

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
JANUARY 11, 2021**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of January to order at 6:51 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 absent from the meeting.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Galen and Peggy Freymiller Tiffany and Jerrod Waterman, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Bob Frey.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Steve 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, December 31, 2020, and Thursday, January 7, 2021. The notice and agenda were posted at the town website and the town shop on January 4, 2021.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the December 14 board meeting 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:

Checking	\$ 387,859.57
Equipment fund savings	19,962.84
Red school house restoration	1,238.92
People's Money Market	<u>83,132.73</u>
Total:	\$ 492,194.06

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.

End of year balances for 2020 without 2020 tax deposits total \$79,611.10.

7. Citizen Input: Galen Freymiller was present at the meeting and stated the board should be careful about moving the ditch line on Timber Lane closer to the road as it will then be our responsibility and we will end up with road washout problems.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall (Expansion/Cemetery Plotting):** No update.
- **Timber Lane Update (Moving Tube).** Steve said the tube is in.
- **Update on Ford Dump Truck.** Cal was going to take the Ford truck to Randy Russell for repair, but Steve thinks this wasn't done yet.

9. New Business:

- **Update on Batteries for Grader:** Supposedly the garbage truck the township owns that is kept at Calvin's has batteries that would work with the grader. Dohnnie Hines will go over and get the battery, but he has not done that yet. Bob Frey commented that if it is a used battery it may not be reliable and a new set would be nice so it would be ready and working when you need it. This will be placed on the agenda for February.
- **International Truck/Replacement/Review Insurance Appraisal.** Rural Insurance Company adjuster has called and is offering around \$20,000, maybe another \$5,000 to fix the IHC truck that was rolled. They were eager to settle and write out a check. Bob said the truck ran upside down and may have unknown issues, although Steve said he shut it off right away. The board reviewed the insurance adjuster's appraisal. The board is concerned there may be other problems down the road and it will cost more than that to fix it. Steve asked if he could talk to Cal and have him deal with the insurance company and if he can't get a hold of him, if it is okay if Steve deals with the insurance company. The board agreed.
- **Short-Term Loan Payment (Due February 15, 2021).** Laurie will let Judi know how much to write the check for with the interest added on to pay off the loan.
- **Legal Description Tower Road (Austin Engineering).** The DOT wants a legal description of where the road the new road is located (Tower Road). Austin Engineering is going to handle that. The DOT asked for

it after the December paperwork was submitted for road certification and will need to have it on file by the end of this year.

- The truck woodman loaned us broke down. The front end is out of the truck, the 4-wheel drive part. It was working when they brought it and went out after about 10 miles. Steve asked if they would sell the truck, and they are having a meeting Wednesday night to discuss. Steve said we have to fix it anyway, and would rather buy if they are going to fix it anyway. He doesn't know to what extent they have to fix it. He will see what they say. Steve thinks it might be worth somewhere between \$5,000 and \$7,500. Bob doesn't think it is worth that much.

10. Future Agenda Items: Grader battery situation, wrecked International truck update, update on Woodman's truck, update on Ford truck.

11. Patrolman's Report: Looking for trucks and getting trucks fixed.

12. Correspondence: None.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Todd to approve the January invoices including invoices from Nat Newton and Bob Frey. Steve seconded the motion. The invoice from Nat Newton was for welding on the plow truck that got tipped over. Invoice from Bob Frey was for work done up on the corner of Town Hall Road. The bill includes gravel and rock for that plus salt rock, mixing salt and gravel. He said he did not charge for using the town grader to grade and also graded Tower Road.

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

1/12/2021	14104	D. Hines (voided)	0.00
1/12/2021	14132	Dohnnie Hines	219.33
1/12/2021	14133	Nat Newton	130.00
1/12/2021	14134	Frey's Trucking	7,278.61
1/15/2021	14135	Town of Woodman	7,500.00
1/22/2021	14136	Grant County Treas	12.46
1/30/2021	14137	Nat Newton	300.00
2/4/2021	14138	Registration Fee Trust	169.50

14.Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Steve seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm. The February board meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk