

Jan 2, 1940  
 Meeting called by Chairman Ordie Lunde  
 at 10 o'clock

Members Present { Ordie Greene  
 E. H. Butterfield  
 H. L. Allen  
 M. M. Chenevert Secy.

minutes of previous meeting read and approved. E. H. Butterfield moved to reconsider Chas Burnett's tax reduction application <sup>2nd H. L. Allen</sup>  
 Moved by H. L. Allen that Chas Burnett tax <sup>reduction</sup> application be approved <sup>2nd E. H. Butterfield</sup>  
 H. L. Allen moved that people of Twp. get a chance to vote on telephone issue <sup>2nd E. H. Butterfield</sup>

The following resolution was offered by H. L. Allen who moved its adoption:

Resolved by governing Body of Town of Watertown in the county of Crow Wing State of Minnesota, at a duly called meeting thereof, legally held on the 2 day of January 1940 a quorum being present, that it is the opinion it is expedient to issue to the State of Minnesota the bonds of said Town of Watertown to the aggregate amount of \$3000 for the following purpose  
 \$3000 for purchase of an automatic Switch Board and expansion of present Telephone System to Bear interest at the rate of three per centum per annum, to mature and to be of respective amounts as hereafter set forth.

1. one Bond of the sum of \$ 400 Payable July 1, 1945
- 2 " " " " " " \$ 400 " " 1, 1946
- 3 " " " " " " 400 " " 1, 1947
- 4 " " " " " " \$ 400 " " 1, 1948
- 5 " " " " " " 400 1949
- 6 " " " " " " 400 1950
- 7 " " " " " " 400 1951
- 8 " " " " " " 200 1952

That the Proposition of issuing said bonds be submitted to the electors of said Town of  
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Watertown at a Special election to be held therein on the 6 day of February 1940 between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M.; and that due notice thereof be given as required by Law."

This motion was duly seconded by E. H. Butterfield a member of said governing body and being put to a vote prevailed 3 yeas & no nays.

Moved by A. L. Allen that Clerk take care of details of Special election.

The following notice was duly posted in three or more public places in each precinct of said municipality on the 23 day of January 1940, which was at least ten days before the election held thereunder

M. M. Cheneweth Clk.

### Notice of Special election

Notice is hereby given, that a special election will be held in the town of Watertown of Crow Wing County at town Hall on the 6 day of February 1940 from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., for the purpose of voting on the proposition of issuing to the State of Minnesota the Bonds of said Municipality in the aggregate sum of \$3000, bearing interest at the rate of Three per centum per annum, the proceeds thereof to be used for the following purpose:

\$3000 for Purchase of an automatic Switch Board and expansion of present Telephone System and to be numbered and to mature as set forth in the resolution now on file in the office of the Clerk

Dated 1/22/1940

M. M. Cheneweth  
Town Clerk.

clerk signs here  
x →

## Bond Ballot

Shall the Bonds of the Town of Watertown Crow Wing, Minn be issued to the State of Minnesota in the aggregate amount of \$3000 bearing interest at the rate of three <sup>per</sup> centum per annum, the proceeds thereof to be used for the purpose of:

Purchase of automatic switch Board and expansion of present telephone system and to be numbered and to mature as set forth in the resolution now on file in the office of the Clerk.

(Place your cross mark (X) in one of the squares)

Yes

No

~~Copy~~  
 "Pursuant to the resolution hereinafter mentioned and notice duly given, a special election was duly held in Town of Watertown in the County of Crow Wing and State of Minnesota, on the 6 day of February 1940, at which election the proposition of issuing certain bonds to the State of Minnesota, contained in that certain resolution adopted by the governing body of said Town of Watertown on the 2 day of January 1940 was duly submitted to the qualified electors thereof. The vote was by ballot, and was cast in a special ballot.

The election was legally conducted and after the close thereof the ballots cast thereat were duly counted and canvassed; whereupon it appeared and was duly certified that there had been sixty five (65) ballots cast at said election of which 47 seven were in favor of said proposition and 18 opposed thereto, and such results were thereupon duly declared."

The following resolution was offered by H. L. Allen, who moved its adoption:

Whereas, a special election was duly held in town of Watertown in the County of Crow Wing and State of Minnesota on the 6 day of February 1940, pursuant to the resolution of this governing body adopted on the 2 day of January 1940 at which election the proposition of issuing to the State of Minnesota certain Bonds of said municipality was duly submitted to the qualified electors thereof, and a majority of the electors voting thereat voted in favor of said proposition;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the governing body of said Town of Watertown at a duly called meeting thereof, legally held on the 6 day of February 1940 a quorum being present, that the treasurer of said Town of Watertown make application to the State Board of investment, of Minnesota for a loan of the amount and character and upon the terms and conditions specified in said resolution; and that upon the approval of said application, the Chairman and the Clerk of this governing body be and they hereby are authorized and directed to sign and execute such bonds and the treasurer to countersign the same and to deliver them to the State of Minnesota; and that all other officers are hereby authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver such papers and to furnish such information in connection with said application and the issuance of Bonds pursuant thereto, as may be required by said State Board of investment. This motion, being duly seconded by H. L. Kimball, ~~and~~ a member of said governing body, was put to a vote and prevailed 3 yeas N O nays.

At five Thirty the Chairman  
 Ordie Greene duly called a regular  
 meeting of the Board of Town of Watertown  
 E. H. Buttlefield being absent H. L. Kimball  
 was called to fill said vacancy.

Members  
 Present

Ordie Greene Chr.  
 H. L. Allen Sup  
 H. L. Kimball act Sup.  
 M. M. Chenevett Clerk

Motion by H. L. Allen that Clerk  
 make such entries as required by law  
 that he obtain necessary information  
 from Co. Auditor and town treasurer  
 and incorporate above in application  
 and submit the application with other  
 necessary papers to Co. Auditor attorney for  
 approval. Seconded by H. L. Kimball and  
 carried by 3 yeas and no nays.

Beginning of Fiscal year Mar 5, 1940.

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Meeting of the Board of Audit called to order by chairman, Mr Ordie Greene on Mar 5, 1940.

Members Present

Ordie Greene Ch.  
H. L. Allen Sup.  
H. L. Kimball act. Sup.  
M. M. Chenwert. Clerk  
J. L. Dupuis Treasurer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The business of the day is auditing town Book was taken up at one. The Clerk's and Treasurer records for the fiscal year ending March 5, 1940 were approved without any changes.

The following resolution was offered by H. L. Allen who moved it adoption; That \$2.40 be transferred from Cemetery fund to drag fund due to the fact that a warrant was drawn on Drag fund in the amount of \$2.40 to pay for work done in the Cemetery on Aug 20, 1939. — above resolution seconded by H. L. Kimball and carried unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by H. L. Allen who moved it adoption;

That any or all telephone subscribers whose telephone bill is past due be notified that if bill is unpaid within 15 days of date of notification that telephone will be disconnected. seconded by H. L. Kimball and carried unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by H. L. Allen who moved it adoption;

That treasurer be authorized to transfer 54.49 from R. + B to drag and Balance of R. + B fund or \$60.00 to Revenue fund and \$49.49 or Balance of Poor fund to Revenue fund. seconded by H. L. Kimball and carried unanimously.

M. M. Chenwert  
Clerk.

Mar 19, 1940

Meeting of qualification meeting at 11 o'clock, Mr John L Bowers was Sworn in as a Supervisor, due to the absence of Ordie Greene the Board was as follows for the day:-

H. L. Allen Sup  
 J. L. Bowers Sup  
 H. L. Kimball Sup  
 M. M. Chiswick Clerk

A vote was taken to determine who the Chairman of the Board would be for the coming year. H. L. Allen was elected Chairman.

The following Bonds were approved;

M. M. Chiswick Bond for Clerk.  
 Ed. Hicks " " Justice of Peace  
 Harry Gould " " Road Overseer  
 Charley Aldrich " " Constable.

All above men took their respective Oaths.

W. L. Marshall application for job as telephone line man read into records.

Moved by Bowers and seconded by Kimball that appointment of telephone line man be tabled. Carried.

Moved by Kimball seconded by Bowers that Clerk order a new justice docket.

Recommended by Bowers that Clerk and Treasurer a ledger set of books on telephone accounts.

By unanimous agreement this Board agreed to concur in the resolution adopted on Dec 5, 1939 by previous Board is "that no tax reduction application be granted."

April 2, 1940

Meeting called to order by Chs.  
at 10 o'clock on April 2, 1940.

reading of <sup>minutes of</sup> previous meeting dispensed  
with.

Move by J. L. Bowers that Town Board  
contact county engineer, Mr. Rankin, and  
request information concerning where  
road No. 5 will be when is surveyed.

Seconded by Q. Greene. — Carried

Moved by Bowers that chairman  
prepare plan on telephone lines and  
submit to Board at next meeting

Seconded by Q. Greene — Carried

John L. Bowers offered the following  
resolution and moved it adoption!

That clerk advertise for bids of  
following telephone equipments

40 dials, 100-20'-6" top poles, 6-25'-6"  
top poles, 125-6 pin pony Crossarms,  
250 - Crossarm Braces 24" - 250 carriage  
Bolts  $\frac{3}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ , 125 lag Screws  $\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
866 - Forest pins, 1500 pony insulators,  
600 Brackets, 20 Ground rods  $\frac{3}{8} \times 6'$  copperweld,  
125-  $\frac{3}{8} \times 10"$  Crossarm Bolts, 250-  $\frac{3}{8}$  washers  
20 - lightning arresters, 2000' copperweld drop wire  
5780' or 34 miles of Crapo B. B. No 12 iron wire,  
1 wall frame, 1 pole frame, 20 telephones,  
1 full automatic switch Board.

30 lines ultimate cap.

8 " equipped

2 trunks with 3 links,

Board adjourned subject to call by  
Clerk.

M. M. Stewart  
Town Clerk.



April 19, 1940

Meeting called to order by H. L. Allen Ch.  
at 10 o'clock on April 19, 1940.

This meeting was called for as advertised to  
consider Bids on telephone materials and Automatic  
Switch Board.

Moved by Bowers that all ~~equipment~~  
bids on telephone equipment be rejected  
Seconded by Edie Greene all member Voting Aye.

Moved by Greene that Twp. order equipment  
from any Company which is to the best advantage  
of Twp. ~~to~~ Seconded Bowers all member Voting Aye.

Moved by Bowers that Clerk notify W. E.  
Thorp. that he will have to make other  
arrangements for telephone service after  
July 1, 1940. Seconded Greene all member Voting Aye.

Moved by Bowers that providing N. W. Bell's  
engineers accept American Automatic  
Electric Sales Company specifications  
that Chairman and Clerk hereby be  
authorized to sign contract for one automatic  
Switch board for aforementioned Company  
seconded Greene all members Voting Aye.

Moved by Bowers seconded by Greene  
that poles be order when switch Board  
contract is signed. all member Voting Aye

M. M. Chenevert  
Clerk

Board met in adjourned session  
on April 21, 1940. members present  
H. S. Allen, J. L. Bowers, Ordie Greene <sup>Supt.</sup>  
and M. M. Chenevert Clerk

It was agreed to re-advertise for  
Bids on telephone supplies and Automatic  
Switch Board, Specifications <sup>& Notice</sup> to be sent to  
the following Companies, American Automatic  
Graybar electric, R. O. Palmer, Clark & Sons  
Kellogg electric and Automatic, Page & Hill.

Clerk was order to notify Graybar Electric  
Co. that due to a legal error order given  
was cancelled to Graybar electric Co. on  
April 19, 1940 is hereby cancelled.

Bowers moved that due to re-advertized  
ment for bids Chi & Clerk ~~do~~ not sign  
contract for Automatic Switch Board, also  
do not order gate seconded by Ordie Greene.

M. M. Chenevert  
Clerk

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May 14, 1940

Meeting called to order by H. L. Allen  
Chairman at 10 o'clock May 14, 1940.

Members present H. L. Allen }  
John L. Bowers } Sup  
Oddie Greene }  
M. M. Shewert Clerk

The following resolution was presented  
by Bowers who moved its adoption.

That page & Hill be given the contract  
for telephone pole to wit: -100-20'-6"  
+ 6-25'-6" Seconded by Greene - all  
members voting aye.

The following resolution was offered  
by Greene who moved its adoption.

That Graybar Electric Co. be awarded  
the contract for the following equipment  
Ground rods, insulators, crossarms,  
braces, lag screws, cables and clips.  
Seconded by Bowers, all members voting aye.

The following resolution was offered  
by Bowers who moved its adoption.

That American Automatic Electric  
Co. be awarded the contract for the following  
equipment, No 12 B B iron wire, drop wire  
washers, Bolts (cariage) Bolts (machine) pole  
terminal and dials. Seconded by Greene  
all members voting "aye"

The following resolution was  
offered by Greene who moved its  
adoption that Kellogg Electric and  
Switchboard company be awarded  
the contract of following equipment  
full automatic Switch Board, Condensers  
Brackets, pins, wall frame, dial cups.

~~The following resolution~~  
seconded by Bowers all members  
voting aye.

The following resolution was offered  
 by Bowers who moved its adoption  
 That R. O. Palmer be awarded the  
 contract for the following equipment,  
 10 - hand sent - desk type telephones  
 and 10 armrests. Seconded by Green  
 all members voting "aye".

W. L. Reeves, 2036 Walker St.  
 Des Moines Ia. appeared before the  
 town board asking for a road into his  
 place also stated he would give \$75<sup>00</sup>  
 toward Building of Lane.

Clerk was ordered to place  
 Charles Burnett tax reduction  
 application on file.

June 4, 1940.

Meeting called by Chairman  
at 10 o'clock a.m. all members present.  
at site of proposed road, for  
W. L. Reeves.

Moved by Bowers that Reeves  
road petition be approved.

By resolution the following  
beer applications were approved.

E. F. Baldridge, Otto Seckel, Geo. Dandanell,  
M. W. Swann, H. E. Luetke, Matt Kempenich.

Aner Swanson and Ray Bangs for off + on.  
Ed. Hick for "off" only.

By resolution the following  
dance hall applications were granted  
E. F. Baldridge, Aner Swanson, M. W. Swann  
Ray Bang

on a ballot vote Chas Burnett's  
application for tax reduction was  
"not granted": vote was 6 for and 2 against.  
reduction, in accord with resolution  
adopted on Dec. 5, 1939.

June 24, 1940.  
Board of Equalization met at nine  
o'clock all members present  
including assessor.

The Business of day was taken  
up immediately. The Board made  
a few minor changes in assessment  
Book thru out day.

By resolution Pat D. Zeller was  
application for Beer license was approved.

Motion by Bowers that Town Board  
notify Welfare Board Chas Burnett has  
applied for reduction of his taxes and  
request investigation 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordie Greene

July 9, 1940.

Meeting called by Chairman at  
10 o'clock A.M. all members  
Present.

Moved by Greene that,

Town hereby recommends that  
Chas Burnett's application for tax reduction  
be granted and all taxes from 1930 to  
1936 Both dates inclusive, reason he  
was receiving O. A. A. Grant for taxes  
from Jan 1, 1937 to date.

This recommendation is retroactive  
to any property involving Chas Burnett's  
2<sup>nd</sup> by J. L. Bowers.

Moved by Bowers page & Hill be paid  
in full for their telephone poles and  
state that there is not work in 20 poles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ordie Greene.

Moved by Bowers that Henry Mattson  
be notified that it will be agreeable to  
town for him to plan on going to work for  
town about Sept 1, 1940. at 80¢ per hr.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ordie Greene.

Clerk ordered to write Jack Curo  
Surveyor, that town is planning  
on building a building on town  
property starting about Aug 1, 1940.  
and therefore it is necessary to have  
town property surveyed before that time  
and when Mr Curo come out to go to  
work for him to see Chairman of Board  
Mr. H. L. Allen.

Moved by Bowers, Resolved that  
town transfer present property to M. W. Swann  
and in consideration of same M. W. Swann  
will transfer a piece of property 100 ft  
wide and 200 ft long to township on West  
Side of Hi-Way. 2<sup>nd</sup> O. Greene.

Aug 6, 1940.

Meeting called to order by Chairman  
at 10 o'clock all members present.

Club order to make Phas Walcott  
telephone Bill paid in full.

Moved by Bowers, Whereas, in view  
of facts in accordance with deed on Record  
the town can not transfer town real estate  
Therefore motion of July 9 is rescinded.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ordie Greene.

Moved by Bowers that Harry Syren's  
application for beer license be approved  
in view of fact that Leo Dandaneil  
signed an affidavit cancelling his  
Beer license within twp.

1<sup>st</sup> Ordie Greene.

Moved by Bowers that telephone  
lineman be granted a telephone  
but it is understood that when telephone  
lineman resign or a new lineman  
is appointed this telephone will be  
moved to the new lineman's home.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ordie Greene.

Moved by Bowers that Henry Mattson  
be employed as general foreman on  
Telephone construction work for the  
town of Watertown @ 80¢ per hour  
that common labor be paid 30¢ per hr  
and Trench " " " 40 " "

2<sup>nd</sup> Ordie Greene.

Club was ordered to write  
County attorney about width of roads.



Oct 1, 1940.

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 10 o'clock all members present.

Moved by Greene that Clerk notify W.E. Thorpe that town is discontinuing his telephone service effective Nov 1, 1940. 2nd Bowers.

Clerk ordered to send bill to all new telephone applicants - stating that if \$7.50 is received covering six months of service from date of installation also 1.50 installation charge.

in month of Oct 1940 that telephones will be installed

It was all so stated that after Nov 1, 1940 applications for telephone must be accompanied by \$7.50 to cover \$1.50 installation and 6 months of service from date of installation.

Moved by Bowers that Ryan Ryan and Ryan be notified that there is no public road, to proposed site of road petitioned for, and for proposed road can be established there must be public road to such site. 2nd O. Greene.

Clerk ordered to contact Swann and get deed for property where new telephone building is located.

Dec 3, 1946

Meeting called to order by Ch.

H. L. Allen at 9:00 o'clock members present  
 H. L. Allen Ch. John L. Bowers Sup.  
 Ordie Greene Sup and M. M. Cheneweth Clerk.

Hearing on Mr. Jensen's road petition  
 taken up at once.

Moved by Bowers that Jensen road  
 petition be granted as outlined on Mr. Baker  
 plat and damages be awarded as town  
 Board see fit and both parties be notified  
 Seconded by Ordie Greene

~~Notified~~ Moved by Bowers that pelican  
 twp be authorized to snow plow that portion  
 of town line road between pelican and  
 mission twp. Said road is maintained  
 by Watertown and Watertown will pay for same

Clerk ordered to answer Kellogg  
 Switchboard and Supply Co. letter stating  
 the town of Watertown will have nothing  
 to do with Switchboard unless same  
 is delivered at Crosslake as per  
 contract.

Clerk order to send contract back  
 to N. W. Bell Tel. Co.

Bowers to buy tele poles if needed.