

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of February to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Todd King, Supervisor; Cal Owens, Supervisor; and Judi Boughton, Clerk. Laurie King, Treasurer, was absent from the meeting.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Jerrod and Tiffany Waterman, Sophie.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Cal 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 provided proof of publication for the meeting stating that the notice was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, February 4, 2021. The notice and agenda were posted at the town website and the town shop on Thursday, February 4, 2021.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the January 11 board meeting and January 15 special 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 by Laurie King and read by Judi Boughton as follows:

Checking	\$	260,885.57
Equipment fund savings		19,962.84
Red school house restoration		1,238.92
People's Money Market		83,254.12
Local Gov't Inv Pool		<u>22.72</u>
Total:	\$	365,364.17

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. 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. The payoff is \$60,467.50 and will be paid off February 9, 2021.

7. Citizen Input: None.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall (Expansion/Cemetery Plotting):** No update.
- **Update on Ford Dump Truck:** No update on Ford truck.
- **Update on Batteries for Grader:** The township purchased 2 new batteries. They are in the grader, and the grader has been used.
- **Update on International Truck Insurance Claim (Rollover):** Cal is getting 2 bids this week on what it would cost to repair the truck to compare with what the insurance company has offered for truck repair. There may need to be a special meeting to discuss.
- **Update on Woodman Plow Truck:** The truck was purchased from the Town of Woodman on January 15 for \$7,500.00 and has been used for plowing snow.

9. New Business:

- **Salt and Sand Update:** Steve thought we should have enough salt and sand to get by unless we have a major ice storm. Todd recommended hiring a grant writer to see if we are eligible for a grant for a new salt shed. He had attended a fire board meeting, and they will be using someone to write grants for a new fire truck. The grant writer charges \$25 per hour. The board discussed anticipated cost for a new salt shed, and it was estimated it may cost up to \$100,000. Discussed the township is getting to the point where we will only be able to store salt products under a roof per environmental regulations and not supposed to have straight salt piled outside. Todd will check with the grant writer. We are looking at an open-faced building with a cement floor.
- **Complaint of Debris Bulldozed onto Private Property on Tower Road Several Years Back by Township:** Steve received a complaint from a landowner on Tower Road that said the township several years back had pushed up trees, branches and such onto his property and now wants the township to clean it up. This would have to date back to a time when the current board was not in office over 6 years ago. The owner is not a resident but owns real estate on Tower Road. Steve thinks there is a liability issue at this point if we try to burn the brush pile as it will ultimately end up harming other trees nearby when it is burned. The board discussed and concluded that due to the length of time it has taken to bring this to the board's attention and the fact that there would be a liability risk to burn the brush pile on private property, they have elected to not remove the

brush pile. Steve will talk to the landowner and recommend he hire someone like the Amish to clean up the pile of brush.

- **Weight Limit Restriction Reminder for March.** The board will watch for when the county posts their roads and will post the roads for weight limit restriction at the same time as the county.
- **February 16, 2021, Election (Primary):** Judi wanted the board to be aware of the primary election on February 16. There is only 1 ballot, and it is for the superintendent of public instruction.
- New business item not on the agenda: John Rounds worked 26.5 hours winging snow back with grader and said the grader is not working right and said it quit 3 times today. He wants to know if he can change the filters on it and wants to take it to Bob Frey's shed to work on it. Bob wants to get the filters from Fabco, but Steve says you can get them cheaper through Bumper to Bumper. Steve will get someone to work on changing the filters. He thinks fuel filter and the lever that runs the V plow is sticking (needs to be loosened). There are a lot of small things that need to be fixed.

11. **Future Agenda Items:** Grant writer for salt shed; bids for wrecked truck update.
12. **Patrolman's Report:** None.
13. **Correspondence:** Rural Insurance policy reviewed by the board with the addition of the truck purchased from Woodman with a value of \$15,000 on the policy.
14. **Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Todd to approve the February invoices including checks to be written out to the 3 poll workers after the February 16 election and a check for poll worker lunches. Cal seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the February 2021 board meeting and before the March 2021 board meeting are as follows:

2/12/2021, #14172, Cal Owens, \$239.15, socket wrenches, fuel reimb.
2/16/2021, #14173, Boscobel Sr Dining, \$15.00, poll worker lunches.
2/18/2021, #14174, Karen Gander, \$134.00, chief inspector.
2/18/2021, #14175, Laurayne Fischer, \$110.55, poll worker.
2/18/2021, #14176, Gail Wetter, \$107.25, poll worker.

15. **Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Cal seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm. The March board meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk