

**Watertown Township  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
May 1st, 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. and Jon Zieroth

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 April 3rd 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 4/30/2023 equaled \$6069.80, and total disbursements of \$19,388.75, giving an ending balance of \$336,496.80. Investment balance equaled \$337,601.41, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$674,098.21.

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

**New Business**

Rose Ave. bridge project..... the Richard Pawelk family will be met with for consideration of easements required for this project.

Following discussion of easement compensation, a motion was made by Scott Hoese and seconded by Jerry Bruner to provide a one time easement payment of \$2500 to the landowner.

CARES funding expenditures were reviewed. It was noted that six projects totaling \$100,898 dollars have been completed and there is a balance remaining of \$38,671. An annual report of expenditures has been filed with this government agency per the required date of 4/30/2023.

Spring flooding damage to roadways. It was noted that portion of the road surface was washed away on Mill Ave. Barry to provide cost details to the county for potential spring flooding reimbursement.

A township resident has requested a clean up day be established for spring of 2024. Following discussion the clerk was directed to contact the cities of Watertown and Mayer to determine if there is a cooperative interest in conducting a spring cleanup day.

**Old Business**

Solar ordinance litigation.... all motions have been filed and arguments completed. A judge's decision is expected within 90 days. The clerk will summarize the legal costs to date and present at the June board meeting.

Township survey results..... inputs from 9 townships were presented. Several items relating to a two hour minimum for equipment rates and an increase of the present \$25 rate for a variety of applications were highlighted and will be presented for consideration at the reorganizational meeting in January of 2024.

#### Other

Hazardous waste collection was conducted by Carver County at this location on Saturday April 29th. There was a 40% increase in activity as well as volume this year. The cost to the county for collection and disposal of these materials will be approximately \$10,000.

Metronet fiber optic cable excavation applications (10) have been received this month and will be followed upon to completion.

#### Building Permits

One for building demolition and construction of a new home at 1980 Neal Ave.

Six miscellaneous

#### Barry's Road/Site Report

Gravel..... A total of 3000 yards will be placed at five road locations of need.

Granite will be applied to the east end of Swede lake Rd. and a ½ mile portion of Quass Ave.

Dust control.....magnesium chloride will be obtained from and applied by Quality Propane at a cost of \$1.05 per gallon.

Signage..... consideration to be given the replacement of yellow roadway signs which have been in place for 15 years. Also dead end signs should be considered for replacement as they have been in place since 2009. Barry to obtain costs for presentation at the June meeting.

Quarry Ave Project remains with some open punch list items. Barry to follow up with Phil Schrupp of Carver County for completion.

Ditch cleaning is necessary on Snicker Lane. Barry will stake the affected area to ensure that no crops are planted there prior to the cleaning process.

Mill Ave. sustained some roadway service erosion due to spring flooding. Eight loads of gravel and related equipment and labor costs were incurred for correction. Details of these costs will be provided to Carver County for potential reimbursement.

Road postings..... there was discussion regarding the need to post 5 ton road limits on township roads each spring. This item to be discussed in March of 2024 to determine the need to do so at that point in time and future.

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

#### Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #136670-13674, payroll pay orders #13762- 13765, and tax pay orders, PERA 05-23, USTR 05-23, 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 Hoesse adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin

Clerk of Watertown Township

Chairman Scott Hoesse\_\_\_\_\_

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