

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Nov 3, 2025
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: Scott Hoes, Kathy McCann, Jerry Bruner, Stephanie Coe, Barry Fritzke, Seth Quiggle, and Wayne Hubin

Visitors: Larry Oberender

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Hoes at 7:00 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 Kathy McCann.

Motion carried.

The minutes of the Oct 6, 2025 regular board meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve as written was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of October 31, 2025 equaled \$105,625.48 (includes \$100k transfer in from investments) and total disbursements of \$79,904.24 giving an ending balance of \$101,900.83 and an investment balance of \$263,497.06, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$365,397.89.

A motion to approve the Treasurer report was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner.

Motion carried.

New Business

Fire Protection assessment..... Details of this item were discussed including the overall increase of 2.9% in cost.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner to approve the resolution of the Town of Watertown special level certification for 2026 to be \$303.00 per parcel on a total of 540 parcels for a total assessment of \$162,373.

Motion carried.

A review of the meeting with the County Planning and Land Management groups was provided by the Chair and Clerk.

Results of this meeting were that county will retain control of the permitting of any solar energy system, large IUP, that falls within their ordinance jurisdictions. Also, any organization wishing to make application for a solar energy system, large will now be initially directed to the Township and it's application process, and following, to the county and their formal application process as needed.

Additionally, the County requested the Township develop a solar energy system ordinance paragraph to be placed in the Township's chapter of the Carver County 2040 Comp Plan.

This paragraph will be developed and forwarded to the County by Jan 1, 2026.

An example of a Township's Interim Use Permit (IUP) solar app form was reviewed, and several changes were recommended.

The revised form will be brought to the December board meeting for review and potential approval.

Applications for funding via a state local bridge improvement program can now be made by townships for local small bridge replacements.

Following discussion there was consensus that the one bridge on Hainlin Drive is in good condition, plus it is on a dead end road that would not have traffic levels warranting a bridge replacement via this program at this time, thus no application action will be taken.

Old Business

As follow up to the discussion of previous months regarding the current annexation agreement with the City of Mayer, the TWP awaits their development of proposed changes to the per acre reimbursement language so that it matches the agreement the Township has with the City of Watertown.

This item will be addressed in the Dec 1st Bd mtng.

Township web site....it has been noted that the state has initiated legislation requiring all government agencies utilizing websites change naming to an official ".gov" domain ID.

The Township Treasure has completed this requirement.

Minnesota paid leave law..... All the details surrounding this legislation are not yet complete, however following discussion relating to any expense resulting from the paid leave, a motion was made by Scott Hoese and seconded by Kathy McCann for the township to pick up this total cost vs having employees sharing 50/50. Annual cost to the township is expected to be less than \$1,000 annually. Motion carried.

Informational Items

The clerk provided a review of a tour of the Waite Park Martin Marietta granite quarry.

This organization provides crushed granite road surface materials to the Township.

During the course of this tour, it was recommended that the Township consider the use of fill stone versus Class 2 granite the township currently utilizes, in that there is an \$8.60/ton cost savings difference.

It was noted this organization has enough mineable materials to last at least 50 years based on the 2 million tons shipped annually.

Also.....future tours will be scheduled on an annual basis.

Discussion was had regarding the Eugene Sweet farm that was recently purchased by the Buttenhoff family, and whether or not the sectioning of it is an actual county controlled and permitted development.

It is noted the Buttenhoff family has purchased a number of building eligibilities, and is going through the approval processes with the county to enable family members to build houses on this property. It is not considered a housing development.

Building Permits

None

Road, Building and Site Reports

The annual DOT inspection on the new dump truck has been completed.

Road ditch mowing has been completed.

Front tires on the John Deere tractor have been replaced due to excessive wear, and sidewall cut in one tire.

Mail boxes currently located on County Road 10 near the junction of Snicker Lane. will be moved to the township section of Snicker Lane as a safety measure for residents picking up mail at that location.

Discussion was had on the use of fieldstone versus Class 2 granite. This topic will be taken up again in the early spring.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15120 - 15111, payroll, and tax pay orders, PERA 11-25, USTR 11-25 was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner.

Motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Scott Hoesse at 8:05 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Board Chair Scott Hoesse_____

Attested by Clerk Wayne Hubin_____