

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
October 6, 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, and Wayne Hubin

Visitors: Larry Oberender, John Quam, Seth Quiggle

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 Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner.

Motion carried.

The minutes of the Sept 2, 2025 regular board meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve as written was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of Sept 1, 2025 equaled \$1,735.52 and total disbursements of \$22,920.83 giving an ending balance of \$79,179.59 and an investment balance of \$362,583.72, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$438,773.31.

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

New Business

Resident Barb Dale of 2650 Speckle Lane requested in writing that a no parking sign be erected at the junction of this address and the Luce Line Trail, as people utilizing the trail are parking along the roadside and causing possible congestion in this area for emergency vehicles.

Following discussion there was consensus that the Township purchase and install the appropriate signage in this location.

The City of St Boni requested that the fire relief per year of service benefit be changed upward from \$6,350 to \$7,100.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Scott Hoes and seconded by Kathy McCann to approve this change request. Motion carried.

The annexation agreement between the City of Watertown and Watertown Township calls for a liaison person from the Township.

A position description for this role was developed for review by the Township Board. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to approve this role description. Motion carried.

The Carver County Planning and Water Management group has requested a meeting to review our chapter of the 2040 county comp plan and to make the necessary revisions to the Township's solar ordinance language therein, to make certain it is in concert with the county's nomenclature defining solar installations, and to update the township chapter of the 2040 Comp Plan. A meeting will be scheduled with the county planning group for that purpose in October.

The State of Minnesota has a road improvement program called LRIP which makes grant money is available periodically for specific road improvements. Applications are currently being taken.

Following discussion there was consensus that the Township does not have a need in this specific area at this point in time.

Old Business

As follow up to the discussion last month on the current annexation agreement with the City of Mayer and further conversations, it is noted that the city administrator and city planner will develop proposed changes to the per acre reimbursement language so that it matches with the agreement that the Township has with the city of Watertown. This item will be addressed again in the Nov mtng.

Annexation reimbursementA resolution was presented for review In the September meeting to adjust the Townships's per acre annexation rate from \$875 per acre to \$946 per acre as per the method driven by the medium price home sale index of Carver County which is monitored by SPAAR (Saint Paul area Association of Realtors). Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann approve this adjustment resolution. Motion carried.

Township web site....it has been noted that the state has initiated legislation requiring all government agencies utilizing websites change to an official ".gov" domain ID. The Twp Treasure has completed this requirement.

Minnesota paid leave law..... All the details surrounding this legislation are not yet complete, however following the discussion relating to any expense resulting from the paid leave, a motion was made by Scott Hoese and seconded by Kathy McCann for the TWP to pick up this total cost vs having employees sharing 50/50. Motion carried

Informational Items

Carver County environmental services open house scheduled for October 14th 10:00 to 1:00 PM.

Two driveway permits have been issued to Joe Battenhoff on Oxford Ave. for future new home construction.

Building Permits

Eleven total... one reroof, 1 reef side, one solar panel installation, one exterior building remodeled, one new storage building at 2170 County Road 27 and one new house at 10480 Swede Lake Rd.

Road, Building and Site Reports

A total of 1,000 tons of granite road surface material has been applied on one mile of Swede Lake Road and a section of Quass Avenue.

Road ditch mowing ongoing.

Several culvert replacements are scheduled for the October, November time frame.

Vacation Is scheduled for October 14 through 16.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15114 - 15119, payroll, and tax pay orders, PERA 10-25, USTR 10-25 was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann. Motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Scott Hoesel at 7:45PM

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Board Chair Scott Hoesel_____

Attested by Clerk Wayne Hubin_____