

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

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

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Lonny and Laurayne, Jennifer Turner. Citizens arriving later in the meeting were Devon Updike, Chase Updike, Casey and Corey Fritz.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Todd made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Steve 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, September 10, 2020; and the notice and agenda were posted at the town website and the town shop on Thursday, September 10, 2020.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the August 10, 2020, board meeting were distributed to all who were present and, after everyone had a chance to review the minutes, a motion was made by Cal to approve them. The motion was seconded by Todd.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared and read by Laurie King as follows:

Current Balances – September 14, 2020.

Checking	\$	2,701.18
Equipment fund savings		12,459.24
Red school house restoration		1,078.45
People's Money Market		<u>94,032.24</u>
Total:	\$	110,271.11

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 \$291,733.92. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June of 2025. Also, in August, a loan 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:** Lonny asked the Board's thoughts on getting a magnetic nail sweeper for the town shop. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year he has gotten 2 flat tires and Steve has gotten one also. He can get a 20-inch roller for \$35 plus tax at Harbor Freight. A motion was made by Cal for Lonny to pick up a magnetic sweeper next time he is in Dubuque. Todd seconded the motion.

## 8. Old Business:

- **Update on Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall (Expansion/Cemetery Plotting):** Austin Engineering said it would be around \$2,100 to survey the Brechler Cemetery property. Steve discussed talking to the landowner that has property connected to the cemetery (Jerrell Sazama) and working with him to obtain a quit claim deed so there will be no questions down the road. The Board discussed the township has been mowing the cemetery on both sides of the fence for over 20 years. Steve wants to talk to Jerrell and see what his feelings are as we do not want to spend the money to survey. According to the Grant County Land Records map, it looks like the township owns up to the road. Discussed plotting out cemetery plots. Keep on agenda.
- **Timber Lane Update:** Steve said we are waiting for an end for the oval-shaped tube to be delivered.
- **Fall Cleanup (October 10, 2020):** Lonny and Laurayne are organizing helpers. Lonny, Laurayne and Donny Hines will be working. The Board set Donny's wages for cleanup at \$10/hour.
- **Tower Road Project Update:** Steve had an arrangement with Reggie Reynolds last year when the construction started to do the Tower Road project, but now Reggie is unable to complete the road work due to injury. Steve has tried calling Austin Engineering regarding the permit to begin work but no one returns his calls. The last time he talked to the surveyor, he said it was in the hands of the DNR. Steve wants to put the project up for bids, get someone in with a transit and see what it is supposed to be. County engineer said to just go ahead. Cal said DNR may come back in again. Steve said they have had 1-1/2 years and it is the middle of September and they only have a month to go to get road work done. The bridge is unsafe and falling down and it has to be done. Board discussed the emergent nature of moving the road because of the collapsing bridge. The DNR has given a permit to put in the tubes. Cal said we need to get a silt fence up and do the way they think the DNR wants. Cal says to give them one more call. Steve says we need to decide tonight if we are going to do it or not. An ad will go in the paper tomorrow for sealed bids to be opened at a special meeting and will run for a week. This does not have to be advertised if we don't want to, but there is a lot of contractor interest in it. Motion was made by Cal to advertise for bids. Todd seconded the motion. A special meeting to open the bids and award the contract will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 6 PM at the town shop.

## 9. New Business:

- **Peer Road Update:** Seal coat company wants to put seal coating off until next year as it is so late in the season. The spot on Town Hall Road where there is a spot that is all broken up and they had to move the line will not be seal coated this year either.
- **Bid for Salt, Sand and Chips:** Received and reviewed a bid from Prairie Sand and Gravel that will be kept in the files for reference when the time comes was reviewed and will be filed under September 2020 chronology.
- **Recycling Grant Application Signature by Authorized Rep:** Judi submitted the 2021 Recycling Grant to Responsible Units Application Online Form that still needs authorized representative signature. A motion was made by Cal for Todd to sign. Steve seconded the motion and Todd signed the application.

- **Cozy Acres Application for Mobile Home Park License:** Cozy Acres Mobile Home Park has submitted an application for a mobile home park license per statute sec. 66.0435 and has paid \$100 for the license fee. Todd made a motion to issue a license to Cozy Acres. Cal seconded the motion.
- Note is made that the back end of the old Ford truck that was sitting at Cal's was sold for \$700. We kept the tires off of it. We ended up buying some from J&J salvage for \$150, hired Dohinnie to put them on. We now have a set of pretty decent tires for the back of the International. We still have a lot of parts left for salvage on the Ford truck (front end, plow, etc.).
- Todd needs to sign off on tube for his property on Peer Road. Discussed the drainage problem by John Latham's shed, received a lot of rain and there is a lot of gravel going in the road. Steve has talked to 2 hired men and John about it. Todd is concerned about the road washing out.

**10. Future Agenda Items:** Budget, Tower Road project, Timber Lane East project, Town Hall project (Frey), cemetery,

**11. Patrolman's Report:** Lonny finished mowing and he is starting to re-grade, and he has received a complaint of the road at the end of Waltz Lane not being graded enough and there is grass growing in the road. The board discussed it needs to continue to be maintained.

**12. Correspondence:** Reviewed NR-135 Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Notice for Hillside Greenhouse Quarry.

Devon Updike, Chase Varvil, Casey and Corey Fritz arrived at the meeting and inquired about the Tower Road project. The board is planning on going ahead with the project without complete permitting from the DNR as they have not been in contact with the township and have not given any updates; this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and time is running out. The upper bridge will be taken out. The small bridge below the A-frame will be coming out. The bottom bridge is entrance to the driveway of the individual who bought Henry Stoltzfus's farm and so will not be replaced. They are still waiting on a piece of tube.

**13. Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Todd to approve the September invoices. Cal seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the September 2020 board meeting and before the October 2020 board meeting are as follows:

10/4/2020, #14022, USPS, \$55.00 (Stamps for Election).

**14. Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Cal seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm. The October board meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith A. Boughton, Clerk