

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF MARION  
DECEMBER 13, 2021**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of November to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Todd King, Supervisor; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk. Laurie King, Treasurer, was absent from the meeting.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Tiffany Waterman with 2 others and Nathan Napp.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Jerrod made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Todd seconded the motion.
4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** Judi Boughton stated that the notice of meeting was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, December 9, 2021. The notice and agenda were posted at the Town Shop and on the town web site on Thursday, December 9, 2021.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the November 16, 2021, board meeting 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 them. The motion was seconded by Jerrod.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Judi Boughton as follows:

Checking	\$	46,231.12
Equipment fund savings		52,967.44
Red school house restoration		2,041.27
People's Money Market		38,694.38
ARPA Funds		30,406.22
Local Gov't Inv Pool		<u>22.72</u>
Total:	\$	170,363.15

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 \$217,381.30 after the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2021 payment being made this week. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June of 2025.

**7. Citizen Input:** None.

**8. Old Business:**

- **Cab for International 7400 Plow Truck Update:** Jerrell Sazama said he thought it would make more sense just to straighten out the old cab roof, put on a new door and put in new glass. He said the problem with changing out the whole cab is the length of time it will take and changing all the fitting will be expensive. Judi will put liability insurance on it. The board said the driver would be covered under liability.
- **4800 International (purchased from Woodman) Update:** Steve said the clutch is slipping in the truck and needs to be put in. Jerrell said he could get it in on Friday and would be able to start working on it on Monday. Steve doesn't think we would want to wait to do the transmission at the same time but he can take a look at the transmission when working on the rest and make an assessment on it. The board agreed to the repairs.
- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update:** No update.
- **Update on Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall (Expansion/Cemetery Plotting):** Steve will check with Lisa Rounds about the quit claim deed.
- **Sand/Salt/Chip Mix Update:** This has been taken care of. Quite a bit was used on the last ice storm. Steve is not satisfied with the way it is spreading, said he sanded several times and went back to check and the roads were still slippery and didn't look like there was product on it. Possibility when it is wet, the product sinks to the bottom and the surface stays slick.
- **Update on Plow for Ford Pickup:** Jerrod Waterman says he won't have time to work on the plow and would like to find someone else. Steve said he could find someone else; the old plow is on it for now.
- **Update on Fire Plate Signs:** The list of fire plate signs totals approximately 147. The 2021 price per sign is \$26.27. After January 1,

2022, the cost will be \$42.45 per sign. Most of the old signs that need replaced are non-reflective and some unreadable, which can hinder location of residents on ambulance and fire calls. The board will be using a portion of the ARPA funds to cover the cost of the new signs, which will total approximately \$3,862.00. Discussed allowing residents to put their own signs up and provide instructions for them so that the signs are visible on both sides. No plans to recycle the signs. Discussed ordering 25 posts. Jerrod made a motion to order the needed signs and posts. Todd seconded the motion.

## 9. New Business:

- **Truck Chains:** Steve said we do not have regular ice chains and the other day it was more of an ice problem than snow problem and with the chains on the truck, it still slid and spun around. Ice chains have a “V” welded onto the link, which makes it good for starting and stopping. Would need 3 sets. When it is icy, the chains are put on the front even when it is not 4-wheel drive. Need 3 sets of ice chains. Jerrod made a motion to purchase the chains. Todd seconded the motion.
- **New Building Construction/Demolition List for Assessor:** Each year the assessor requests a list of new buildings or anything torn down. Discussed new home on Bender property, shed on Back road (either in Woodman or Marion), dog kennel on Art Freymiller’s old farm (Knowles’). Steve thought it was 30 x 20. New building on Errol Schluter property (may have been there last year).
- **Appointment of Chief Inspectors and Election Inspectors for 2022-2024 Election Term:** Judi provided a list of chief inspectors and election inspectors for the new 2-year term as follows: Laurayne Fischer, Karen Gander, Marlene Wetter, Peggy Updike, Adelia Brechler, Tiffany Waterman. Todd made a motion to appoint all 6 for the new 2-year term. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **Verification of Hourly Rate of Pay for Chief Inspectors/Election Inspectors:** Currently, the chief inspectors receive \$10/hour and the regular election inspectors receive \$8.25 per hour. Judi said other municipalities are paying \$10/hour for all inspectors and she is not sure what to pay for training. Sometimes they can do it online and sometimes it is away from home. The chief inspectors used to get

\$30 per training when the training was more formal. Usually training is 2 to 3 hours. A motion was made by Todd to keep the hourly rate at \$10/hour for chief inspectors and \$8.25 per hour for election inspectors, \$30 per hour for any election inspector when the training is away from home and compensation should be per hour when doing online training or at-home training. Steve seconded the motion.

- **Additional New Business Items Not on Agenda.**

- Steve was approached by someone from the snowmobile club. Somewhere along the line, the snowmobile trail got cut off on someone's property. Chris Chappell called and asked if they can come across the property the township bought next to Fritz's and Bloyer's. Steve said he was okay with it but may want to talk to Amish about it as the snowmobiles might spook their horses when they are using the phone that is kept on that property. Todd said he is okay with it as long as the Amish are fine with them coming across there. If they do not agree, they will not be able to come through. The trail comes out right by the salt pile.
- **Winch in shed.** Bob Frey wants to know if we want to sell the township's winch, 3-point, to put on tractor. This was discussed, and the Board doesn't see any point in selling it, and it might be needed in the future.

**10.Future Agenda Items:** Clutch for 4800 International (Woodman). Plow for white truck. Fire sign update. Tire chain update. Cemetery update. 7400 truck update on doors/windows cab repair.

**11.Patrolman's Report:** Judi was asked to put insurance on the 7400 International plow truck for liability only.

**12.Correspondence:** Correspondence from the DNR regarding Todd Irvine putting land in closed MFL.

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

Additional checks written out after the December 2021 board meeting and before the January 2022 board meeting are:

- None.

**14.Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The January board meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith A. Boughton, Clerk