

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF MARION  
JUNE 14, 2021**

- 1. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of June to order at 6:39 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Todd King, Supervisor; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Laurayne Fischer, Tiffany Waterman.

- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Todd made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Jerrod 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, June 10, 2021. The notice and agenda were posted at the Town Shop and on the town web site on Friday, June 11, 2021.
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the May 10, 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 Jerrod to approve them. The motion was seconded by Todd.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared by Laurie King and read as follows:

Checking	\$ 24,381.83
Equipment fund savings	52,965.08
Red school house restoration	1,354.80
People's Money Market	30,677.98
Local Gov't Inv Pool	<u>22.72</u>
 Total:	 \$ 109,402.41

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 \$262,239.85. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June of 2025. A loan payment will be made this month, but the new balance has not been updated. Laurie said there are not enough funds in the money market account to pay the Fahrner invoice of \$33,566 without transferring money from the equipment fund. The next transportation aid payment will be received in July. A motion was made by Todd to borrow \$10,000 from the equipment fund to be able to pay all of this month's invoices and return the \$10,000 when the transportation aid is received. Jerrod seconded the motion.

**7. Citizen Input:** None.

**8. Old Business:**

- **Update on Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall (Expansion/Cemetery Plotting).** Steve talked to Jerrell Sazama, and he agreed if we come up with a quit claim deed, they will agree to it. Steve has already talked to Attorney Ben Woods and he did not seem interested in doing the paperwork for the quit claim deed. Steve talked to Lisa Rounds and she is trying to get things lined up to do it, and Steve said she is qualified to do this.
- **Update on Ford Dump Truck.** The floor board has been fixed, but still unable to get speed up over 25 mph. Jerrell thinks it is the turbo. The expenses have already come to \$700, and Jerrell figures he will have it fixed for \$1,300.00 including brake chambers. Steve has told him to go ahead and finish the repairs.
- **Update on Peer Road.** Seal coat project is complete on Peer Road.
- **Update on Timber Lane.** The tube was not put in on Timber Lane because there would only be a gain of about 6 inches, so they brought the tube back and left it next to the gravel pile.
- **Update on Jerry Fischer's Dirt (Timber Lane).** Last year, the board made a deal with Jerry Fischer to give him 2 loads of dirt. At the time, he was not particular about whether it was black dirt or not but now says he would really like to have black dirt. As the township does not

have any black dirt available, Steve took some from his property and is charging the township \$80/load. Jerrod made a motion to pay Steve \$80/load for black dirt for a total of \$160.00. Todd seconded the motion to pay Steve \$160 for the black dirt that was delivered to Jerry Fischer in order to fulfill the agreement made with Jerry at a board meeting on December 14, 2020.

- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).** The township is requesting funds through the 2021 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and needs to have an authorized representative to sign the paperwork. Todd made a motion for Steve as the official authorized rep. Jerrod seconded the motion. Half of the funds will be deposited in the town's bank account around June 25, 2021, and are to be kept in a separate account. The second half will be deposited in June of 2022. Laurie asked what kind of account to put the money in. Steve wants the funds to be put into an account we can draw out of.
- **Board of Review Attendance (June 16, 2021 @ 6 PM).** Steve, Todd, Jerrod and Judi are all planning on attending the Board of Review.

#### 9. New Business:

- **Salt Shed Bid.** Todd talked to Slim Creasey and gave him the dimensions of a salt shed. He has forms for the cement work. He did not know if he would be able to get to it this year. Jerrod talked to his cousin at Top Notch by Bloomington. He said it would be possible for them to get to it yet this fall. No bids yet. Steve said we may not be able to do the project this year due to funds.
- **Cab for International.** Calvin Owens said he had a cab lined up in Missouri but Steve has not heard anything more.
- **Patching Update.** Steve has another load of patch on the way and they will begin to finish patching.
- **Outstanding Invoice From 10/5/2019.** Derek Zimpel has an overdue invoice from 2019. He owes for a tube and we owe him for doing work for the last big flood that he has not billed for. If he doesn't pay and doesn't bill for what he did, the next time he calls about a tube, the answer will be "no."
- **Kurt Dempsey Driveway.** Kurt stopped Steve and wanted to know if he can move his driveway as it is a hidden driveway in both directions and he wants more visibility. He wants to move it up the hill where

the corner is so he can see up the road and down the road. It would be above the tube and he would have to take care of his own tube. Board decided he can do anything he should be able to do anything he wants.

- **Employee for Patrolman Work Discussion.** Todd is recommending Nathan Brown to help with road work for the township at \$15 per hour. Nathan is currently working for John Latham and will soon have some of his hours cut. John says he is very hard working and dependable. He wants to get his CDL and is willing to work part-time. Steve said he is concerned at the \$15 per hour and then he may want more after he gets his CDL. John said he doesn't slack off, is good with equipment. Nathan Napp only gets \$10. Also, Lonny says he would like to mow this fall if able. Steve said he would recommend putting hiring him off until next spring to see where everything falls. There is patching that needs to be done and fall mowing. There are also signs that need to be addressed and brush that will need to be cut, but Steve said he would rather get a tractor in and mow over on old 61. Steve said we would have to rent equipment. Jerrod said to compile a list that needs to be done and have him do it and then we will know if this is the guy we really want (on a probationary period) and see what he gets done in a certain amount of time. The CDL is something he has always wanted. Steve said the first thing we will be doing is patching. Todd has his cell phone number if he wants to contact him yet even tonight. Jerrod made a motion to hire Nathan Brown at \$15 on a trial basis. Todd seconded the motion, and Judi will have paperwork ready for him to sign, and he can stop in at the Board of Review to do the paperwork.
- **Checklist for Hiring Contractors and Employees.** Judi said she needs worker's comp certificates of insurance before subcontractors begin work, and new employees need to fill out paper work before they start.
- **Pile of tires at town shop.** Levi Beiler wanted some tires to build a wall, so Steve took it upon himself to take them up there and Levi built a wall with them. Steve took him 7 or 8 dump loads full, which would probably be about \$3,000 if we had to pay to dispose of them.

**10.Future Agenda Items:** Brechler cemetery, patching, update on new employee, bids on salt shed, American Rescue Plan Act, cab for International.

**11.Patrolman’s Report:** There is patching yet to do. The mowing is done.

**12.Correspondence:** The township received a thank you note from Woodman 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. Judi had the insurance certificates from Rural Insurance and Steve will put them in the vehicles.

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

Additional checks written out after the June 2021 board meeting and before the July 2021 board meeting are as follows:

- 6/15/2021, #14277, void, \$0.
- 6/15/2021, #14278, Glenn Zart, \$40.00.
- 7/5/2021, #14279, Allegiant Oil, \$1,039.93.

**14.Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The July board meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith A. Boughton, Clerk