/County Road 20 construction project and placed on adjacent farmland. It was noted that township road Ridge Ave will not be used in the transportation of these soils. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner to provide a positive recommendation for this request. Motion carried.

Mack (2007) truck replacement..... Jim Hendricks appeared before the board to request that a second look be taken at the plan to purchase a Western Star dump truck. He recently understood the county's experience with Western Star was not positive and they were going back to Mack trucks.

The Township's current information is, the county is running multiple Western Star units, has a number of them on order, and is pleased with their performance and maintenance support, versus Mack.

The townships plan remains to continue with the Western Star order of the new dump truck.

Rose Ave county funded bridge project..... the county has provided a replacement schedule of November, 2023.

The county will be handling the engineering and management of this project as well as assisting the Township with any easements necessary.

The Township was reminded of about its obligation of a \$20,000 expenditure for engineering related costs.

A request from St Peters Lutheran youth to do township road ditch clean-up has been received. The Township will designate and communicate the roadways for cleanup @ \$50/mile.

Kathy McCann made mention of the Watertown Historical Society soliciting for new members and their wish to include residents of the Township. She requested that we place a related note in the next township newsletter. There was consensus in that regard.

Old Business

None

Other

County hazardous waste collection will be conducted here on Saturday April 29, 8:00 to 12:00 AM

Mediacom fiber optic cable excavation plan has been received along with a bond of \$5000.

Supervisor Kathy McCann provided a summary of the MAT training session for new supervisors that she attended in March.

Building Permits

None

Barry's Road/Site Report

Barry recently attended a county sponsored recertification class for weed spraying. There continues to be a problem with the Cat loader, specifically with engagement of 4th gear. Cat Service will be called to reassess the problem.

Spring Road tour..... Will determine a date in the May board meeting.

Barry proposed placing the Allis Chalmers disc implement up for sale, as it is no longer used for any type of road maintenance. There was consensus to proceed with that plan.

A scrap dumpster will be brought on site in the short term to get rid of excess scrap metal we have on site.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #13662- 13669, payroll pay orders #13758-13761, and tax pay orders, PERA 04-23, USTR 04-23, was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann. Motion carried.

There being no further business to address, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to adjourn the meeting.

Chair Scott Hoes adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin

Clerk of Watertown Township

Chairman Scott Hoes_____

Clerk Wayne Hubin_____