

Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
June 5, 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: Seth Quiggle, Mike Wandersee, Larry Oberender, Loren and Susan Kohls, Jennifer Enus, Jean Mahler, John Quass

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 May 1st 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 5/31/2023 equaled \$201,430.21, and total disbursements of \$216,829.26, giving an ending balance of \$321097.75. Investment balance equaled \$337,778.56, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$658,876.31.

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

New Business

Loren Kohls family presented a request for a CUP with regard to a building eligibility site within 28 acres bordering Oak Lake. The proposed site does not meet the minimum size required by the county therefore the family is requesting CUP for this one building eligibility. Following discussion regarding access to this lot as well as neighbor response (all positive), Jerry Bruner motioned to recommend approval of this request and Kathy McCann seconded the motion. Motion carried

Road sign replacement..... the Township currently has about 190 road signs in place, and some, particularly those facing to the South, are becoming faded thus potentially creating a safety hazard to traffic.

Discussion centered around the costs of new signs, the potential of a grant being available for this need, and the possible rework the present signs. The clerk was requested to research these elements and bring a recommendation to the July board meeting.

Road tour..... this item will be delayed until July.

Fire Protection..... Scott Hoese brought information regarding St. Bonifacius fire protection budget for 2024 which will include an increase of approximately 7.75% necessary to meet the increase in wages from \$12.65 to \$13.65 as well as increasing workers comp costs. Also, the

existing policy irregularity that needs to be resolved between the city and the fire department regarding how funds realized from the sale of used equipment is appropriated.

Old Business

Solar ordinance litigation.... An update was provided to the board with regard to legal costs of \$19,000 incurred year to date. Also, positive information that MATIT insurance will cover 90% of the legal costs. The policy detail provides for each \$10,000 in legal fees, the Township pays only the deductible of \$1000.

Other

Highway 25/County Road 20 intersection project Rd. closure will begin on June the 7th

Building Permits

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

Portable bulding - \$36K	Jason Pawelk	3410 Cnty 10
Detached garage - \$40k	Connie Stover	3630 Market Ave
New home - \$556k	Cory Zaback	4365 Quass Ave
New home - \$500k	Kristine Friske	5000 Snicker Ln

Barry's Road/Site Report

Granite roadway dust coating will be held off until more moisture is received in the form of rain.

With regard to the current Hwy 25 project, and the Rose Ave. bridge project planned for the fall of this year, traffic counters have been placed on Rose Ave. and Quarry Ave to determine increased traffic and thus Increased maintenance costs on these roadways which will be reimbursed by the county.

Carbide grader blade sections are in need of replacement at a cost of about \$4000. There was consensus to proceed with purchase.

Vacation is planned from June 16th through June 23rd.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #136675-136843, payroll pay orders #13766, 13814-13816, and tax pay orders, PERA 06-23, USTR 06-23, 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 Hoese adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin

Clerk of Watertown Township

Chairman Scott Hoese_____

Clerk Wayne Hubin_____