

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Sept 5, 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 Hoese, Jerry Bruner, Wayne Hubin, Barry Fritzke, and Stephanie Coe.

Visitors: Mike Humbert, Seth Quiggle, Larry Oberender, and John Quam

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Hoese 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 Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoese. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Aug 7 regular board meeting were reviewed, and a motion to approve as written was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoese. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of 8/31/2023 equaled \$2,452.25, and total disbursements of \$14,208.32, giving an ending balance of \$348,156.87. Investment balance equaled \$338,126.13, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$686,283.00.

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

New Business

A liquor license renewal requests were submitted by Luce Line Orchard, and Timber Creek Golf Course along with checks for the annual renewal fee of \$300. A motion to approve was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoese. Motion carried.

Mike Humbert of 12790 58th St appeared before the Bd to review a plan to subdivide the current 100 acre property into two parcels of 20 acres and 80 acres, with the intention of selling the 80 acre parcel including one building eligibility. No twp bd action needed at this time.

Also noted is the presence of a mobile home on this site that the owner has committed to remove at the time of or before of the land sale.

2024 levy....A proposed levy of \$373,000 made up of \$97,000 Revenue, and \$276,000 Road and Bridge was reviewed, and following discussion a motion to approve the levy as proposed was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoese. Motion carried.

Note: this levy has remained unchanged since 2016.

Also a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoese approve Resolution 9-23 regarding the above. Motion carried.

It was also noted that publication on the township's web site of the proposed levy is now required by a 2023 revision to MN Statute 275.065 sub div 3. Currently the township doesn't have a web site.

Discussion followed about the near term absoluteness of this statute revision and whether we should begin to check out the options for establishment of a township website. The clerk will research options and make info available for the Oct bd mtng.

LRIP...(local roads improvement program) A short discussion regarding state funds (\$102M) that are available and whether or not we have any road projects that could be considered. Non come to mind at the moment, but this item will remain open for consideration.

Old Business

None.

Building Permits

Three misc, demo, windows, H-VAC, fireplace, deck, septic

New home (\$482,000), Nicklaus Reece, 11060 Swede Lake Rd

Accessory building, Jason Pawelk, 3410 County Rd 10

Barry's Road/Site Report

Roadway dust coating of the remaining 3 miles was completed.

Replacement road signs have been received.

Planned road ditch cleaning and culvert replacements have been completed.

Tree trimming will be contracted this season to Tom Van Dehn.

City of Watertown seal coat sweepings (15 lds) were delivered at a cost of \$125 a load, for winter road traction application. This is significant savings over the chip material that has been used in the past.

Additional granite (1300 to 1500 tons) will be put down in Oct on the east mile of Swede lake Rd, and Quass Ave between 46th and 50th St. A std product will be used vs a slightly less expensive product that contains some larger sized content.
Dust coating on these 2 areas will follow.

Cost of the options items (plow, sander, wing, etc) for the new plow truck on order were reviewed and some minor changes were made that will decrease the option costs from \$161k to \$152k.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #13692 - 13693 and 13900 - 13905, payroll, pay orders #13824 - 13826, and tax pay orders, PERA 09-23, USTR 09-23, and State of MN Quarterly Withholding, MN Q3 2023, was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Scott Hoese.
Motion carried.

Chair Scott Hoese adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin

Clerk of Watertown Township

Chairman Scott Hoese_____

Clerk Wayne Hubin_____