

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 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

Others Present: Kevin Kruger, Paul Sondrall

1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- a. Pay Voucher 2
- b. Fall Road Tour for Tree Trimming
- c. Hwy 10 Study Meetings

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA—One motion for all items

- a. October 8, 2024: Regular Meeting Minutes

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

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

October 2024 Month End

FALCON CHECKING STATEMENT

October 31, 2024:

Ending Balance	\$100,000.00
Outstanding Deposits.....	<u>+00.00</u>
	\$100,000.00
Outstanding Checks.....	\$47,093.35
BALANCE	\$52,906.65

CTAS Schedule 1 Balance.....**\$52,906.63**

Difference\$.02

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES:

- Intrafi.....\$607,553.66
- Checking Account.....\$100,000.00
- Road and Bridge\$67,085.53
- Town Hall Savings.....\$19,289.97
- Bond Value\$762,004.16

Notes:

- Checking Account Interest \$00.00
- Road & Bridge Savings Interest \$22.72
- Town Hall Building Savings Interest \$5.72
- Intrafi Interest \$998.14
- BCA Fine Share \$273.29

- Benton Cablevision Franchise Fees \$735.59
- Ag Credit..... \$1,689.73

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

Voided checks due to printing issue: 9022-9036; 9059-9062

5. APPROVE LIST OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Receipts for the month of October \$76,695.26
 Disbursements for the month of October \$68,751.99

EFT Payments:

Internal Revenue Service..... \$600.60
 MN Dept of Revenue \$30.23
 Public Employee Retirement \$359.56

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the List of Claims, Payroll and EFT payments; Supervisor seconded; motion carried.

Pay Voucher 2 in the amount of \$514,531.85 for the Shoestring Loop/95th Street NW road construction project was received. Supervisor Johnson made a motion to pay the voucher; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to transfer the entire remaining balance of the Bond Fund from Ehlers to the Falcon Bank Road and Bridge account to provide sufficient funds to pay the balance of 2024 road construction costs; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

6. WSB ENGINEER REPORT—Kevin Kruger

- Lakewood Shores/Ferry Point and Shoestring Loop/95th Street projects should both be closed out this year.
- Survey of Burton Place—the property has been pinned and surveyed. Kevin will compare with County records, if available.

7. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS

a. Sondrall Variance Request

The Board examined plans submitted by Mr. Sondrall to build a garage 16 ft. from the road where there is a 30 ft. setback. Mr. Sondrall explained there will not be an additional driveway to the garage. The Board approved the plan; Supervisor Arndt will forward the Board’s recommendation to Roxanne Achman for the County’s consideration.

8. BOND/ARPA FUNDS

After payments for approved line items submitted at last month’s meeting, there is \$4,440.45 remaining in the Bond Fund. This amount will be applied to engineering fees paid in December.

After payments for approved line items submitted at last month’s meeting, there is \$383.09 remaining in the ARPA Fund. These funds will be applied to a chair cart and a wifi thermostat.

9. WSB RATE INCREASE

WSB will be implementing a 5.75% rate increase for 2025.

10. DEPUTY CLERK ISSUE

MAT Director Frank Hard has applied for the Treasurer’s position as he will be losing the Deputy Treasurer’s position when the current Treasurer, Mary Shearer resigns. Supervisor Arndt made the proposal that Mr. Hard be appointed as Deputy Clerk to retain his MAT position. The Treasurer’s position will be searched in January.

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to appoint Frank Hard as Deputy Clerk for a period of one year as of December 1; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

11. FALL ROAD TOUR

Supervisor Wollak proposed a fall road tour to examine tree trimming needs throughout the Township. Scheduled for Monday, November 18 at 8:30 am.

12. HIGHWAY 10 CORRIDOR STUDY

Several consultant firms have contacted Chairperson Arndt via telephone for input on concerns we have regarding traffic issues on Highway 10. Chairperson Arndt explained the issues of increased congestion making getting on and/or crossing Highway 10 difficult. The number and severity of accidents have increased in recent years.

CITIZEN’S INPUT

- **Paul Sondrall**

Mr. Sondrall asked about the possibility of vacating the Township road next to his property.

Vacating the road would land-lock another property owner so it is not possible to vacate.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer
Township Clerk

Jesse Arndt, Board Chairperson

Date

Kathy Sauer, Clerk

Date