

Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2026
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, Barry Fritzke, Stephanie Coe, and Wayne Hubin

Visitors: Seth Quiggle, John Quam, David Hedt, Logan Penegor, John and Andrea Hebeisen, Eric and Erica Hoes, and Joe White.

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 as written was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner.

Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 4, 2026 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 May 31, 2026 equaled \$1465.80 and total disbursements were \$68,802.71 giving an ending balance of \$155,546.60, and an investment balance of \$242,558.95, therefore a grand total balance of \$398,105.55. A motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner.

Motion carried.

New Business

Erica Hoes appeared before the Board requesting a positive recommendation on an IUP request for a small business relating to physical therapy located on their 5650 Polk Ave property.

Following discussion, a motion to approve was made by Jerry Bruner, and seconded by Kathy McCann.

Motion carried.

Resident David Heldt appeared before the Board to complain about infringement of a driveway planned for property located at 2590 Navajo Ave, adjacent to property located at 2530 Navajo Ave, owned by his daughter, Jodene Heldt. After extensive discussion regarding ROW, easements, and related issues, the Board agreed that the two property owners should meet on-site with excavating contractor Steve Burns to determine a suitable solution. The matter will be taken up again in the July meeting to confirm resolution.

Joe White appeared before the Board requesting a recommendation for a mining IUP amendment relative to the mining of sand on parcel 10.0311420, Luebke property.

The amendment provides for enlargement of the perimeter space to temporarily store topsoil during the mining process. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to approve and provide a positive recommendation. Motion carried.

Carver County Assn of Townships meeting is scheduled for July 15. The Board recommends the following three items be brought forth for discussion at this meeting.

- Data Center development..... the county should be managing this potential?
- Conducting a presentation of how annual tax levy monies are distributed.....county and state, to the townships.
- Better understanding of the county assessor's justification for the 9 plus percent increase in assessment costs after a 5 + increase last year.

Old Business

Data centers.....this item and the potential of one of these systems being proposed for placement in our township was discussed for a second time. There was discussion of the Board that while in the present day, this potential is probably quite remote, the need for some type of controlling ordinance might be advisable. Final consensus was that this item of concern be brought to the Carver County Assn of Townships for discussion, along with a possible recommendation that the County take the role of managing this type of development overall.

Annual \$ levy accounting..... following up on discussion on why there seems to be a shortfall every year when comparing the tax levy to the actual amount received, after more research it was learned the Township is eventually receiving all the monies levied but in a variety of forms and timeframes from the county and the state. The Treasurer will bring a final summary to the July bd mtng.

Informational items

Building Permits

New home construction at 10935 Oak Shore Trail, Michael Gould (\$3.5M)
Two miscwindow, siding replacement.

Road, Building and Site Reports

Oxford Ave (south) ...9 beaver were professionally removed from an area of water drainage to eliminate continued beaver activity blocking a road culvert.
Cost \$1750.

There is yet an issue with Metronet who while installing fiber optics, damaged the culvert, which caused rushing water and subsequent beaver damming activity. The township will contact Metronet for additional action and potential reimbursement.

Dust coating has been completed on all through roads, with dead ends to be completed by mid June.

Road side mowing to begin early June.

Township site ash trees.....it is noted the township has 18 ash trees on this property that are in need of removal at some point in time due to ash borer activity.

Barry will handle this process.

Mn Topsoils will accept the wood for processing at no cost to the Township.

Vacation planned for June 12-21.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15165 - 15171, payroll #15438-40, and tax pay orders, PERA 6-26, USTR 6-26 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 Hoes at 8:45 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Board Chair Scott Hoes

Clerk: *Wayne Hubin*

