

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF MARION  
NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of November to order at 6:47 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: Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tiffany Waterman, Nathan Napp, Andrew Knowles and Amanda.

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, October 28 and November 11, 2021. The notice and agenda were posted at the Town Shop and on the town web site on Thursday, November 11, 2021.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the October 11, 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 as follows:

Checking	\$	5,502.77
Equipment fund savings		52,967.44
Red school house restoration		2,041.27
People's Money Market		85,693.89
ARPA Funds		30,406.22
Local Gov't Inv Pool		<u>22.72</u>
Total:	\$	176,634.31

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 \$232,438.34. 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:** Nathan said it is a 4300 cab. Steve did not have a chance to follow up on this.
- **4800 International (purchased from Woodman) Update:** Steve was at Jerrell Sazama's to check on truck repair. The front end work is about ready to go with a few more adjustments and should be done tomorrow. The clutch is unable to be tightened because it is broken. Jerrell thinks we can get by without fixing it for a while and Steve thinks we should wait and fix the clutch at the same time the transmission is worked on and get by with it for now. The board agrees. The repair cost should be just a little over \$4,000 and he will need to be paid before the December meeting.
- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update:** Discussed compliance and reporting guidance material received from the Treasury on uses for the ARPA funds. The eligible cost timeframe is from March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2024. Project and expenditure report is due by April 30, 2022. The board discussed moving forward with possible construction of wash bay, sewer, water and cement for salt and sand.
- **Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall Road (Expansion/Cemetery Plotting) Update:** Lisa Rounds is in the process of getting a quit claim deed on this.
- **Winter Road Mix Update:** Bob Frey is wanting to get this done. Planning on a 400 ton mix. Can haul about 22 ton, 200 to 220 ton to mix with salt. Steve thinks we should mix gravel in at about half and half ratio. Steve will arrange this. (22 ton salt and the rest half and half of fines and gravel.)

## 9. New Business:

- Boscobel Fire Department Update (Todd). Todd attended the budget meeting for the fire department.
- BARD/Reynolds Quarry Wash Ponds DNR Permit. Letter received from DNR advising of after-the-fact DNR permit application for 2 ponds constructed near Crooked Creed in relation to the Reynolds/BARD quarry.
- Grant County 2022 Sign Rates. Judi received notice advising of Grant County's new sign rates effective January 1, 2022. The increase for fire number signs goes from \$26.27 to \$42.45 per sign. The Board discussed replacing some of the older signs. A motion was made by Jerrod for Judi to order up to 20 fire signs replacements before the end of the year. Todd seconded the motion.
- **Delinquent Personal Property Report (Laurie).** Laurie explained personal property tax delinquencies are left at the township level to collect. Laurie provided the board a list of 3 delinquent personal property taxes totaling \$388.28. She sends out a bill in the spring and fall and with the regular tax bill. Discussed she has been unable to bill one of the three because she has no current address. This trailer has been gone since February of 2016. Steve thinks we should scratch since we will be unable to locate the owner. The tax amount is \$294.72.
- **Approve Town of Marion 2022 Calendar.** The Board reviewed the 2022 calendar. Todd made a motion to approve; Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **Approve Newsletter for Tax Bills.** Newsletter reviewed and discussed changes. Todd made a motion to approve the newsletter. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **WISLR Local Road Certification/Pavement Ratings (Due 12/15).** Steve and Judi will meet to complete the pavement ratings and the road certification and complete by December 15.

**New Business Not on Agenda:** Steve said the tires on the John Deere tractor are pretty bad; the front ones are bald and one has a slow leak. Estimate of Titan tires put on would be \$674 each. Truck bill will be around \$4,000. Tires with that brand would be about \$1,350. Steve did not price Good Year. Doesn't think they have

them on hand so would have to order. We will be needing back ones in the spring also. Jerrod made a motion to get front tires. Todd seconded the motion.

Steve wanted to discuss labor increase for the other 2 that will be snow plowing (Nathan and Lonny). They are making \$10 now, and he thinks they should get \$12 per hour. Todd made a motion to pay Nathan and Lonny \$12 per hour; Jerrod seconded the motion. Andrew Knowles is also planning on plowing with his truck. Due to the increase in fuel cost, Steve recommended a pay increase from \$45.00 per hour to \$50.00 per hour. Jerrod made a motion to pay Andrew \$50.00 per hour to plow with his own truck. Todd seconded the motion.

**10.Future Agenda Items:** Hire election inspectors for 2022-2023; update on gravel and salt mix; update on signs; update on plow for ford pickup. Jerrod is looking to widen the plow and get controls to work. ARPA funds.

**11.Patrolman’s Report:** None.

**12.Correspondence:** None.

**13. Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the November invoices including Treasurer’s bond in the amount of \$100 to \$125. Todd seconded the motion.

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

- 12/4/2021, #14398, Hollow Rule Farm, truck repair.
- 12/4/2021, #14399, Liberty Mutual, Treasurer bond.

**14.Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The December board meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith A. Boughton, Clerk