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WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP

ORGANIZED IN 1858



IMPORTANT DATES

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 12 at 7pm

Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting

Monday, May 6 at 6pm

Monthly Board Meetings at 7pm

Residents are always welcome!

Monday, February 4

Monday, March 4

Monday, April 1

Monday, May 6

Monday, June 3

Monday, July 1

Monday, August 6

Tuesday, September 3

Monday, October 7

Monday, November 4

Monday, December 2

Monday, January 6, 2020

THANK YOU NEIL JOHNSON!

After 12 years of service to the Township as Supervisor, Neil retired on December 31. Neil served as a board member and chair of the Carver County Chapter of the MN Association of Townships and represented the Township on the ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) task force to establish a fiber optics communication ring within Carver County. Thank you for your contributions to our community!



WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

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	Seth Quiggle	612.298.9155
Treasurer	Stephanie Coe	
Clerk	Wayne Hubin	612.309.3996
Deputy Clerk	Ann Bruner	

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MEET YOUR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS



Pictured left to right: Wayne Hubin, Scott Hoes, Seth Quiggle, Jerry Bruner, Barry Fritzke, and Stephanie Coe

Scott Hoes, Chairman

I have lived in Watertown Township my whole life. My wife, Yvonne, and I have 3 adult children and 7 grandchildren. Our oldest son Eric and I own Hoes Dairy. Our farm has been in the family for over 125 years. We recently installed a robotic cow feeder.

Jerry Bruner, Supervisor

I have lived in Watertown since 1974. I currently sit on 3 Carver County Boards as well as the Met Council's Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC). I'm also the Vice Commander of the Watertown Legion. I look forward to serving my constituents.

Seth Quiggle, Supervisor

My wife and I have called Watertown Township home for 8 years now, and we absolutely love it. I grew up in Monticello, and attended the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. For my day job, I'm an actuary for one of Minnesota's largest nonprofit health care organizations. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, boating, and relaxing at home with my wife and dog.

Stephanie Coe, Treasurer

My husband and I have lived in Watertown Township for 8 years. I moved to the metro area from northwestern Wisconsin when I attended college at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. I work for one of the largest health insurance companies in the country as a

consultant. I enjoy traveling in the winter and boating in the summer with my husband and dog.

Wayne Hubin, Clerk

I grew up on a farm in western Minnesota. My wife, Rose, and I along with 2 daughters moved to this area in 1974, and we have resided in Watertown Township for 23 years. I retired from 35 years of manufacturing management in 2005, and am an Army veteran. I served 9 years on the Watertown Mayer Public School Board and am currently serving on the Board of Ridgeview Medical Center, along with being an elder in the Watertown Evangelical Free Church. When grandchildren and time permits, woodworking is the preferred hobby.

Ann Bruner, Deputy Clerk

My day job is working as an underwriter at a farm insurance company (33rd year). I have lived in Watertown Township most of my life. I have 2 children and 1 grandchild. I retired from Township Clerk after 13 years and now find hours to spend time with family, book clubs, travel, and horse activities.

Barry Fritzke, Maintenance

I'm a lifelong resident of the Watertown area. My wife, Paula, and I have been married for 25 years and have 2 children. I've been employed by Watertown Township since 1999.

ANNUAL MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 12 AT 7PM

Agenda

- 2018 Financial Statements
- Set 2019 Levy
- Contracts: Fire Protection, Police Protection and Recycling
- Road Maintenance and Dust Coating Proposal
- Resident Reminders: Right-of-Way, Burn Permits, Mailbox Supports, and Dust Coating

2018 End of Year Financial Update

Beginning balance was \$534K. Throughout 2018, receipts totaled \$536K and disbursements totaled \$476K with an ending balance of \$730K. 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 \$35K in a 5 year 2.0% Bremer Bank CD.

2019 Proposed Levy: \$373K (same as 2018)

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

Police Contract

After discussion at the 2017 and 2018 annual meetings, a motion was made and accepted to not sign a 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 proceeds. Then in late-2017, the Township started receiving motor vehicle ticket revenue. This revenue is significantly lower than what we previously received. A Police Contract would cost the Township roughly \$15K-\$20K per year, where the revenue used to cover nearly the full expense. In 2017, we received \$278 and \$4,067 in 2018.

Mumford Sanitation Recycling Service

The Township provides a **free recycling service** to residents through Mumford Sanitation. In 7 months, residents have recycled 42 tons. **Recycle pick-up is every other Thursday** (see insert for schedule). Roughly 300 out of 500 households have taken advantage of the recycling service. **If you'd like to participate, contact Wayne Hubin in the Township Office at 952.955.2446.**

Single-sort recycling includes glass bottles/jars, plastic with recycling symbol of 1-7, aluminum/tin cans, paper (shredded must be in closed bag), books (magazines, catalogs, telephone books), and corrugated cardboard/box boards.

2018 Completed Road Projects

Granite on Quarry, Common St, and 46th St

Dust Coating Proposal

The Township currently Dust Coats through roads, accounting for 24 miles. However, there are some dead-end roads with more houses/traffic than some of the through roads.

Option 1: Dust coat the 7 miles of Township road currently not receiving

It takes 2,851 gallons to dust coat 1 mile of road at 18 feet wide. Note that not all 7 miles need to be sprayed at 18 feet wide. Taking into account width, we'd need 5 miles at 18 feet wide costing an extra \$14,255.

Option 2: Dust coat only 6,100 feet where residents currently pay

If we only dust coat roads being paid by residents, a conservative calculation is 6,100 feet at 18 feet wide costing \$2,982.

Class-5 Gravel

The Township will no longer coordinate class-5 gravel purchase and delivery for residents.

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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.

RESIDENT PURCHASES

Burn Permits

An **annual burn permit is \$5** available online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/burningpermits>. 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.

Resident Mailbox Support

The mailbox support is personal property and allowed in the road right-of-way. To help reduce your liability, install a swing-away support that meets crash test approval. The Township will help with half the cost and installation for a **fee of \$75**.

Resident Dust Coating Purchase

Depending on the dust coating proposal decision, dust coating may be available for purchase by any resident for use within the township on a one-time purchase basis. Application is determined by the road conditions but is generally late May and supplied by the Township contractor. Cost will be the same as the Township and known by the annual meeting. **Payment must be received by May 1.**

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

RIGHT-OF-WAY REMINDERS: PLOWING, MOWING, & 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. 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 feet, extending 33 feet from the center of the road.