

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Feb 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 (remote), and Wayne Hubin

Visitors: Mike Wandersee, John Quam, 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 January 2 regular board meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve as written was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of 1/31/2024 equaled \$578,526.22 and total disbursements of \$725,873.03 (which included CD transfer deposits and disbursements) giving an ending balance of \$216,388.20, and an investment balance of \$488,706.09, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$705,094.29

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

New Business

The earned sick and safe leave policy recently adopted by the state was discussed. Little or no change is required from the township's perspective, however we are awaiting a software change from CTAS so that pay stubs will reflect the use of and balance of sick and safe leave hours.

Waconia Township recently inquired about our solar ordinance and has requested a copy thereof. Following discussion, the clerk was directed to send a copy with the provision that it be used as a resource document only and not copied in kind.

A first pass of the March 12th annual meeting agenda as reviewed and will be resubmitted with recommended changes for a final review at the March regular board meeting.

A one day liquor license for Saint Peters Lutheran Church was reviewed and a motion was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner to approve. Motion carried.

A subject of road postings was discussed and there was consensus that no road postings be put up this year in light of the mild winter that we have experienced.

Old Business

Disposal of old road signs..... supervisor Kathy McCann will attempt to sell about a dozen of these signs online. If successful, other signs could be included in this method of disposal.

Other Items

The annual Townships Day at the Capitol scheduled for April 8 and 9 was noted.

The presidential primary election scheduled for March 5th was also noted. Election judges are in the retrain mode.

Building Permits

Four misc.

Barry's Road/Site Report

Mack truck..... an engine scan revealed a weakness in cylinder #2. The repair of it is relatively minor and will be completed this month.

Additional culvert markers have been made by cutting up and reusing old road signs.

A clarification on the new dump truck box. It will be of the typical squared design vs. a rounded sides version.

Kim Kuntz as requested a width expansion of his driveway property driveway located at 4455 Buck Lake Rd. The board suggested that two additional field driveways be added versus 1 exceptionally wide driveway, for all access needs and ease of maintenance. Barry will take this recommendation back to Mr. Kuntz.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #13947-13952, Payroll orders of #13953-13955, and tax pay orders, PERA 02-24, USTR 02-24, 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 7:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin

Clerk of Watertown Township