

**Watertown Township  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 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. Seth Quiggle and Stephanie Coe.

Visitors: 8 representatives of Phyllis Wheatley organization, 5 of whom were via zoom. 31 Oak Lake residents...see sign in list attached

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 February 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 2/28/2023 equaled \$24,488.58, and total disbursements of \$19,639.22 giving an ending balance of \$368,874.12. Investment balance equaled \$337,037.91, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$705,912.03.

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

**New Business**

Camp Catherine Parsons redevelopment CUP recommendation request.

Representatives of Phyllis Wheatley organization reviewed their first phase redevelopment plans which had been outlined in the CUP application as well as in a letter to the residents of Oak Lake.

Following was Oak Lake resident's legal advisor Pat Neaton, who presented concerns of the residents regarding number of campers, safety concerns, development of a site that appears to be too small for the amount of activity planned, hours of operation, traffic management, dust control, current documented plans not matching up with the CUP application, as well as long term expansion plans, and use of the site by other organizations.

Board members also expressed concerns about expansion plans, number of campers development of the roadway, dust control and concerns about need difference between the CUP description and the proposals set forth in the letter to the Oak Lake residents.

Following extended discussion, a motion was made by Scott Hoes and seconded by Jerry Bruner to provide a CUP denial recommendation for the following reasons: current CUP is too vague, specifics of plan need to be worked out with Oak Lake residents, camper volume plans too large for this location, security concerns for children and residents. Motion carried.

Mack (2007) truck replacement..... a second review was made of quotes from Mack, and Western Star for truck chassis, and Towmaster, and Crysteel for the box, plow, wing, and sander.

Following discussion, this proposal was made to the Township for recommendation to the residents:

*The purchase of a new Western Star 47 X dump truck chassis for \$147,911, and for a Towmaster plow, wing, sander and dump box for a total of \$161,921. With an estimated \$75,000 resale value of the old truck, the net cost to the Township would be a net \$234,832.*

Following discussion, a motion was made by Scott Hoes and seconded by Jerry Bruner to submit the foregoing proposal to the residents of the Township at the March 14 annual meeting. Motion carried

Proposals for a mechanically driven PTO 84 inch Broom (\$10,723), and a heavy duty 84 inch 3 point hitch Road Grader (\$3108) were presented to the board for consideration.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to approve purchase of the 3 pt Road Grader. Motion carried.

Then a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoes for the purchase of the PTO Broom. Motion carried.

Both pieces of equipment to be sourced from Trueman Welters Equip, Buffalo, MN

A review of the annual meeting agenda was completed and there was consensus to accept as written.

Rental of township hay acres..... there was consensus that we continue the rental of these two acres of hay land to resident Greg Hoes, at the rate of \$100 per acre this year.

#### Old Business

An update was provided on the solar ordinance litigation Indicating that all documentation has been submitted and received by both legal entities.

#### Other

Recycle grant approved by the county for \$8,000.

#### Building Permits

One for a home edition at 3360 Oxford Ave.

#### Barry's Road/Site Report

An update regarding the highway 25, County Road 20 intersection..... tree removal has been completed, and it is now noted that excess muck will be distributed on neighboring land without having to traverse the adjacent township road.

Five ton road postings will be put up by the middle of this month.

The Township equipment list has been updated for presentation at the annual meeting

#### Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #13651- 13656,13660 and 13661, payroll pay orders #13657- 13659, and tax pay orders, PERA 03-23, USTR 03-23, 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 9:50 PM.**

**Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin**

**Clerk of Watertown Township**