

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – 6:00 pm

The regular monthly Watab Township Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Johnson at 6:00 pm in the Watab Township Hall.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Jesse Arndt, Julie Johnson, Jay Loidolt, Kathy Sauer, Clerk, Derrick Tindal, Treasurer

Others Present: Cleve Johnston, Paul Wippler, Ed Popp, John Quade, Steve Wollak

1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- a. Grading for 66th Street/Jasmine Loop Patch
- b. Benton County Snowmobiling Gambling Permit
- c. 2013A Bond Payoff

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments; Supervisor Loidolt seconded; motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. October 14, 2025: Regular Monthly Meeting

Supervisor Loidolt moved to approve the consent agenda with amendments; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

October 2025 Month End

FALCON CHECKING STATEMENT

October 31, 2025:

Ending Balance	\$100,000.00
Outstanding Deposits.....	<u>+00.00</u>
	\$100,000.00

Outstanding Checks..... -1,820.04

BALANCE **\$98,179.96**

CTAS Schedule 1 Balance..... **\$98,179.96**

Difference..... **\$0.00**

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES:

- Falcon Intrafi \$805,654.58
- Falcon Checking Account \$98,179.96
- Falcon Road and Bridge..... \$67,390.71
- Falcon Town Hall Savings \$27,868.47

Notes:

- Checking Account Interest \$00.00
- Road & Bridge Savings Interest \$16.00
- Town Hall Building Savings Interest \$6.62

- Intrafi Interest \$1,231.81
- BCA Fine Share \$199.98
- Benton County Franchise Fees \$476.78
- Ag Credit \$1,506.96

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Supervisor Loidolt seconded; motion carried.

5. APPROVE LIST OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Receipts for the month of October	\$24,214.24
Disbursements for the month of October.....	\$26,034.30

EFT Payments:

Internal Revenue Service.....	\$433.35
Minnesota Department of Revenue.....	\$187.59
Public Employees Retirement	\$323.82

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

6. WSB ENGINEER REPORT—Kevin Kruger

No Report

7. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

- Landwehr Rezoning Application

Nate and Tania Landwehr are requesting rezoning for 108 acres along the Highway 10 corridor in Watab Township from commercial to agricultural. John Quade was at the meeting on behalf of the Landwehrs. He stated that the Landwehrs are seeking to rezone to realize their plans to plant an apple orchard, start a bee farm, and construct a building for equipment storage.

In consultation with Roxanne Achman, Benton County Land Services, it is understood that there are currently no restrictions preventing the Landwehrs implementing their plans through the Conditional Use Permit process.

The Board fully supports the Landwehrs' plans to plant an orchard, start a bee farm, and to construct a storage building through the Conditional Use Permit process. The long-term effects of rezoning the property are unknown and conflicts with the County's long-range comprehensive plans.

- Gold n' Plump Grain Elevator Addition

Gold n' Plump is requesting to amend CUP #85-033 to construct additions to an existing grain elevator/feed storage in a Light Industrial District. Expansion is not large and will not affect the immediate surroundings. The Board will recommend approval to the County.

8. DRIVEWAY PERMIT

Supervisor Loidolt made a motion to accept the revised Driveway Permit Application Form; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

9. ORDINANCE 2 AMENDED

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the new ordinance as an amendment to the existing Ordinance #2; Supervisor Loidolt seconded; motion carried.

10. RESOLUTION 2025-14: CERTIFICATION OF UNPAID EMERGENCY SERVICES INVOICES

Supervisor Loidolt made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

11. TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL ESTIMATES

Three quotes were submitted to trim and clear trees on:

- 5th Avenue NE from the Lake Andrew entrance south to County Road 33
- Frost Road
- Circle Pines
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Jason Zwilling	\$8,800.00
H & S Tree Service	\$12,500.00
AAA Tree Pros	\$10,000.00

Supervisor Loidolt made a motion to approve Jason Zwilling's quote of \$8,800; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

12. DITCH MOWING CONTRACT

Contract with Chuck's Brush & Ditch Cutting was originally \$4000; Chuck did the first cut for which we have not yet received an invoice. Chuck is recovering and cannot complete the fall cutting. Dan Schlichting from Langola Township was approved to complete the fall cutting at \$130/hr.

13. LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST: SOUTH HAVEN GROCERY AND TOBACCO (MINI MART)

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the application with the condition that unpaid property taxes in an amount exceeding \$21,000 are paid.

Discussion regarding the unpaid property taxes was held. Supervisor Johnson rescinded her motion.

Concern was expressed regarding the structural integrity of the building they are operating out of. A suggestion was made to have the building inspector conduct an inspection to determine if the building is structurally sound.

Supervisor Loidolt made a motion to table the issue until a representative is present at a meeting to address concerns; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

14. WSB 2026 RATE SCHEDULE

Rate sheet was distributed, indicating an increase in rates among services provided.

15. TRI COUNTY HUMAN SOCIETY CONTRACT

Supervisor Johnson will check with Benton County to see if the Township is included in the contract that they pay. Table until next meeting.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE LAND SPLIT

The County has been acting on several land splits without notifying or consulting the Township until they have been completed and recorded.

Supervisor Johnson is working on arranging a meeting with the County and the County Attorney to coordinate the subdivision process among the Property owners/Developers, the County, and the Township to streamline the process.

17. TWO-YEAR STREET SWEEPING CONTRACT

As requested, an email was received from Done-Right Contracting attesting to the total yards of sweepings from this fall's street cleaning and stated that it was disposed of on their property at 961 39th

Avenue SE, St. Cloud. MS4 requirements state that the sweepings must be disposed of at a site that is certified.

The invoice has been approved for payment, and the 2-year contract will be discussed at the next meeting.

18. AED

The defibrillator in the Town Hall is no longer in working order. The Clerk contacted Rich Feneis, a salesperson for Avive who submitted a quote with two options:

- \$539/year rental includes Lifesaver Plan (REALConnect software)
- \$1,899 purchase price includes 1 year of Lifesaver Plan (REALConnect software); \$199/year thereafter

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to purchase the system for \$1,899 outright; Supervisor Loidolt seconded; motion carried.

19. GRADING 66TH STREET/JASMINE LOOP PATCH

Residents on 66th Street are requesting their road to be graded before winter. They had been warned that when they requested millings last year, that it would be difficult to grade going forward. Supervisor Johnson drove 66th Street and determined that grading can wait until spring.

Jasmine Loop has a large pothole that needs to be cut out and patched.

Supervisor Loidolt made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 for the patch; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

20. CLETE JOHNSON

Snowmobiling organization wants a gambling permit to have meat raffles at Little Rock Tavern to raise income for trail grooming. Supervisor Arndt made a motion to approve; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

21. 2013A BOND PAYOFF

The clerk contacted Todd Hagen at Ehler's to request an early payoff amount for the 2013A Bond in January. He will send an analysis of the bond payoff and instructions for the process. The Board will consider options upon receipt of the analysis.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

• **Ed Popp**

Senator Ann Rice is supporting a measure to provide more state funding to Townships for road maintenance. Current state funding levels are insufficient, and Townships are struggling to maintain road standards. Please contact Ms. Rice to share your concerns and support her efforts to increase state funding.

• **Julie Johnson**

Shout out to Roxanne Achmann for her work in prompting residents in Watab Township to clean up their property.

• **John Quade**

What is the status of repairs to 105th Street NW and West Lake Road?
105th Street is scheduled for repairs next year.

Grant has been submitted for West Lake Road—waiting to hear.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Loidolt a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer
Township Clerk

Jesse Arndt, Chairperson

Date

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