

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

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of March to order at 6:36 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: Tiffany and Jerrod Waterman, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Randy Dombeck, .

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 stated that the notice of meeting was not published in the Boscobel Dial, but the notice and agenda were posted at the town shop and the town web site on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the February 8, 2021, board meeting was 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 as follows:

Checking	\$	23,593.93
Equipment fund savings		19,962.84
Red school house restoration		1,239.28
People’s Money Market		54,757.16
Local Gov’t Inv Pool		<u>22.72</u>
 Total:	 \$	 99,575.93

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 will be \$262,239.85 after the March payment. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June of 2025.

Laurie received a check for delinquent property tax from J. Mills in the amount of \$11.30. He has been in arrears since 2016 and owes \$51.75 plus \$12.23 in interest. She is wondering if she should apply the payment to the 2016 delinquent tax or the most recent from 2020. The county says there is no statute governing this but, at the county level, they apply the payment to the principal and interest of the oldest bill. In this situation, it would wipe out his principal for 2016, and then the interest would stay until he makes another payment and then that would be applied to the 2016 interest first and then the 2017 principal. Laurie wants something in the minutes stating the process the township will use since there is no governing statute regarding this for future collections. Laurie says if we are not taking it off the older claims first, the statute of limitations make it unable to make it collectible. Carrie Eastlick said there is not a statute, but it is up to the board. Laurie asked if it would be okay to put something in her notes to call the county and follow their procedures. The board agreed.

**7. Citizen Input:** None.

**8. Old Business:**

- **Update on Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall (Expansion/Cemetery Plotting):** Nothing new.
- **Update on Ford Dump Truck:** The truck is still sitting in the shop in Mt Hope as far as Steve knows. Cal wants to take it to a local mechanic, Jerrell Sazama.
- **Update on International Truck Insurance Claim (Rollover):** The township received a check for \$33,000 from Rural Insurance for the wrecked truck and is able to keep the truck..

**9. New Business:**

- **International Truck Rural Mutual Insurance Settlement:** The board discussed what they want to do with the claim money for replacement of the truck. Steve doesn't like automatic transmissions like the Ford one we have. Cal knows where there is an international truck and wonders if anyone would be interested in looking into purchasing it.
- **Grader Update:** The grader is still sitting in the upper shed and has not had anything done with it. It has a lot of small things such as the filter that need to be addressed. Steve said the oil is clean. Add to agenda for next month. This should be checked into this summer.
- **Update on Grant Writer for Salt Shed.** Todd spoke to Carol Roth to see if she can write some grants for a salt shed and/or town truck. Todd said as long as we have never obtained an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant before, there might be some options out there. Funds are released through the summer through this grant related to the COVID pandemic. Carol Roth is also involved with the driftless area economic development so may know of other

grants that are out there. Steve said the last part of August or first part of September we have to make a move to update the truck. Steve wants to take the \$33,000 and put money with it and have a truck that last 4 or 5 years. Todd will keep in contact with her and see what she comes up with for possibly truck and salt shed.

- **Spring Cleanup (May 1, 2021):** The board agreed we will need two, 40-yard dumpsters for spring cleanup. Todd will contact Town & Country. Lonny and Laurayne Fischer will take care of getting the help needed.
- Scott construction called Steve and wanted to know if we needed anything. Steve told them we need some cold patch, and Scott's said it will not be available until mid-April. Steve ordered a load.
- Todd mentioned the weight limit signs. Steve asked if Lonny could put them up. The Board agreed they want the weight limit signs posted.
- Gravel bids and seal coat bids: Steve said we need to do the 1-mile piece on peer road. That needs to be completed in order to receive the TRIP funds. There may not be a lot of funds to do seal coating this year. Pine Knob needs re-seal coating probably the worst of any of the roads, Steve said. Todd said Waltz Lane was one of the first road that they did. Steve says we should wait until the end of June to see where our funds are. The board agrees to wait and see where we are at until the end of June with funds and then decide on seal coating projects.
- Need estimate on parts for International truck. The board needs to get an estimate on a 3<sup>rd</sup> member rebuild (whole thing) on the truck purchased from Woodman. The transmission needs to be taken apart to see what it needs. Cal said we did not get all the parts needed for the brakes yet.
- Steve brought up another new business. At some point, the tractor will need new tires on it. Cal said there is usually a government deal on tires. Steve suggested leaving the old tires on until the patching is complete. Don's Tire out of Highland can run a tire purchase through the government and we can save up to \$16,000 Cal said.
- Steve thinks we need to drop the replacement cost on our insurance. He doesn't feel there is any point in having \$100,000 on a truck if it is only worth \$30,000. Cal said before we switched over to Rural Insurance, we were paying \$1500 more for less coverage.

**11. Future Agenda Items:** Update on the grant writer, update on spring cleanup, grader update, update on Ford truck. Have Randy Lange from Rural Insurance come to next meeting.

**12. Patrolman's Report:** Lonny wants to know if we are going to install the upper tube on Timber Lane since we have the tube for it. The road needs to be posted if it is going to be done. Steve said we dug the tube out on Timber Lane East and were going to move it up by Staskal's driveway and it did not get done. The pile of gravel sitting there will probably be used for areas that have settled. The new tube on Peer Road is settling around the

tube and will need fill before seal coating. Discussed the Amish doing some building repair on town shed.

13. **Correspondence:** Judi read Rural Insurance letter regarding change in value on buildings and shared information on New Horizon.
14. **Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Cal to approve the March invoices including checks to be written out to the 3 poll workers after the April 6 election and a check for poll worker lunches. Todd seconded the motion.

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

3/29/2021 #14199, Boscobel School District, \$224.62.  
3/29/2021 #14200, Boscobel School District, \$727.20.  
4/6/2021 #14201, Boscobel Senior Dining, \$10.50.  
4/8/2021 #14202, Marlene Wetter, \$138.19.  
4/8/2021 #14203, Karen Gander, \$172.50.  
4/8/2021 #14204, Peggy Updike, \$119.63.

15. **Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Cal seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM. The annual meeting and April board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith A. Boughton, Clerk