

Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
July 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, and Wayne Hubin.

Visitors: Bill and Teena Dietz, Joe White, Wyatt and Lindsey Getten, Tom and Jody Luebke, Dylan Gestoch, Seth Quiggle, and Larry Oberander

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 May 6 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 06/30/2024 equaled \$195,714.74 and total disbursements of \$4543.66, giving an ending balance of \$314,235.09, and an investment balance of \$495,501.96, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$809,737.05.

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

New Business

Gravel mining recommendation requests for IUP's and set back variances were made by Joe White of BH Aggregates, Kimball, MN., to mine gravel (approx. 667,000 yds) from parcels 100301100 and 100311420, owned by Tom and Jody Lubke, residing at 5475 County Rd 23, Mayer, MN.

Mining to take place commencing late 2024 and ending by year end 2026, upon which all mining would cease and the sites would be reconstructed to near original per a comprehensive mining plan agreement.

Following discussion regarding mining elevations, site dust control, setbacks, safety practices, signage, truck routing, back fill materials, etc, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to provide positive recommendations for an IUP and the setback variance requested for both sites.

Motion carried.

A CUP and a variance request was made by Bill and Teena Dietz, representing Serenity Acres Holding LLC, located at 11185 County Rd 24, Watertown, MN., providing horse related therapy for individuals in need. This site had an operating CUP under the name of Red Door Ranch but was sold in 2023 to the above party. The Dietz family is requesting a CUP to operate Serenity Acres as a horse therapy business, and a variance to allow this property to have a homestead credit even though the owners would not be living on the property. The owner's daughter however would become a resident on this site during 2024.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to provide a positive recommendation for the CUP as well as the variance request.

Motion carried.

Old Business

None.

Other

Reminders of the primary election date of August 13 as well as the candidate filing period of July 30th through August 13th were given.

Also the county association of townships meeting scheduled for July 9th was noted.

Building Permits

New home, Taylor Meuwissen at 4410, Hwy 25, and one misc permit

Barry's Road, Building and Site Report

August 6th continues to be the confirmed delivery date for the new dump/plow truck.

The dust coating expense will be about \$10,000 less than the previous year due to less regravelling and construction related dust coating, and slightly lighter ratio of application.

Carver County requested an immediate estimate of flood damage and a figure of \$5000 was given as a placeholder at this time, as water levels have not yet receded.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15001-15008, and tax pay orders, PERA 07-24, USTR 07-24, 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 8:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin

Clerk of Watertown Township