

Watertown Township

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Important Dates

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 14 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 2

Monday, February 6

Monday, March 6

Monday, April 3

Monday, May 1

Monday, June 5

Monday, July 3

Monday, August 7

Tuesday, September 5

Monday, October 2

Monday, November 6

Monday, December 4

Newsletter Highlights

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

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2016 End of Year Financial Update

Receipts totaled \$520K and disbursements totaled \$480K with an ending balance of \$611K. In April 2016, a 5 year 2.0% Bremer CD was opened for \$34K. Disbursements included, but were not limited to, \$104K in road projects, \$67K in dust coating, and \$92K in fire contracts.

1 Ton Maintenance Truck

At the 2016 annual meeting the residents approved the purchase. As of November 2016, a 2017 Chevrolet 3500 was ordered (delivery March 2017). The truck cost \$38,626 including the Towmaster box and Fisher plow, net of trade-in.

Proposed 2017 Levy

The 2017 annual levy consists of a General Levy of \$97K and a Road & Bridge Levy 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.

Road Projects

Road Conditions

The Township has put down miles of fabric under the road bed to help reduce frost boils. However, due to the very wet 2016 year, some frost boils may temporarily develop during the spring thaw.

Proposed 2017 Projects

- Fabric and granite on 32nd St and Quaas between 50th St and 46th St
- Granite on 1 mi of Swede Lake Rd

2016: A Year in Review

- Fabric and granite on Quaas Ave between 46th St and Newton Ave
- Granite on 2 mi of Newton Ave

Police Contract

The Township has not been under Police Contract for the past 2 years as we were ineligible to receive Police Aid Reimbursement, which covered the majority of the cost. As of August 2016, the MN State Legislature reinstated the Police Aid Reimbursement and the Township expects to begin receiving a portion of motor vehicle ticket proceeds in early 2017.

Solar Farms/Gardens

Over the past couple years, there has been discussion regarding solar in the Township. Carver County Commissioners have approved two for construction in 2017 (SunE Nesvold Project, Lenzen Project) with another pending approval (MN Solar CSG). The Township Board has opposed solar farms/gardens; however, has recommended neighboring residents work with the solar companies on landscape shielding.

Road Project Recap (Prior to 2016)

- **2015:** 20 mi of dust coating, granite and fabric on 50th St, and granite on 1 mi of north Oxford Ave
- **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

Board Member Updates

As of January 2, 2017, **Si Tesch** and **Ann Bruner** have **retired**. Si served as Township Supervisor for 30 years. Ann Bruner served as Township Clerk for 13 years. **Thank you both for contributing to our community!**



Elections were held on November 8, 2016.

Jerry Bruner and **Scott Hoes** were elected to a 4-year term for **Supervisor**. **Stephanie Coe** was elected to a 4-year term as **Treasurer**.

Wayne Hubin was appointed by the Township Board to serve as **Clerk** through the end of 2018.

Township Important Reminders

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.

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

Address: 676 Industrial Blvd
Watertown, MN 55388

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


Plowing Ordinance & Mowing Right-of-Way

It is **unlawful to deposit snow, grass clipping, or other debris 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.

When debris is blown into Township roads, it creates traveling motorist safety and road maintenance concerns. 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.

Farming of Road Right-of-Way

Tilling and planting (including crops, trees, shrubs) 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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Resident Purchases

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).

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

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 a 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.

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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.