

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
September 2, 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, Barry Fritzke, Stephanie Coe (remote), and Wayne Hubin

Absent: Jerry Bruner

Visitors: Larry Oberender, Dave and Nancy Dibb, Carter Nelson, Mike Wandersee

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 Scott Hoes.

Motion carried.

The minutes of the Aug 3, 2025 regular board meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve as written was made by Scott Hoes and seconded by Kathy McCann. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Receipts for the month as of August1, 2025 equaled \$2,591.58 and total disbursements of \$21,876.83 giving an ending balance of \$97,361.94 and an investment balance of \$361,549.68, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$458,911.62.

A motion to approve the Treasurer report was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Scott Hoes.

Motion carried.

New Business

David Dibb, of 4550 Quass Ave came before the Board to provide information (not a complaint) regarding a next door neighbor, at 4520 Quass Ave, who has allowed lawn and tree growth to go untended for several years. The result is noxious, invasive weeds, and tree growth extending into the 4550 Quass property.

Mr. Dibb requested ideas from the Board as to how he might go about to remedy, and resolve the issue in the future, with a neighbor who seems not interested in communicating.

Mr. Dibb was heard, and it was recommended he share his concerns with relative county groups, but no formal action was taken by the Board.

Carter Nelson, resident, appeared before the Board to request what the Board's attitude would be toward placing a cluster of rental storage units in the township, and if favorable, where might be a recommended location. Following discussion property in the Hwy 7 and County Road 10 junction area was suggested, as this has high traffic, and traffic circle lighting.

No recommendation was made nor was formal action taken by the Board.

A formal levy resolution regarding the 2026 levy of \$373,000. required by the County was reviewed and a motion was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Scott Hoeser sign a formal resolution. Motion carried..

Information regarding the annexation agreement, and specifically the per acre reimbursement rate with the City of Mayer was brought to the Board following a meeting with the Mayer City Administrator and the City Planner.

The current agreement initiated in 2008 has different provisions for residential, and commercial property.

Property annexed into the city for residential purposes has a one time per acre provision for tax reimbursement, and property being annexed into the city for commercial purposes utilizes a process of having 40% of the assessed taxes being paid to the Township each year for a period of 20 years.

This commercial property provision seems cumbersome to both parties, thus the thought is to provide a recommendation to the City of Mayor to modify the agreement using a one time, per acre figure for all property annexed into the City of Mayer.

The Clerk will proceed with providing this information to the Mayer City Administrator.

Also a resolution was presented for review, setting the 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).

This item to be taken up in the October Board meeting.

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. Ideally this is to be completed by June 1, 2026.

The Treasurer and Clerk will proceed with the necessary application.

A resident request for (slow, children at play) signage at 11510 Swede Lake Road was presented. Following there was consensus that the resident should put up their own preferred signage as the Township does not wish to create precedence for various resident specific signage requests.

Minnesota paid leave law..... No additional information was available at this date.

This item will be reviewed again in the October meeting.

Other Informational Items

Legal per hour rate change. See that the per hour rate for general legal work by Couri and Ruppi has now been set at \$285 per hour.

Building Permits

Two misc....rewindow, and septic replacement.

Also a new storage building at Luce Line Orchard, and a building demolition at 4665 County Road 10.

Road, Building and Site Reports

Western Star dump truck oil leak..... required a replacement of the oil pan and breather.
Chevrolet 1 ton required an exhaust pipe replacement.

Granite road surface material is being put down on a 1 mile section of Swede Lake Rd, and a section of Quass Ave.

Road ditch mowing ongoing.

New cutting edges for the grader have been ordered.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15109 - 15113, payroll, and tax pay orders, PERA 09/25, USTR 09/25 was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Scott Hoese. Motion carried.

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

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Board Chair Scott Hoese_____

Attested by Clerk Wayne Hubin_____