

# WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP

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## Important Dates

### Annual Meeting

*Masks required and to be held in Shop to accommodate social distancing.*

Tuesday, March 9 at 7pm

### Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting

Monday, May 3 at 6pm

### Monthly Board Meetings at 7pm

*Residents are always welcome!*

Monday, March 1

Monday, April 5

Monday, May 3

Monday, June 7

Tuesday, July 6

Monday, August 2

Tuesday, September 7

Monday, October 4

Monday, November 1

Monday, December 6

Monday, January 3, 2022

Monday, February 7, 2022

## Watertown Township Hall & Shop

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Treasurer	Stephanie Coe	
Clerk	Wayne Hubin	612.309.3996
Deputy Clerk	Ann Bruner	
Maintenance	Barry Fritzke	952.955.2446

## 2020 End of Year Financial Update

**Beginning Total Balance** **\$719,096.86**

Checking Account \$244,069.66

Investment Accounts \$475,027.23

**Ending Total Balance** **\$508,382.53**

Checking Account \$180,860.15

Investment Accounts \$327,522.38

### Investments Include

- 2.0% APY 5 year CD at Bremer Bank: \$36,502 (opened 4/8/2016)
- 0.02% APY Money Market at Bremer Bank: \$291,020 (opened 3/13/2019 with an interest rate of 2.39%)

**Checking account** is held at Bremer Bank offering a 0.01% APY: \$180,860

## Carver County

www.co.carver.mn.us  
952.361.1500

## Annual Meeting: Tuesday, March 9 at 7pm in Shop and Masks Required

### Agenda

- 2020 Financial Statement
- Set 2021 Levy
- Contracts: Fire Protection and Recycling
- Road Maintenance and 2021 Projects
- Proposed Capital Outlay: Tractor
- Completed Capital Outlay: Building Addition for Cold Storage, Grader, Road Ditch Mower
- Resident Reminders: Right-of-Way, Burn Permits, Mailbox Supports

### 2021 Proposed Levy: \$373,000

The Township board proposes no change from 2020 (levy set at \$373,000); however, proposes to reallocate more funds to dust coating. In 2019 and beyond, all Township roads are dust coated and no additional funds were levied.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$97,000</b>
<b>Road &amp; Bridge</b>	<b>\$276,000</b>
Base Road Maint.	\$91,000 ( <i>down from \$121,000</i> )
Dust Coating	\$85,000 ( <i>up from \$55,000</i> )
Road Projects	\$100,000

### New Grader Purchased: May 2020

At last year's annual meeting, residents voted to replace the 2013 Caterpillar 12M2AWD grader as the 7 year warranty would have expired June 2020. The Township relies heavily on the grader to keep our roads safe; therefore, the Township board recommends replacing Township equipment close to when the warranty phase expires. This also allows for maximum trade-in value.

The Township had cash available so no loan was necessary. The snow equipment was kept from the old grader for a savings of \$31,000; then after the trade-in, the net cost of the grader was \$150,000. The Township currently operates a 2020 Caterpillar 140AWD grader.



### New Building Addition: Fall 2020



During last year's annual meeting, residents voted to have the Township board pursue a storage building to address space limitations. In the

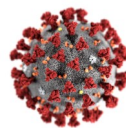
fall, Lester Buildings built a \$69,778 addition on to the Township Hall and Shop.

The building is used for storage of road sand for winter application. This allows the existing Township Shop space to be used for equipment storage only.

### New Road Ditch Mower: Fall 2020

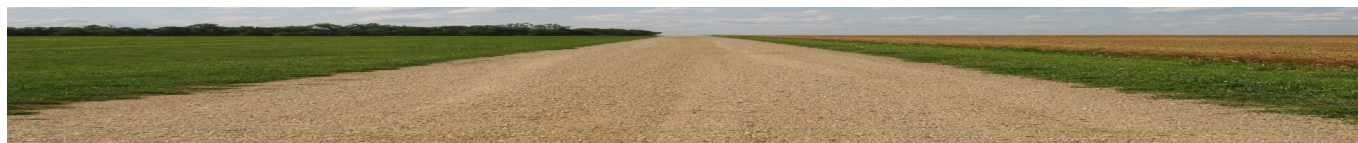
At the end of the warranty period, the Township purchased a new 2020 New Holland 107M 7 ft cut disc mower. After trade-in, the net cost of the disc mower was \$4,600.

### COVID-19 CARES Act Funding



Through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the Township received \$32,950 from the State of MN and \$660 from the County (for election related expenses). The Township utilized \$7,952.76 to enhance public safety during elections, board meetings, and normal maintenance business. The Township donated \$25,000 of our unused funds to the Watertown-Mayer Public Schools so they could buy a van to transport supplies to students during the pandemic. The remaining funds (\$657.24) were given back to the County.

## Township Projects



### 2020 Projects

- Replaced culverts due to drainage issues on Swede Lake Rd and two approaches on 52nd St
- The City of Watertown jetted five culverts for the Township
- Repaired the slope on Rain Ave
- Renewed 6 miles with 2,250 yards of class -5 gravel on 58th St, Quaas Ave, Buck Lake Rd, 52nd St, Polk Ave, and Mill Ave
- Rehabilitated 2.25 miles with 1,750 tons of granite on 50th St, Oxford, and Newton
- Roadside clean-up by St. Peters Church Youth Group
- Township Shop additions for cold storage
- Purchased new Caterpillar grader and New Holland disc mower

### Proposed Road Projects: 2021

- Slope repair on Common St
- Soft spots repair on 62nd St
- Continue with frost boil repair using drain tile and/or sand
- 850 tons of granite on Swede Lake Rd from Buck Lake Rd east to county line
- 500 tons of granite on 32nd St
- 3,000 yards of class-5 gravel to cover roughly 4-5 miles of various roads

## Mumford Sanitation Recycling Service



The Township provides a free **recycling service to residents** through Mumford Sanitation. The 5 year contract started in March 2018. The Township receives a county grant to cover a portion of the cost.

**Recycle pick-up is every other Thursday.** Residents recycled 65 tons in 2020. Approximately 365 out of 500 households have taken advantage of the recycling service. **If you'd like to participate and receive a 65 gallon cart, contact Wayne Hubin 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.

**Plastic bags are NOT recyclable through this service.** For more information on approved recycling items, contact Mumford Sanitation at 320.543.3601 (toll-free 800.490.3601) or mumfordsanitation@gmail.com.

## MAT Scholarships for High School Juniors – May 1 Deadline

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is awarding \$2,000 scholarships to up to five juniors that plan to further their education at a college, university, or vocational school. Students can apply by visiting [www.mntownships.org](http://www.mntownships.org) and submitting their application and essay.

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### Right-of-Way Reminders

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. Tilling and planting (including crops, trees, shrubs) within the road right-of-way can cause erosion, roadbed damage, and interfere with drainage.

**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

**Annual burn permits are \$5** and available by calling Si Tesch at 952.955.1120 or 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 the personal property of the homeowner and allowed in the road right-of-way. To help reduce your liability, install a swing-away mailbox support that meets crash test approval. The Township will purchase and install for a **fee of \$75**. For more information, contact Barry Fritzke at 952.955.2446 or [watertowntownship@gmail.com](mailto:watertowntownship@gmail.com).