

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2024
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 Hoes, Jerry Bruner, Kathy McCann, Barry Fritzke, Stephanie Coe, and Ann Bruner.

Visitors: Mike Wandersee, Seth Quiggle, Larry Oberander, Todd Hoerter, Jennifer Ray, Allen Chapman, John Quam and Deb Rockney

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 August 5, 2024 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 08/27/2024 equaled \$6,474.52 and total disbursements of \$109,560.40, giving an ending balance of \$215,076.60, and an investment balance of \$496,538.07, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$711,614.67.

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

New Business

Resolution # 9-2014 designation of Town of Watertown Final Levy Certification payable 2025 for a total of \$373,000 was confirmed and a motion was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann to approve.
Motion carried.

A Carver County District Court Judgment accepted and approved that the November General Election incumbent names for Supervisor B and C, and Treasurer are to be added to the General Election Ballot. An email noting that information was forwarded to the Carver County Elections, and we await a reply from Kendra Olson at Carver County Elections confirming that the ballot will reflect the District Court Judgement.

Todd Hoerter came before the Board to request supervisor agreement of Recommendation Form approval to add a .67 acre plot to his existing homesite of .46 acre at C R 23. The .67 acre plot is owned by Carver County. Mr. Hoerter needs the plot in order to add a septic system in the future. A motion was made by Jerry Bruner, second by Kathy McCann to recommend approval. Motion approved. Scott Hoes signed the form and Mr. Hoerter took the original to present to the County staff.

Deb Rockney from Hutchinson Road requested help with a ditch issue. Deb had a permit a few years ago to clean the private ditch on her property from Hutchinson Road to Hwy 25. Since then, the ditch (Mapes Creek) that passes under Hwy 25, then past the Watertown Mayer High School and ending at Crow River close to the city sanitation center seems to be blocked, thus her ditch no longer drains her property. Supervisors

recommended that Deb start a conversation with Carver County Soil and Water as this is within their jurisdiction.

Jennifer Ray, a resident of Carver County, reviewed her understanding of the need for changes to the absentee ballot procedures in Carver County on Election Day. It is her thought that there should be 30 people on a Ballot Board and the people should be evenly split between Republicans and Democrats. To her knowledge that is not done at Carver County. Instead, employees are utilized. Also, on Election night when absentee ballots are run through the ballot machine, just two employees handle the process. Jennifer feels that there should be two (at least) non-employees that are part of the Ballot Board and are certified as one Democrat and one Republican.

The information submitted by Jennifer was noted for informational purposes. No recommendations were made by the board as this is not a township issue.

Old Business

It was the township's intention to sell the current Mack snow plow truck independently, however a significant maintenance issue has arisen regarding a small hole that has developed in the lower region of the engine block, thus allowing oil to leak.

Given this new development, Western Star dealer has refused to take the truck in trade.

Preliminary costs for an engine replacement are in the range of \$39K. This business was tabled until October meeting.

New Truck chassis insurance has been initiated with MATIT.

The decision to purchase a new truck warranty tabled until October meeting.

The Rose Avenue Bridge railing quote to \$20,000 was deemed excessive. Kathy McCann will get a quote from Sterling Fence to reflect a black vinyl 4 foot high fence.

Another suggestion was to wait for a neighbor of the bridge area to make a complaint about the fence.

Other

The MAT Legislative and Research Committee will be held on Friday September 13 at the Holiday Inn at 75 37th Ave S St Cloud MN. Interested officers can attend but registration is required.

Building Permits

New home, Eric Barber 11745 Harlee Court Waconia MN 55387.

5 other Misc permits

Barry's Road, Building and Site Report

The wood chipper, co-owned with Laketown Township, was in need of repairs. Laketown Township did pay the repair bill as they have been the majority user in the past year.

Five loads of sanding chips have been delivered.

Quarry Ave pavement striping was completed on August 13.

Jeff Richard's driveway on Swede Lake Road required a culvert replacement.

Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15015-15022, and tax pay orders, PERA 09-24, USTR 09-24 and Quarterly Mn TAX 09-14, was made by Jerry Bruner and seconded by Kathy McCann. Motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, Chair Scott Hoese adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by Ann Bruner, Deputy Clerk of Watertown Township

