

Organized in 1858

Watertown Township

Important Dates

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 8 at 7 pm

Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting

Monday, May 2 at 6 pm

Monthly Board Meetings at 7 pm

Residents are always welcome!

Monday, January 4

Monday, February 1

Monday, March 7

Monday, April 4

Monday, May 2

Monday, June 6

Tuesday, July 5

Monday, August 1

Tuesday, September 6

Monday, October 3

Monday, November 7

Monday, December 5

Primary Election



Tuesday, August 9

General & Township Election



Tuesday, November 8

Township positions on the ballot include two Supervisors and Treasurer.

Carver County Website

www.co.carver.mn.us | 952.361.1500

Newsletter Highlights

- Township Important Reminders
- Annual Meeting Agenda
- Township Projects
- Resident Dust Coating and Class-5 Gravel Purchase
- Mailbox Supports and Purchase



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Deputy Treasurer:

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Clerk:

Ann Bruner

Deputy Clerk:

Wayne Hubin

Maintenance:

Barry Fritzke

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Recycling at ATHC Douglas Kugler Eco-Site

The Eco-Site accepts a variety of items for recycling as well as provides a free re-use room stocked with household products in good condition.

Items collected free of charge: batteries, cartridges, clothing, shoes, household items, cooking oil, holiday lights, plastic bags, paper, bottles, cans, residential fluorescent bulbs, scrap metal, used motor oil/filters/antifreeze.

Items collected for a fee: appliances, bicycles, business electronics, car seats, commercial appliances, lawnmowers, small engine devices, residential electronics, tires, business fluorescent bulbs.

Free \$10 coupons are available at the Township Hall or by contacting Si Tesch at 952.955.1120.

Items for purchase: well water test kit (free), radon kit, kitchen pail for organics, biodegradable bags, Kraft paper lawn and leaf bags, rain barrels, compost bins.

Address: 676 Industrial Blvd
Watertown, MN 55388

For more information,
visit www.athc.org or
call 952.955.1130.



Remember it is illegal to dump in ditches per MN Statute 169.42 Sub 1. Illegal dumping cost the Township \$800 in 2015.

Burn Permits



Burn permits are available by calling Si Tesch at 952.955.1120 or online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/burningpermits>. An **annual burn permit is \$5**. Residents must call the number on the form prior to burning on that particular day.

For more information contact the MN Department of Natural Resources at 1.866.533.2876.

Snow Plowing Ordinance

It is **unlawful to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street**. MN Statute 160.2715 and Watertown Township Ordinance prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling, or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. This includes the ditch and right of way along the roadside.



Violations are considered misdemeanors and civil penalties apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard, which extends to the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Mowing of Road Right-of-Way

It is **advised to not blow grass clippings or other debris into roads or road right of ways** per MN Statute 160.2715. When debris is blown into Township roads, it creates traveling motorist safety and road maintenance concerns.

Farming of Road Right-of-Way

Tilling and planting a crop within the road right-of-way can cause erosion, roadbed damage, and interfere with drainage. It is **unlawful to perform unauthorized work within a road right-of-way** per MN Statute 160.2715. A typical right-of-way is 66 ft, extending 33 ft from the center of the road.

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Agenda

- 2015 Financial Statements
- Contracts: Fire Protection and Animal Impound
- Report on Road Maintenance
- Resident Purchases
- Solar Farms/Gardens
- 2016 Primary, General, and Township Election Reminder — Election Judges Needed
- Set 2017 Levy

Show your Township pride by attending.

Proposed 2017 Levy

The 2016 annual levy consists of a General Levy of \$97K and Road & Bridge of \$276K, totaling \$373K. Road & Bridge funds are allocated as base road maintenance of \$121K, dust coating/road stabilization of \$55K, and road projects of \$100K.

Thank You Dave Heldt!

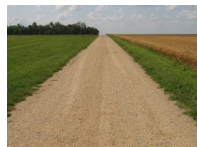
After 38 years of service to the Township as Treasurer, Dave retired on December 31, 2015. Thank you for your countless contributions to our community!



Township Projects

2015: A Year in Review

- 20 mi of dust coating
- Granite and fabric on 50th St and granite on 1 mi of north Oxford Ave



Solar Farms/Gardens

This past year, there has been discussion regarding solar farms/gardens in the Township. These solar farms/gardens are being privately developed for the purpose of generating electricity.

A proposed solar farm/garden bordering the Township Hall to the south is progressing through the permitting process.

Police Contract

After discussion at the 2015 annual meeting, a motion was made and accepted to not sign a 2015 Police Contract unless we were eligible to receive Police Aid Reimbursement. The eligibility may have been possible if the MN State Legislature had overturned the ruling to not receive the portion of motor vehicle ticket proceeds. This was not on the 2015 Legislative agenda.

Road Project Recap (Prior to 2015)

- 2014: Granite and fabric from west Buck Lake Rd to Oxford Ave and 1/2 mi west of Swede Lake Rd
- 2013: Reconstruction of middle 1 mi of Swede Lake Rd and granite on 3/4 mi of Common St
- 2012: 12 mi of dust coating
- 2011: Reconstruction of 1 mi of Swede Lake Rd and added 2 mi more dust coating
- 2009: Reconstruction of 1 mi of Oxford Ave
- 2008: 12 mi of dust coating

Proposed 2016 Projects

- Granite and fabric on Newton Ave and 32nd St
- Granite and fabric on 1 mi of Quaas Ave from end of Newton Ave south

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Resident Dust Coating and Class-5 Gravel Purchases

Dust coating and class-5 gravel are available for purchase by any resident for use within the township on an one-time purchase basis.

Quantity (10 load limit) and payment must be received by May 1. Cost will be the same as the Township and known by the annual meeting.

Delivery is determined by the road conditions but is generally late May and supplied by the Township contractor.

For more information, contact Barry Fritzke at 952.955.2446 or watertowntownship@gmail.com.

Mailbox Supports and Purchase

The mailbox support is the personal property of the homeowner and is the only property that can be in the road right of way.

To help reduce your liability (damages caused by a third party), install a swing-away mailbox support that meets crash test approval.

Watertown Township will help with the costs by purchasing and installing the mailbox support for you for a **fee of \$75** (half of the Township cost).

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MAT Scholarships for High School Juniors — May 1 Deadline

Students can apply by visiting www.mntownships.org and submitting their application and essay.