

**WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 2024 – 7:00 pm**

The regular monthly Watab Township Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Arndt at 7:00 pm in the Watab Township Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Jesse Arndt, Julie Johnson, Steve Wollak, Kathy Sauer, Clerk, Mary Shearer, Treasurer

Others Present: Donna Schlichting, Kris Shefveland, Justin Demenge, Robin Wollak, Paul Wippler, Cooper Gehrman

**1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**2. APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the agenda; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA—One motion for all items**

- a. July 9, 2024: Regular Monthly Meeting
- b. July 19, 2024: Special Meeting: Preconstruction Meeting

Supervisor Wollak moved to approve the consent agenda; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

**4. TREASURER’S REPORT**

- a. July 2024 Month End

**FALCON CHECKING STATEMENT**

July 31, 2024:

Ending Balance .....	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
Outstanding Deposits.....	<u>+00.00</u>
	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
Outstanding Checks.....	\$4,048.15
<b>BALANCE</b> .....	<b>\$95,151.85</b>

CTAS Schedule 1 Balance.....**\$95,951.85**

Difference .....\$0.00

**CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES:**

- Intrafi.....\$596,903.42
- Checking Account.....\$95,951.85
- Road and Bridge .....\$67,013.55
- Town Hall Savings.....\$19,264.38
- Bond Value .....\$1,109,117.84

**Notes:**

- Checking Account Interest ..... \$00.00
- Road & Bridge Savings Interest ..... \$25.53
- Town Hall Building Savings Interest ..... \$7.34
- Intrafi Interest ..... \$1,585.97
- BCA Fine Share ..... \$73.32

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

**5. APPROVE LIST OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

Receipts for the month of July ..... \$1,861,796.85  
Disbursements for the month of July ..... \$1,865,820.00

**EFT Payments:**

Internal Revenue Service..... \$980.18  
Public Employee Retirement ..... \$189.92

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the List of Claims, Payroll and EFT payments while holding the retainage payment to OMG Midwest until work has been completed; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

**6. WSB ENGINEER REPORT—Kevin Kruger**

- a. Shoestring Loop/95<sup>th</sup> Street NW Update  
Stripping off gravel today. Weekly meetings begin tomorrow. Despite the rain, work is on schedule and should be completed on time.

**7. 2025/2026/2027 ROAD CONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION**

Must reanalyze financial position going forward now that the bond has been spent.

- West Lake Road—dependent on grant.
- 105<sup>th</sup> from West Lake Road to Highway 10.
- Burton Court/Burton Place/Ivy
- 100<sup>th</sup> Street NE

Kevin pointed out that overlays should take priority over reconstruction to maintain road conditions. Possible candidates for overlays are: Jasmine Loop, Roseanna Beach, Hemlock, Hawthorne, 107<sup>th</sup> Street NW; 108<sup>th</sup> Street NW; 109<sup>th</sup> Street NW, and Deerwood Street NW.

Kevin will bring cost estimates for 105<sup>th</sup> Street NW, check on overlays; get cost estimates for Burton and Ivy, 100<sup>th</sup> Street NW, and Oak Court.

**8. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS**

None

**9. RICE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT**

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to accept the Rice Fire Contract; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

**10. BOND REPORT**

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to move \$150,000 from the Ehler’s account to the Falcon Checking account for Road and Bridge expenses; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

**11. ARPA FUNDS**

Funds must be spent or earmarked by December 31, 2024. Balance of funds is approximately \$80,000. The Clerk asked for input on spending the balance of the funds before the end of the year or identifying expenditures to be earmarked for next year.

Suggestions were: 10” tablet for MS4 program; electric chain saw; fireproof filing cabinets; storage shed.

The Board will give further thought to needs.

**12. TREASURER RESIGNATION**

Mary announced that she will be resigning as of October 15, 2024. Mary has done an exemplary job. The Board thanked her for her valuable service and wished her well.

**CITIZEN’S INPUT**

- Justin Demenge: 410 100<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Would like to know if the large potholes on 100<sup>th</sup> Street can be repaired.  
*Supervisor Wollak will look into repairs.*
- Cooper Gehrman: 256 100<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Road did not get plowed; road should get plowed same day.  
*Supervisor Wollak will talk to Hanson Paving.*  
  
Wondering if the minimum maintenance road will ever be paved.  
*No plans at this time.*
- Donna Schlichting: 8605 Ivy Place  
Outhouse on neighbor’s property; tree fell on a shed on the property.  
*Township does not have an ordinance that covers zoning or property maintenance. Zoning matters are handled by the County.*
- Kris Shefveland: 8795 Burton Place NW  
What is the Township’s responsibility for removing trees with oak wilt on Indian burial grounds.  
*Legislative changes have been made giving MIAC the responsibility for Indian burial grounds. Also, there are laws pertaining to long-eared bat perseveration in regard to pruning or cutting down trees. Tree is not dead yet.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer  
Township Clerk

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Jesse Arndt, Board Chairperson

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Date

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Kathy Sauer, Clerk

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