

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

- 1. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of September to order at 6:35 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: Tiffany Waterman, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer.

- 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, September 9, 2021. The notice and agenda were posted at the Town Shop and on the town web site on Thursday, September 9, 2021.
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the August 9, 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	\$	26,523.01
Equipment fund savings		42,966.36
Red school house restoration		1,698.68
People's Money Market		73,780.55
Local Gov't Inv Pool		<u>22.72</u>
Total:	\$	144,991.32

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 \$247,385.71. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June of 2025. The loan balance does not reflect the quarterly payment that will be made this month.

We received the August settlement from Grant County in the amount of \$43,678.41 and \$712.50 on Kreul property for land use change, which have been deposited in the money market. A new account has been opened for the ARPA funds, and Laurie now has access and will be transferring those funds from the money market account to the new separate account.

7. Citizen Input: None.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on Cab for International 7400 Plow Truck:** Steve said Cal has still not gotten the cab so that it is available, so we will begin to look elsewhere for a replacement cab. Steve will check in at LaFarge to see if there are any leads there.
- **Update on 4800 International (purchased from Woodman):** Steve has gotten some estimates on the cost of repair work from Jerrell Sazama for the plow truck. Front end differential is \$3,000 plus labor of \$750; exhaust is \$1,250 and \$750 labor, but Nathan Napp put in some flex pipe and clamps. The radiator also needs replaced. Steve thinks we should fix front end differential, put air dryer on and fix steering shaft/U-joints; can do some of the rest of the maintenance ourselves. There is a possibility the radiator may go bad, but that usually starts leaking slowly and Steve thinks we will have the opportunity to fix it. Steve asked the board what they want to do. Jerrod says to go with what Steve says, \$3,000 for front end parts, \$750 labor; air dryer \$185 parts and \$75 labor; steering roughly \$100. 4-wheel drive will work with these parts. Steve said there also is no 5th gear in the truck but, with snow plowing, you do not need 5th gear. For the time being, this will be the main truck as you need the 4-wheel drive and can put on

chains. Todd made a motion to fix the 3 things stated. Jerrod seconded the motion.

- **Salt Shed Bids Update.** Nothing going on currently with the salt shed until we know more about available funds.
- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update.** Laurie has new account set up and will be moving the ARPA money into the new account. Judi shared letter from WTA regarding September 20 meeting in Lancaster or virtual if anyone is interested in attending. Someone from the towns association will be speaking on the ARPA funds.
- **Update on Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall (Expansion/Cemetery Plotting).** Judi checked with Nathan at the Real Property Lister's office, and they are digging back into old records and have not found anything yet on the cemetery boundaries. They have gone back as far as the 1880s, but they are still looking. Steve talked to Mrs. Sazama, co-owner of the property adjacent to the cemetery. Their only concern is they do not want the property to be theirs and someone buried on it.
- **Darcy Chappell Brechler Cemetery Plots Update.** Darcy sent a check to the township for 2 parcels at \$250 each for a total of \$500. She wants the plots to the left of her mom and dad's (Don and Betty Wetter) when looking at the road from inside the cemetery. Steve thinks there is room there.

9. New Business:

- **Fall Cleanup (October 9).** Lonny and Laurayne are taking care of arranging for workers. Todd will be getting one, 40-yard dumpster. The board agreed the charges for TVs, computers and tires, etc. will remain the same as the spring cleanup.
- **Nathan Napp CDL.** Nathan got his CDL. We had agreed to pay him \$225 for the town's share of the CDL cost and have issued a check in that amount.
- **Tower Road Map.** Austin Engineering completed the survey of the new portion of Tower Road. We received 3 certified copies of the map and description of the new Tower Road. Judi will send 1 copy to the state.
- **Rescinded/Chargeback Taxes (Torrie and Brenda Schutte).** We will need to be submitting for a chargeback of taxes for the Schutte's due

to assessor error for property that was pastured that the assessor knew about and forgot to change on the rolls in 2020. We will need to pay Schutte's back in the amount of \$1,591.26. If the DOR approves our chargeback request, we will receive a portion of this back from the schools and county. A similar situation also happened last year with a property owner pasturing land. Judi is to make a note to have in the next contract that the assessor is responsible for part of the cost of any chargebacks necessitated by assessor error.

- **Recycling Grant Application Signature.** Todd signed the recycling grant application as authorized representative. The application was electronically submitted on September 2 by Judi.
- Steve noted Nate Brown has not been coming to work. He patched roads for a while but has not been coming to work lately. The board discussed snow plow coverage. Andrew is available to plow with his own truck. Nathan Napp and Steve will plow using town trucks. If we get a snow plow blade for the pickup, Lonny wants to plow, so Steve thinks the snow plowing is covered. Jerrod will be checking into a plow at \$2,000 or less for the pickup. If we get in a bind, Steve said he can run the grader.
- You cannot see the Old 61 stop sign by Randall's until you come on it. It has a tree in front of it. Steve said we have a lot of signs that are not the way they are supposed to be. Steve said next project is to work on signs. Todd said Waltz Lane and Boebel sign is confusing which way to go on the road and they have a lot of customers that are coming to their business.

10.Future Agenda Items: Update on signage in the township, Woodman truck update, snow plow update for pickup (Jerrod is looking for a good used plow for the truck), budget, sand/salt/chip mix (Steve will look into prices), ARPA, fall cleanup.

11.Patrolman's Report: Smokey Hollow needs gravel where patching is all gone. Steve wants Lonny to coordinate with Freys to have a load dumped and then Lonny can level off with bucket.

12.Correspondence: None.

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

Additional checks written out after the September 2021 board meeting and before the October 2021 board meeting are none.

14.Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. The October board meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk