

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
DECEMBER 12, 2022**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of December to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Todd King, Supervisor. Judi Boughton, Clerk, was absent from the meeting; and Laurie King, Treasurer was present to read the treasurer’s report and then left the meeting. Laurayne Fischer was available to record the minutes.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tiffany Waterman, Randy Dombeck.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Jerrod made a motion to move the agenda item related to amending the ATV/UTV ordinance before all other agenda items. Todd seconded the motion.

4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was not published in the Boscobel Dial but the notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town web site on Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the November 15, 2022, 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 by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	2,598.67
Equipment fund savings		56,643.42
Red school house restoration		2,445.42
People’s Money Market		73,171.41
ARPA Funds		35,273.70
Local Gov’t Inv Pool		22.94
Total:	\$	170,155.56

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 \$156,224.30 after this month’s payment. Payment of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025.

7. **Citizen Input:** Randy Dombeck voiced plowing issues – roads need to be opened earlier.

8. **Old Business:**

- **Update on Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding (FFY 2022-2026). (Travis Kramer – Tower Road Double Seal Coating Project.):** No Update.
- **Update on Tower Road – Quit Claim Deed:** Steve has not done anything, needs to check on this.
- **Update on Salt Shed (Water Test Result):** A copy of the lab results report by the Wisconsin DNR was emailed from D&T Well Service dated 11/15/2022 stating “Unsafe (coliform present) and fecal/E.coli absent” on the new well drilled on Tower Road. A copy of the report was distributed to the board. The plan is to shock the well with bleach.
- **Winter Road Mix Update:** This has been done.
- **Post-Election Audit of Electronic Voting Equipment (12/1/2022):** Marlene Wetter and Judi Boughton ended up performing the voting machine audit at the Grant County Administrative Building. The audit took over 6 hours because the numbers initially did not come out. The paper roll had to be counted for 4 elected offices. The problem was there was one rejected ballot where someone changed their mind and where there was a flaw in the technology that on the paper roll this looked like a counted ballot. There was small print at the bottom of the ballot that said rejected and not accepted. Once that problem was determined, the ballots all added up perfectly by hand counting the same as what the machine said. The election commission will be reimbursing the township \$101.45 for doing the audit.
- **Revaluation Informational Meeting Update (November 16, 2022):** Jerrod, Laurie and Judi were the only ones at the informational meeting besides Bruce Gardiner, assessor. The Board of review will not be held until after August 15, 2023, after the equalization report comes out next year. Anyone wanting to come to the open book will need an appointment as usually there are many that will want to come once there is a revaluation. The assessor has already started viewing properties.

9. **New Business:**

- **Set Date For 2023 Caucus (Between January 2, 2023 and January 21, 2023):** Jerrod made a motion to set the 2023 caucus for January 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with the January board meeting immediately following. Todd seconded the motion and the caucus is set for January 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
- **New Building Construction/Demolition List for 2022:** Need a list of any new buildings other than what we would have a building permit for and any trailers or homes that have been removed. Nothing was recorded for this.
- **Ordinance to Amend Section (2)(a) of the ATV/UTV Ordinance of the Town of Marion, Grant County, WI, Relating to Authorizing Operation of ATVs and UTVs**

on Portions of Highway 61 (Grant County ATV/UTV Alliance). The board reviewed an ordinance requested by the Grant County ATV/UTV Alliance to modify the ordinance to authorize the operation of ATV/UTVs on that portion of State Highway 61, from the intersection with Old 61 to the intersection of Peer Road including the bridge over Crooked Creek in the Town of Marion a distance of .2 mile; State Highway 61 in the town of Marion from Town Hall Road to Dry Hollow for a distance of .1 mile.

A motion was made by Jerrod to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-002 An Ordinance to Amend Section (2)(a) of the ATV/UTV Ordinance of the Town of Marion, Grant County, Wisconsin, Relating to Authorizing Operation of ATVs and UTVs on Portions of Highway 61. Todd seconded the motion.

10. Future agenda: Update Tower Road quit claim deed; Tower Road well situation.

11. Patrolman's Report: Bob Frey delivered 6 fines, 5 gravel. International truck not running smooth. Ford truck batteries tested; bought new batteries and replaced old ones. Tom started fixing chains for the trucks. Yellow truck was placed in front of the Carriage House for sale in Boscobel; asking around \$9,000.

12. Correspondence: None.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the December invoices. These included Laurie King reimbursement in the amount of \$478.67, Liberty Mutual insurance bond for \$100.00, USPS for Treasurer stamps in the amount of \$315. Todd seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the December 2022 board meeting and before the January 2023 board meeting are:

- 12/13/2022, #14709, Laurie King, \$476.72.
- 12/13/2022, #14710, USPS, \$315.00.
- 12/13/2022, #14711, Liberty Mutual, \$100.00.
- 12/28/2022, #14712, Boscobel School District, \$167.46.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The January board meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk