

Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
May 6, 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 (remote), Barry Fritzke, Stephanie Coe, and Wayne Hubin.

Visitors: Mike Wandersee, John Quam, 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 Scott Hoese.

Motion carried.

The minutes of the April 1st regular board meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve as written was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoese.

Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of 4/30/2024 equaled \$722.12 and total disbursements of \$170,035.15, giving an ending balance of \$188,423.39, and an investment balance of \$489,048.39, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$677,471.78.

A motion to approve the Treasurer report was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoese.

Motion carried.

New Business

Renewal of the Citizens Alliance \$350K CD was reviewed and after discussion a motion was made by Scott Hoese and seconded by Jerry Bruner to continue the CD without early withdrawal penalties until monies are needed for the new dump truck which has been delayed now until August.

Motion carried.

Township deposit, investments, and checking account bank..... significant discussion was had regarding a proposal to change from Bremer Bank to Citizens Alliance for these banking services.

Reasons for considering a change are the lack of aggressive service options, and consistently lower interest rates from Bremer Bank.

Subsequently a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to authorize the Treasurer and Clerk to immediately open checking and savings accounts with Citizens Alliance Bank of Watertown, MN, and then to close all township financial accounts with Bremer Bank of Watertown, MN.

Motion carried.

Barry Fritzke's earned vacation, holiday, and sick leave hours following discussion of accounting options, there was Board consensus to roll vacation, holiday, and sick leave hours into one PTO account and to allow up to 80 hours to be carried over until the end of the first quarter of the following year.

Old Business

New Western Star truck warranty. The dealer has offered a variety of warranty options (3, 5 and 7 year) including separate extended warranties for the engine and the truck drivetrain which could be exercised at the end of the standard two year warranty period.

Costs range from \$4,000 to \$11,600, depending on length in years.

Following discussion, there was consensus that we hold off any purchase of an extended warranty until the end of the standard new truck warranty, as per the dealer, and extended warranty can be purchased anytime during this period.

Sale of 2007 Mack dump truck. The Western Star dealer provided a trade in quote of \$55,000 for this truck. Following discussion there was consensus of the board to seek other options as well for the sale of this truck including an ad placed in the upcoming summer edition of the MAT magazine.

Rose Ave bridge railing options...the Clerk to follow up with the county to confirm the township expects no additional cost in this regard.

Parking/access signage will be made available for a June 8 Farm Day event at Hoese Farms on Polk Ave.

Other

Hazardous waste collection participation was 168 residents, up from 155 last year.

Building Permits

Three miscellaneous, one demo on Cnty Rd 24, and one new home/garage permit on Oak lake.

Barry's Road, Building and Site Report

The John Deere tractor warranty items regarding PTO clutch and several other minor items were completed by the dealer.

Gravel will be applied on sections of Newton Ave, Polk Ave, 52nd Street, Quass Ave, Rose Ave, and Sally Ave.

Dust coating will begin mid May.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #13979 -13983 and tax pay orders, PERA 05-24, USTR 05-24, was made by Scott Hoese and seconded by Jerry Bruner. Motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, Chair Scott Hoese adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin _____

Clerk of Watertown Township