

Watertown Township

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2017 End of Year Financial Update

Beginning balance was \$611K. Throughout 2017, receipts totaled \$567K and disbursements totaled \$507K with an ending balance of \$670K. The Bremer Bank checking account offers a 0.01% interest rate. The Township has two investment accounts: \$102K in a 0.2% Citizens Alliance Bank Money Market and \$34K in a 5 year 2.0% Bremer Bank CD.

Receipts: \$567K

20%	General Fund
31%	Base Road Maintenance
11%	Dust Coating / Road Stabilization
19%	Road Projects
19%	Fire Contracts

Disbursements: \$507K

22%
21%
13%
27%
17%

2018 Proposed Levy: \$373K (same as 2017)

- General Fund \$97K
- Road & Bridge \$276K
 - Base Road Maintenance \$121K
 - Dust Coating / Road Stabilization \$55K
 - Road Projects \$100K

Watertown Township Hall & Shop

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	Jerry Bruner	612.803.1699

Treasurer	Stephanie Coe
Deputy Treasurer	Seth Quiggle

Clerk	Wayne Hubin	612.309.3996
Deputy Clerk	Ann Bruner	

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Important Dates

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 13 at 7pm

Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting

Monday, May 7 at 6pm

Monthly Board Meetings at 7pm

Residents welcome!

Monday, February 5

Monday, March 5

Monday, April 2

Monday, May 7

Monday, June 4

Monday, July 2

Monday, August 6

Tuesday, September 4

Monday, October 1

Monday, November 5

Monday, December 3

Monday, January 7, 2019

General & Township Election

Tuesday, November 6

Township positions on the ballot include Clerk and Supervisor.

Annual Meeting: Tuesday, March 13 at 7pm

Agenda

- 2017 Financial Statements
- Set 2018 Levy
- Contracts: Fire Protection, Police Protection, and Animal Impound
- Commercial Shooting Range Ordinance Consideration
- Report on Road Maintenance
- Resident Reminders: Right-of-Way and Burn Permits
- Resident Purchases: Dust Coating, Gravel, and Mailbox
- 2018 General and Township Election Reminder — Election Judges Needed

Police Contract

After discussion at the 2017 annual meeting, a motion was made and accepted to not sign a 2017 Police Contract unless we were eligible to receive Police Aid Reimbursement. Mid 2017 the MN State Legislature overturned the ruling to not receive the portion of motor vehicle ticket proceed. Late 2017 the Township started receiving motor vehicle ticket revenue; however, this revenue is significantly lower than what we previously received.

Election Reminder



There is one Supervisor position and one Clerk position on the ballot on Tuesday, November 6.



If you're interested in assisting with the General and Township Election, become an Election Judge. For more information, contact Wayne Hubin in the Township Office at 952.955.2446.

New Recycling Service: Mumford Sanitation



The ATHC Douglas Kugler Eco-Site closed. Therefore, the Township Board voted and approved Mumford Sanitation to provide a recycling service to interested residents starting March 8. The contract runs for the next 5 years. **Residents will not incur a monthly fee** for this service as the Township will be billed directly.

65 gallon carts will be delivered to interested households mid-February. **Recycle pick-up is every other Thursday.**

Approximately 250 out of 500 households have taken advantage of the new recycling service. If you'd like to participate and haven't signed-up, contact Wayne Hubin in the Township Office at 952.955.2446.

Single-sort recycling includes glass (bottles and jars), plastic (items with a recycling symbol of 1-7), cans (aluminum and tin), paper (newspaper and junk mail), shredded paper (must be in closed bag), books (magazines, catalogs, and telephone books), and corrugated cardboard and box boards. For more information on approved recycling items, contact Mumford Sanitation at 320.543.3601 (toll-free 800.490.3601) or mumfordsanitation@gmail.com.

Road Projects

2013 and Prior

- 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

2016

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



2014

- Granite and fabric from west Buck Lake Rd to Oxford Ave
- 1/2 mi west of Swede Lake Rd

2015

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

2017

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

Proposed 2018 Projects

- 600-1,000 ft of fabric on 62nd St
- Granite on Quarry, Common St, and 46th St
- Quarry Ave upgrade project near Watertown-Mayer High School

In November 2017, an application was submitted to the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Local Road Improvement Program for funding to regrade and pave a short portion of Quarry Ave (Township road) adjoining the High School. The plan was developed as this section of Quarry Ave is heavily used during the school year and is problematic from a road maintenance standpoint. A decision is expected in March 2018.

Right-of-Way Reminders: Plowing, Mowing, and Farming



It is **unlawful to perform unauthorized work within a road right-of-way, as well as, to deposit snow, grass clippings, or other debris on or next to a public highway or street** per MN Statute 160.2715 and Watertown Township Ordinance. This includes the ditch and right of way along the roadside.

Tilling and planting (including crops, trees, shrubs) within the road right-of-way can cause erosion, roadbed damage, and interfere with drainage. 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 debris creates a hazard, which extends to the property owner and the person who placed the debris. A typical right-of-way is 66 ft, extending 33 ft from the center of the road.

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.

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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 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.

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).

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

MAT Scholarships for High School Juniors — May 1 Deadline

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