

**Watertown Township  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 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 Hoes, Jerry Bruner, Wayne Hubin, Barry Fritzke, and Stephanie Coe.

Visitors: Paul Reuvers, Seth Quiggle, Mike Wandersee, Larry Oberender, and John Quam

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Hoes 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 June 5 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 6/30/2023 equaled \$186,683.59, and total disbursements of \$92,449.25, giving an ending balance of \$415,332.09. Investment balance equaled \$337,891.80, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$753,223.89.

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

**New Business**

Road sign replacement..... A township sign tour was conducted and it was determined 61 signs, mostly of the yellow background, need replacement. Replacement cost would be about \$67 each, or a total of about \$4100.

Following discussion about replacement methods, and disposal of old signs (Supv McCann suggested and offered to handle listing them for mancave use) a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to proceed with this project. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Chair.....Appointment and approval of Scott Hoes to serve as Planning Commission Chair, replacing Seth Quiggle who is no longer on the Board, was motioned by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Solar litigation info update included a mediation session involving the Chair and the Clerk, planned for 1:00 PM on July 14 in Roseville, and a Court hearing, open to the public, planned for 9:30 on July 31 in Chaska.

Road tour..... Planned for 6:00 PM Thur, July 13.

### Other

CC Assn of townships mtng planned for Tue, July 11

MAT 4<sup>th</sup> Dist mtg in Arlington.....Aug 9

### Building Permits

Ten misc, demo, windows, H-VAC, fireplace, deck, septic

Detached garage....Eric Hoese

Garage addition....Richard Cohrs

### Barry's Road/Site Report

Roadway dust coating on the last remaining 7 miles will be completed in the next 10 days.

With regard to the current Hwy 25 project and related detour traffic, traffic counts on Common St have risen from 155 cars per day to 1179. The county has been informed of this significant increase in activity, as additional dust coating will be required vs what was originally planned. Also due to lack of rain, watering may be required as part of the dust coating process.

A recommendation was made to consider a road surface material known as Fill-Stone vs granite from a cost reduction standpoint. Current granite pricing is \$14.7 per ton, and Fill-Stone (a less pure form of granite) is \$6.25 per ton. Will consider this option in the fall.

Cat payloader shift problems continue. Will request a service call, and if not correctable on site, will have the unit transported to Zeigler for repair of the transmission as well as bucket cylinder seal replacement..

Chev 1 ton....batteries replaced.

Road ditch near Wilbur Light needs cleaning

### Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #13684-13691, payroll pay orders #13817-13819, and tax pay orders, PERA 07-23, USTR 07-23, was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann. Motion carried.

### Closed Session

A motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to go into a closed session with Attorney Paul Reuvers, of Iverson Law, to discuss pending litigation and to consider adopting a resolution relating to updating of the Watertown Township Zoning Ordinance No. 6-2021-1.

At the completion and closure of the above, the regular meeting was reopened by Chair Hoese. A motion was then made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner to adopt Ordinance No. 6-2021-1 revision via Resolution 7-10-2023. 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 Hoesé adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.**

**Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin**

**Clerk of Watertown Township**

**Chairman Scott Hoesé\_\_\_\_\_**

**Clerk Wayne Hubin\_\_\_\_\_**