

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
MARCH 14, 2022**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of March to order at 6:43 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Todd King, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer.

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

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, March 10, 2022. The notice and agenda were posted at the Town Shop and on the town web site on Thursday, March 10, 2022.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the February 14, 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 Todd to approve them. The motion was seconded by Jerrod.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared and read by Laurie King as follows:

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| Checking | \$ | 24,874.31 |
| Equipment fund savings | | 60,468.74 |
| Red school house restoration | | 2,111.32 |
| People's Money Market | | 147,049.89 |
| ARPA Funds | | 30,406.89 |
| Local Gov't Inv Pool | | <u>22.72</u> |
| Total: | \$ | 264,933.87 |

Loan Summary: Regarding the loan with Peoples State Bank, the terms of the loan are 2.49% fixed annual rate until 2025. The loan balance after this month's payment is \$202,215.96. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June of 2025.

7. Citizen Input: Laurayne Fischer said she called Town & Country again because the bags of aluminum cans used for donating to the Red School House Fund have come up missing again. She talked to Kristi and Kristi is going to communicate it to the manager.

8. Old Business:

- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update:** Steve will get bids on costs associated with putting a salt shed, well, electricity, meter box, etc. on the Tower Road property.
- **Update on Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall (Expansion/Cemetery Plotting):** No update.
- **Update on Plow for Ford Pickup:** Plowed wet snow with it. Ford dump truck is at Jerrell's to have brakes worked on.
- **Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding (FFY 2022-2026):** Travis Kramer said they are ahead of where they should be on this and the details have not been worked out yet on paper. Steve told him we need the bridge by Mertz's/Novinska's taken care of. Even though it is structurally sound, it is narrow and dangerous with the amount of traffic it receives including the quarry and wedding barn and that a disaster could easily happen. Travis is going to put this on the list to get done through this funding.
- Jerrod was inquiring if the township is interested in selling the International plow truck that was tipped over. Steve thought it would be worth between \$8,000 to \$10,000 for parts. Jerrod has someone that is looking for an AWD off-road truck. The sander will not be sold with it but can be used as a plow truck. Jerrod will check with the person that is interested. Todd agrees with putting it up for sale. The town will be asking \$10,000.

9. New Business:

- **ICX Voting Machine Payment (2 Payments or 1):** The township had contracted with the county to pay for the ICX voting machine in 2 installments, the 1st in 2022 and the 2nd in 2023. Steve recommended paying the full amount in 2022.

- Discussion on Deeding Land Back to Amish on Tower Road After Road Realignment:** The township made a deal with Henry Stoltzfus when purchasing land from him to build the new Tower Road, that he would own the portion of the old road that adjoins his farm. Since that time, the Stoltzfus property has been sold and is owned by 3 different landowners now on that little stretch where the old Tower Road lies. Steve's opinion is we need to deed this property back to the adjoining landowners for liability reasons related to the crumbling bridges on that property and that the property owners would be responsible for replacing the bridges with a tube and that the land cannot just be quit claimed without first being surveyed. A survey also needs to be done with for the Brechler cemetery. The question brought to the board is if the surveying should be done by Austin Engineering. This was discussed with the board. Jerrod made a motion for Austin Engineering to do the survey since they had done the survey for the new Tower Road. Todd seconded the motion. Steve will call Austin Engineering.
- Discussed whether to post the roads this year for weight limit. Steve said the southern exposed roads are already thawed. Discussed the most damage to roads in the past if used was Lathams when they were operational, and Steve has talked to Bob Frey regarding hauling heavy loads during spring thaw. The only other problem anticipated would be logging trucks. Steve recommended not posting and that it is just a matter of putting the signs up and taking them down around the 1st of May. It was discussed whether or not the board felt the signs were necessary. All 3 members agreed not to post weight limit signs this year.
- Advertise for seal coat bids. Steve is anticipating roughly \$20,000 per mile for a single seal. Looking at doing Pine Knob, Waltz Lane (1 mile) (up to Jay's was done last year), part of town hall from the Y where dump truck tipped over to where it joins Wisconsin Valley. Not many miles were done last year and there will be funds coming back this year. Steve anticipates spending \$120,000 to \$130,000. He will check with Travis Kramer regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and how this applies to seal coating roads. There is a piece of new road that will take a double seal coat on Tower by shop if able, but we will see where we are at with the others first, which includes Waltz, Pine

Knob, about half of Town Hall or more if it works out for mileage. Up by Frey's quarry needs to be done. Looking at doing roughly 6 miles of seal coat this year.

10.Future Agenda Items: Surveying, seal coat bids, truck sale, spring cleanup, update on what we find out from Travis Kramer, bid out seal coating.

11.Patrolman's Report: Want to get going on the road signs. Lonny mentioned the junk garbage truck owned by the township that is sitting at Cal Owens' place and asked what we are going to do with the rest of it. Steve said it has a good motor and once that is sold, then can get rid of the truck. Jerrod recommended maybe putting that on market place.

12.Correspondence: None.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the March invoices and an addition check to the county for the final payment of the ICX voting machine. Todd seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the March 2022 board meeting and before the April 2022 board meeting are:

- 3/15/2022 #14506 Grant County Clerk \$1,924.50.
- 4/5/2022 #14507 Boscobel Senior Dining \$12.00.
- 4/13/2022 #electronic IRS \$121.05

14.Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Todd seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The April annual meeting and board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk