

Watertown Township

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Important Dates

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 10 at 7 pm

Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting

Monday, May 4 at 6 pm

Monthly Board Meetings at 7 pm

Residents are always welcome!

Monday, February 3

Monday, March 2

Monday, April 6

Monday, May 4

Monday, June 1

Monday, July 6

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, September 8

Monday, October 5


Monday, November 2

Monday, December 7


Monday, January 4, 2021

2020 Election Dates


Presidential Primary Election

 Tuesday, March 3

Regular Primary Election

 Tuesday, August 11

General & Township Election

 Tuesday, November 3

Township positions on the ballot include two Supervisors (Jerry and Scott) and one Treasurer.



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Clerk Wayne Hubin 612.309.3996

Deputy Clerk Ann Bruner

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Agenda

- 2019 Financial Statement
- Set 2020 Levy
- Contracts: Fire Protection, Police Protection, and Recycling
- Road Maintenance & 2020 Projects
- Capital Outlay Proposals: Storage Building and Grader
- Resident Reminders: Right-of-Way, Burn Permits, Mailbox Supports

2019 End of Year Financial Update

- **Beginning Balance:** **\$592,917**
 - Receipts: + \$516,486
 - Disbursements - \$527,518
 - Pur. of Invest. - \$338,263
- **Ending Balance** **\$243,623**
- **Investments** **\$475,027**
- **Total Balance** **\$718,650**

Investments Include

- 2.0% APY 5 year CD at Bremer Bank: \$35,784 (opened 4/8/16)
- 2.39% APY at Bremer Bank Money Market: \$439,242 (opened 3/13/19)

Checking Account is held at Bremer Bank offering a 0.01% APY: \$252,565

2020 Proposed Levy: \$373,000 (same as 2019)

- General Fund \$97,000
- Road & Bridge \$276,000
 - Base Road Maint. \$121,000
 - Dust Coating \$55,000
 - Road Projects \$100,000

Storage Building Proposal



A storage building has been proposed to address space limitations. The building would be used for storage of road sand for winter application. This will allow the existing Township Shed space to be used for equipment storage only. Quotes are currently being received.

New Grader Proposal



The Township owns and operates a 2013 Caterpillar 12M2AWD grader. The 7 year warranty will expire June 2020. The Township is currently pursuing grader bids from Caterpillar and John Deere.

Metal Roof Panels for Purchase

The Township Shed and Office sustained hail damage this past summer. The hail damaged metal roof panels (6,900 sq ft) will become available mid-2020 to the highest bidder. **If you are interested in purchasing the damaged metal panels, contact Wayne Hubin at 952.955.2446 by June 1.**

Free Special Waste Disposal: April 25 8 am - Noon at Township Shed



Bring your household hazardous waste to the Township Shed on April 25 from 8 am to noon. Carver County is offering a **free waste disposal** for items including latex/oil-based/spray paint, paint remover/stripper/thinner, stain/varnish, concrete/driveway sealer, bug spray/insect/rodent killer, fertilizers/pesticides/weed killer, pool chemicals, aerosol cans, nail polish/remover, household/drain cleaners, propane, lighter fluid/camping fuels, mercury thermometers/thermostats, and gas/auto products.

Do NOT throw hazardous materials in the garbage or pour them down the sewer or on the ground.

Mumford Sanitation Recycling Service



The Township provides a **free recycling service** to residents through Mumford Sanitation. **Recycle pick-up is every other Thursday.** Residents recycled 68 tons in 2019. **If you'd like to participate, contact Wayne Hubin at 952.955.2446.**

Single-sort recycling includes glass bottles/jars, plastic with recycling symbol of 1-7, tin/aluminum cans, paper (shredded must be in closed bag), books (telephone books, catalogs, magazines), and corrugated cardboard/box boards. **Plastic bags are NOT recyclable through this service.**

Township Projects

2019 Upgrade Projects

- Repainted Township signature rock
- Township Hall carpet replaced, repainted walls, overhead projector/screen installed
- Parking lot cracks filled and sealed
- Driveway apron repaved
- Purchased new Hustler zero turn 48 in lawnmower
- Roadside clean-up by St. Peters Church Youth Group

2019 Road Projects

- Dust coating now extended to all Township roads including dead ends
- Frost boils dug out and replaced with washed sand, as well as, new fabric installed with lateral drains to 2 mile west end of Swede Lake Rd
- Renewed granite on Swede Lake Rd and Quass Ave

2020 Proposed Road Projects

- Repair frost boils and update current sections of granite miles

Right-of-Way Reminders

It is **unlawful to perform unauthorized work within a road right-of-way, as well as, to deposit grass clippings, snow, 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.

A typical right-of-way is 66 ft, extending 33 ft from the center of the road.

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Burn Permits



An **annual burn permit** is **\$5** available online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/burningpermits> or by calling Si Tesch at 952.955.1120. 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 of the homeowner and allowed in the road right-of-way. To help reduce your liability (damages caused by a third party), 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**.

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

MAT Scholarships for High School Juniors — May 1 Deadline

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