

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
DECEMBER 14, 2020**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of December to order at 6:38 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Todd King, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer. Cal Owens, Supervisor was unable to attend the meeting.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Jerry Fischer, Bob Frey.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Steve made a motion to move the new business item regarding Timber Lane roadwork (Jerry Fischer) to the agenda item under old business of Timber Lane East Update. Todd seconded the motion.
4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** Judi Boughton provided proof of publication for the meeting stating that the notice was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, December 10, 2020; and the notice and agenda were posted at the town website and the town shop on Thursday, December 10, 2020.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the November 17 and November 27 board meetings were distributed to all who were present and, after everyone had a chance to review the minutes, a motion was made by Todd to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Steve.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared and read by Laurie King as follows:

Current Balances – December 14, 2020.

Checking	\$ 45,245.76
Equipment fund savings	19,960.81
Red school house restoration	1,078.58
People's Money Market	<u>61,912.39</u>
Total:	\$ 128,197.54

Loan Summary: Regarding the loan with Peoples State Bank, the terms of the loan are 2.49% fixed annual rate until 2025. The current loan balance is \$277,040.04 after the

December 2020 payment. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June of 2025. In August, a note for 2020 road resurfacing was taken out in the amount of \$60,000. This is due to be repaid in February of 2021.

7. **Citizen Input:** None.

8. **Old Business:**

- **Update on Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall (Expansion/Cemetery Plotting):** No Update.
- **Timber Lane East Update:** The tube is in on Timber Lane East. The bigger tube has not been moved because cement was being delivered for a new home. There is an old tube that is sitting along the road and a pile of gravel that is sitting at the end of the road. Jerry Fischer is present at the meeting and said the old tube is sitting on his property. Jerry said the contractors took too much of his topsoil when they were ditching out alongside Timber Lane and hauled it off somewhere. He said the contractor went 25 to 30 feet up into his property and took approximately 2 loads of dirt from his property. He wasn't there when they hauled the dirt away and doesn't know where it was taken. He said the contractor did not let anyone know when they were working on the road. Steve said the people above are building a house and so that is why the tube didn't get done. Steve said the contractor was quarantined and so when he came back, he did not give anyone much notice. Steve said as far as dirt being gone, there was a hump there that contained a lot of rock and he didn't think that would make sense to leave in because, if there was a flood, it would interfere with drainage through the tube. Steve said we may have to replace the dirt that was removed from Jerry's property. Jerry would like the water to go more along the road instead of through his property. Steve asked his plans, and this was discussed. The dirt he is missing is from the pile of rock to the tube. He feels that was his dirt that should have been moved to another spot on his property to use when he was ready to landscape. Bob said he hauls dirt for \$16 per yard, \$256.00 per load. Steve said Jerry will have to do whatever he wants with the ditch since it is his property anyway; the township was doing this to help him. The township will bring him 2 loads of dirt and he can put it where he wants. The drainage ditch cannot be moved unless the township agrees to it and they were trying to make that right Steve said. Bob said he could deliver the dirt as long as it is in a place where a truck can be backed up to dump it off. Jerry said it is right on the flat. Jerry said the load of gravel that is sitting at the end of the road is sitting in the way of plowing. Steve said he doesn't know why they left it there, but he wasn't there at the time. Motion by Todd to get 2 loads of black dirt in the spring of the year and place on Jerry's property. Steve seconded the motion. Jerry said it doesn't have to be completely black dirt and can have some clay in it. Jerry asked Steve to move the tube and he said he would.

- **Tower Road Project Update:** Steve said the Tower Road project is pretty much done. The township received a shoreland zoning permit from Grant County Zoning and Conservation for land disturbance. Steve had applied for it on May 15, 2019, and we just received it in December of 2020.
- **Routes to Recovery Grant Update:** The township received \$3,833.59, which is the full amount of the Routes to Recovery claim for COVID-related expenses. The remainder of the township's Routes to Recovery was allocated to the Village of Woodman to be shared equally between Woodman 1st Responders and Boscobel EMS.
- **Timber Lane Roadwork (Black Dirt from Right-of-Way, Tube, Etc.) (Jerry Fischer).** This agenda item was moved to "Old Business: Timber Lane East Update." Please see above. Steve doesn't feel we need to go on Jerry's property to do any more work. They were going to further channel the waterway, but it is partly on his property.
- **Approve 2021 Budget.** The budget was discussed at the November budget hearing and a copy reviewed. Todd made a motion to approve the 2021 budget; Steve seconded the motion.
- **Update on Ford Dump Truck.** No update as Cal is not at the meeting.
- **New Construction and Demolition List for Assessor for 2020.** Judi has received building permits for Robert Meier for a cabin conversion on Tower Road and Dan and Kelsi Mellum for a home being constructed on Timber Lane and asked the board if there is any other new construction. There is a new building on O'Meara property, possibly hoop building, and Travis and James Trumm sheds in the last couple of years.
- Additional new business not on agenda – Tom Mayne was supposed to cut his brush back along Old 61 and has not, and the plow truck hit some of the overhanging branches last winter, which knocked off one of the mirrors on the truck. Steve thinks they should rent something in January to cut back the brush on a couple of roads. It was discussed another road that is narrow would be on Town Hall Road above Wilburns. It was discussed Simpsons in Richland Center may have the equipment they need. Bob mentioned maybe the county would do it and you could hire them. Steve recommended doing a couple roads and see how it works out.
- **Tom White New Driveway and Moving Existing Fire Numbers.** Judi received a call from Tom White. He put another driveway on his property on Tower Road. He was sharing his driveway that goes through his land with neighboring property owners. He wants some of the other landowners to use the new driveway and he and Anthony Crivello will be using the old driveway. He said there is no easement. He is asking that we move the driveway signs for 15372 and 15744 Tower Road to the new driveway. Judi will call them to make sure they are okay with the signs being moved.
- **Contract with Command Central.** The board reviewed the contract with Command Central (election hardware maintenance agreement) in the amount of

\$275 per year maintenance fee. Todd made a motion to sign the agreement; Steve seconded the motion. Steve signed the agreement.

- **Set Date for 2021 Caucus (Between January 2 and January 21, 2021).** A motion was made by Todd to set the date of caucus for January 11, 2021. Steve seconded the motion.
- **WISLR Pavement Rating/Certification Update.** Steve and Judi will meet at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow to complete the road certification paperwork.

9. Future Agenda Items: Update on dump truck; update on moving tube on Timber Lane; update on batteries for grader.

10. Patrolman's Report: Discussed Tower Road project with Bob Frey, who was present at the meeting. Bob said there is a problem with marking out the underground wires and not sure if all the wires are live and not completely marked. Grader needs new Caterpillar batteries. The board discussed and agreed to purchase new batteries for the grader. Bob said to call Fabick and they will deliver (608-271-6200). Steve talked to Bob Frey earlier today to get 22 T of salt with Bob's dump truck. The town can only haul 8 or 9 ton at a time. Bob charges \$90/hour to go and get the salt and it will probably take 1-1/2 hours. Steve said to go ahead and get that and mix it with 10 loads of rock and then put it on the flat spot they have set up for storing salt. Bob has graveled and graded this area already. Discussed snow removal. Steve said Andrew Knowles plowed Hwy 132, Back Road and Sand Hill.

11. Correspondence: Grant County Conservation Sanitation and Zoning permit for Tower Road, rural insurance, WTA town advocacy council letter.

12. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Todd to approve the December invoices. Steve seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the December 2020 board meeting and before the January 2021 board meeting are as follows:

- 12/15/2020, #14097, Frey's Trucking.
- 12/15/2020, #14098, Glenn Zart.
- 1/5/2021, #14099, GCS Software.

13. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Steve seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. The January board meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. immediately following the town caucus.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk