



# Watertown Township

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## Important Dates

### Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm

### Monthly Board Meetings at 7pm

*Residents are always welcome!*

Monday, March 6

Monday, April 3

Monday, May 1

Monday, June 5

Monday, July 10

Monday, August 7

Tuesday, September 5

Monday, October 2

Monday, November 6

Monday, December 4

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Monday, February 5, 2024

### Meetings will be held in-person at the Township Hall and online via Zoom.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j>

Meeting ID: 952 955 2446

Passcode: 55388

Audio only: 1.312.626.6799



## Watertown Township Hall & Shop

3580 CR 10 North  
Watertown, MN 55388

952.955.2446

[watertowntownship@gmail.com](mailto:watertowntownship@gmail.com)

Chairman	Scott Hoese	952.693.6645
Supervisors	Jerry Bruner	612.803.1699
	Kathy McCann	952.200.4604
Treasurer	Stephanie Coe	
Deputy Treasurer	Seth Quiggle	
Clerk	Wayne Hubin	612.309.3996
Deputy Clerk	Ann Bruner	
Maintenance	Barry Fritzke	952.955.2446

## Carver County

[www.co.carver.mn.us](http://www.co.carver.mn.us)

952.361.1500

## MAT Scholarships for High School Juniors

### June 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.

## Annual Meeting: Tuesday, March 15 at 7pm

### Agenda

- 2022 Financial Statement
- Set 2023 Levy
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
- Contracts: Fire Protection, Recycling
- Road Maintenance and 2023 Projects
- Completed Capital Outlay: Tractor, Entry Doors to Shop and Hall, Flag Pole
- Potential Capital Outlay: Replacement of 2007 Mach dump truck in 2024 or 2025, flat-bed trailer
- Resident Reminders: Solar Ordinance, County Road Construction, Right-of-Way, Burn Permits, Mailbox Supports

### 2022 End of Year Financial Update

<b>Beginning Total Balance</b>	<b>\$668,378.83</b>
Checking Account	\$340,062.73
Investment Accounts	\$328,316.10
<b>Ending Total Balance</b>	<b>714,571.79</b>
Checking Account	\$378,078.02
Investment Accounts	\$336,493.77

**Investment account** is held at Bremer Bank offering a 1.00% APY (opened 3/13/2019 with an interest rate of 2.39%)

**Checking account** is held at Bremer Bank offering a 0.2% APY

### 2023 Proposed Levy: \$373,000

The Township Board proposes no change from 2022 (levy set at \$373,000). The levy has remained unchanged since 2016.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$97,000</b>
<b>Road &amp; Bridge</b>	<b>\$276,000</b>
Base Road Maint.	\$91,000
Dust Coating	\$85,000
Road Projects	\$100,000

### American Rescue Plan Act Funds



The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The **Township received roughly \$136,000** to assist in our COVID-19 response; and has until 2026 to use the funds or give back to the government.

In 2021, the Township used \$10,000 for the initial deposit to the audio and video conferencing system.

Throughout 2022, \$63,000 was utilized for the remaining balance on the audio and video conferencing system, security system install, new entry door to the Shop, handicap accessible entry door to the Hall, flag pole, and the engineering fees for the Quarry Ave road project with the Watertown-Mayer School District.

**The Township has \$63,000 in remaining funds.**

**Note that no resident levy money is being used for these projects.**



## New Tractor: 2022 JD 5075E



The Township purchased a new tractor, a 2022 John Deere 5075E with 75 hp. The John Deere tractor replaced a 2003 Case IH JX75 with 2,500 hours. The price of the new tractor was \$27,739 after trade-in.

## Right of Way Reminder

It is **unlawful to perform unauthorized work (tilling, planting) within a road right-of-way, as well as, to deposit snow, or other debris on or next to a public highway or street** per MN Statute 160.2715 and Watertown Township Ordinance.

## Mumford Sanitation Recycling Service



The Township provides a free **recycling service to residents** through Mumford Sanitation. The 5 year contract started in March 2018 and will be renewed in March 2023. The Township receives a county grant to cover a portion of the cost. **If you'd like to participate and receive a 65 gallon cart, contact Wayne Hubin or Barry Fritzke at 952.955.2446.**

**Recycle pick-up is every other Thursday.**

**See the recycling insert for approved items and calendar.**

## Township Road Projects

**Completed in 2022:** Paved Quarry Ave (by school); replaced culvert aprons and extensions; repaired Swede Lake Rd frost boil; filled Oxford and County Rd 24 transitions to match up with County Road Project; hauled 1,200 tons of granite (32nd

St, Common St, Township Shop pile) and 2,700 yards of class 5 gravel (various roads)

**Proposed for 2023:** Granite east end of Swede Lake Rd; tile Swede Lake Rd; tile 62nd St; replace Rose Ave bridge

## Meet Your Newest Supervisor: Kathy McCann



Kathy McCann has been a resident of Watertown Township for 42 years. In 1980, her family bought the "Harold Dressel Farm" on Swede Lake Road, and she began practicing family dentistry in Watertown. Kathy retired from her dental practice 3 years ago, and loved her 40+ years of business ownership. Kathy has a heart for supporting our farming industry, and preserving the beautiful woods and fields of Watertown Township. Her long career as a business owner in our community and her understanding of fiscal duties will benefit our Township Board. Watertown Township is a slice of heaven on earth, and Kathy hopes to serve its residents with care and respect for our rural community.



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### **Resident Reminders**

#### **Burn Permits**

**Annual burn permits are \$5** and available online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/burningpermits> or by calling the Barry Fritzke or Wayne Hubin at 952.955.2446. Residents must call the number on the form prior to burning on that particular day.

#### **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. 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).

#### **Watertown Township Zoning Ordinance 6-2021-I for Solar Gardens**

The purpose of the ordinance is to ensure that all solar garden development be placed and operated only upon owner occupied land. All solar garden proposals must be submitted to the Township Board and Township Planning Committee for review and determination of its applicability. For more information, contact Wayne Hubin at 952.955.2446.