

**Watertown Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
August 4, 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 were Scott Hoese, Jerry Bruner, Kathy McCann, Barry Fritzke, Stephanie Coe (remote), and Wayne Hubin

Visitors: Connor Schrempp, Larry Oberender, John Quam, and Seth Quiggle (remote)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Hoese 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 July 7, 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 July, 2025 equaled \$94,404.70 and total disbursements of \$205,497.49 giving an ending balance of \$111,789.16 and an investment balance of \$360,497.62, therefore giving a grand total balance of \$472,286.78.

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

Motion carried.

New Business

Conner Schrempp, representing Alex Atkins, appeared before the board to request a home construction septic system location recommendation variance at 10480 Swede lake Road, requiring the septic drain field to be placed on a separate, owned parcel adjacent to the home construction parcel.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner to provide an approval recommendation for this request. Motion carried.

Applications for full year annual liquor licenses of Luce Line Orchard, B's on the River, and Timber Creek Golf Course were received. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner to approve these applications. Motion carried.

The 2025 Fire Protection contract with city of Watertown was reviewed and following discussion a motion was made by Kathy McCann and seconded by Jerry Bruner to approve as written. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the per acre reimbursement rate with the City of Watertown, which is driven by the medium price home sale index of Carver County which is monitored by SPAAR (Saint Paul area Association of Realtors).

Our TWP current rate is \$875 per acre and based on the new index, should be increased to \$925 per acre. No action was taken on this item as the Chair requested also a review of the current reimbursement process with the City of Mayer at the September board meeting.

Old Business

Minnesota paid leave law.....The Treasurer provided additional information regarding employee coverage for this type of leave which will now include all employees of the Township, part-time employees, and election judges.

There remains an open question with the State of Minnesota relative to whether a Township is considered a small business or not.

This paid leave law will go into effect January 1 of 2026, with payments beginning in April of 2026. The Township has the option of covering the total cost of this paid leave expense or sharing it 50/50 with employees.

More information will be made available for the September board meeting

Other Informational Items

New Township hall windows are in place.

The Township grader will be brought to the Watertown Mayor Community Learning Center vehicle fair if schedule allows.

Building Permits

None

Road, Building and Site Reports

Western Star truck oil leak.....to be repaired under warranty.

Chevrolet 1 ton required an exhaust pipe replacement.

Regraveling washout areas.

Granite road surface material to be delivered in August.

Four loads of granite chips for winter road surface use were received from the City of Watertown for a cost of \$200 per load.

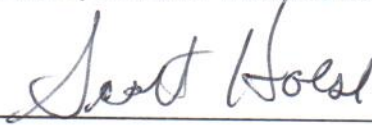
Payorders

A motion to approve authorization of current pay orders #15104 - 15107, payroll, and tax pay orders, PERA 08/25, USTR 08/25 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 Hoese at 7:40PM

Minutes submitted by Wayne Hubin, Clerk of Watertown Township

Board Chair Scott Hoese



Attested by Clerk Wayne Hubin

