

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023
7:00pm**

The Watertown Township Board met on the above date for a regular board meeting to audit and allow orders, and to transact any business to come before it.

Present were Scott Hoes, Jerry Bruner, Kathy McCann (via zoom), Barry Fritzke, Stephanie Coe. and Wayne Hubin

Visitors: John Quam

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Hoes at 7 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Scott Hoes and seconded by Jerry Bruner. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Oct 2nd regular board meeting were reviewed, and a motion to approve as written was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of 10/31/2023 equaled \$5,971.21, and total disbursements of \$60,449.67, giving an ending balance of \$243,307.97. Investment balance equaled \$338,357.06, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$581,665.03.

A motion to approve the Treasurer report to approve was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoes. Motion carried.

New Business

Oxford Ave (north section) name change proposal. A proposal to change the name of this section of Oxford Ave to Brian Way in memoriam of late resident Brian Kuntz, was submitted via email by Clair Roth.

Following review and discussion of this proposal the Board decided to deny for the following reasons:

1. The County does not support this change proposal.
2. There are 3 sections of Oxford Ave within our township, separated by lakes or wetland, all on the same longitude, thus the Bd would not consider a change of one section to something other than an Avenue.
3. The disruption to neighbors on this section of road, having to make an address change to all incoming mail, as well as legal documents, drivers licenses, and passports.
4. Approval of the name change per your proposal would set a difficult long-term precedent, as for practical purposes, The Twp Board does not want township roadways broken up into privately named sections.

Motion to deny was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoes. Motion carried.

Fire protection expense for 2024.

Review of the proposed costs from City of Watertown, St. Boni, and Mayer was completed, and following discussion a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoes, to accept

the proposals of the three city fire depts which will raise the township's per parcel costs from \$253 to \$272 per year. Motion carried.

A letter supporting the county grant request for the upgrade of County Rd 27 was reviewed and discussed. Following by a motion of Jerry Bruner and a second by Kathy McCann, motion carried.

The timing of the annual twp newsletter was discussed and the determination was made to continue with normal schedule of mailing in late Feb 2024 prior to the TWP Annual Meeting, vs. a fiscal year plan of December of 2023.

Old Business

Quarry Ave.....Bolten and Menk engineering firm submitted final punch list item costs and a final project signoff document. Final punch list costs will be reimbursed by MnDOT.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Scott Hoes and seconded by Jerry Bruner to make the final payment and sign the project completion document.
Motion carried.

Township Website.....Committee members Kathy McCann and Wayne Hubin will be meeting with a web site developer on Nov 9.

Also at least two other developers will be contacted to confirm typical content possibilities and preferences, as well as cost.

More information to follow at upcoming meetings.

Building Permits

Larry Davis... 4215 Cnty Rd 10N, home addition \$282K

Dan Reece... 11060 Swede Lake Rd, storage building \$97K

Zach Luebke....14155 Common St, in ground pool \$80K

Twelve miscellaneous

Barry's Road/Site Report

Replacement of weathered road signs (60) is in progress, with 20 completed. Unfortunately one on Wood Hill Road has been stolen. A change to theft resistant mounting hardware will be made.

The new plow truck will be officially ordered in November to enable a second quarter, 2024 start date. All accessory related changes have been documented and confirmed.

Tree trimming is scheduled with the help of a subcontractor for three days of Nov.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #13918-13922, and payroll pay orders #113827, 13828 and 14312, 14313 and tax pay orders, PERA 11-23, USTR 11-23, was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoes. Motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, Chair Scott Hoes adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wyne Hubin

Clerk of Watertown Township

Chairman Scott Hoese_____

Clerk Wayne Hubin_____