

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
OCTOBER 10, 2022**

- 1. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of October to order at 6:37 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: Karen Gander, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tiffany Waterman, Tom Haile.

- 3. Approval of Agenda:** The new business of voting machine integrity presented by Karen Gander was moved ahead of all other business as Karen was present at the meeting and may not want to stay for the entire meeting.
- 4. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** Judi Boughton stated that the notice of meeting was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Notice was posted at the Town Shop and the town web site on Thursday, October 6, 2022.
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the September 12, 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 and read by Laurie King as follows:

Checking	\$	145,235.05
Equipment fund savings		60,473.42
Red school house restoration		2,410.62
People's Money Market		44,027.89
ARPA Funds		57,762.38
Local Gov't Inv Pool		<u>22.83</u>
Total:	\$	309,933.85

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 \$171,658.65. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025.

The quarterly payment from the DOT for transportation aid has been received in the amount of \$26,742.99 and reflected in the money market balance. There has been no payment received for TRIP funds.

7. Citizen Input: None.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding (FFY 2022-2026) (Travis Kramer--Tower Road/Double Seal Coating Project).** Steve has not heard anything on this recently.
- **Update on Brechler/Evangelical Cemetery on Town Hall.** Received a bill from Austin Engineering in the amount of \$1,532.75 for surveying the cemetery. Copy of the certified survey received in the clerk's office.
- **Update on Tower Road Quit Claim Deed.** Steve said as soon as Austin Engineering sends the survey map, we can get started on the quit claim deed process.
- **Update on Salt Shed (Electric/Well/Cement).** Steve talked to well driller. They are 1 month out. Amish is going to turn in cement bid but so far have not.
- **Update on Fall Cleanup.** Laurayne gave an update on fall cleanup. Between recycling and cleanup, there were 57 people, 43 tires; 10 TVs; and 2 of the TVs were not paid for that were brought in on a wagon from Cozy Acres, so received funds for only 8 TVs. The dumpster was full.

9. New Business.

- **Update on 2023 Seal Coating.** Seal coating is done. Turned out well. Roads done were Pine Knob, Tower Road, part of Town Hall, Waltz Lane, piece between highway 61 and bridge on Town Hall and the intersection of Timber Lane and Timber Lane East (patch).

- **Resolution Authorizing Appointment of School Crossing Guards for the [Fennimore Community School District].** The Town of Marion received a resolution for consideration from the Board of Education of the Fennimore Community School District to authorize the appointment of school crossing guards to assist for the protection of students, school employees and other individuals who are crossing roadways in the vicinity of one or more schools in the Fennimore district. After review of the resolution, there were 3 votes in favor, 0 votes against, 0 votes abstaining. Todd made a motion to approve and Jerrod seconded the motion. The Resolution Authorizing Appointment of School Crossing Guards signed by the Fennimore school board president was signed on the approval paragraph by Steve Peer as Chairman for the Town of Marion.
- **Budget Review.** A rough draft of the budget was handed out to the board for review and input given for the proposed 2023 budget.
- **Voting Machine Integrity Presentation (Karen Gander).** Karen Gander was present at the meeting and said she had done research on election integrity, which she says concerns the ICX voting machine that the town uses to conduct elections and wanted to bring this to the board's attention in case they may not want to use the machine in future elections. She said the machine questioning is across all parties and reliable people are beginning to investigate the machine and whether it can be hacked into. She showed some clips on her PC and gave the board handouts on sites they could go to to check out more information. She felt she needed to make the board aware. The board discussed. Jerrod didn't feel Marion was a large enough population for anyone to consider trying to hack the voting system. Judi said she didn't feel this could happen with the ICX. It is not connected to the Internet and the election data never goes through the Internet. Everything is picked up and delivered in person by the town clerk to and from the county clerk's office. There is a paper trail and the voting data for the ballot and the results is stored on a flash drive. Whenever a voter casts their ballot, they can see a review of their ballot on the paper roll before it is cast. It is printed on the paper roll when reviewed and confirmed when the ballot is cast. At the end of the election, the paper roll (ballot roll) is taken to the county in a sealed envelope (signed by each poll worker) with the rest of the paper ballots and can be accessed if necessary only by a panel of authorized personnel. Additionally, the machine and electronic ballot are tested prior to each election by the clerk during public testing of electronic voting

equipment. The flash drive is picked up from the county in a sealed envelope by the clerk and no longer can be directly mailed to her. Once inserted in the voting machine, a protective seal remains on the flash drive port until after election. The seal number is verified by the chief inspector before and after the election.

- Steve wanted to know what the rest of the board wanted to go with as far as the tires for the tractor tires they will be getting through Nathan Knowles. It will be around \$1600 for good tires that will last better than 6 years or around \$1100 for used tires. Steve thinks we should go with the good tires at around \$1600.00. Jerrod made a motion for Steve to order the better tires that will cost around \$1600.00. Todd seconded the motion.
- Steve said to put the plow on the old truck and get it advertised. The sander needs to be taken off. They had wanted \$9,000 and had an offer for \$7,500. Lonny and Tom will get the plow back on it.

10.Future agenda: Election followup. Salt and sand update. Report from Laurie on personal property tax (end of year). Salt shed update. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

11.Patrolman’s Report: Tom said they are done with mowing; the mower is off. Patching is all done unless they find a spot that comes up. They fixed a big spot by Steve Bodenbender where it had washed out. They moved some new tubes from Cal Owens’s to the new township property.

12.Correspondence: Judi shared the following with the Board: 2023 Recycling Grant Application has been submitted by Judi; received information from Insurance Services Office (ISO’s) for analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system provided in community for Boscobel and Rural Fire; DSPS conditional approval letter re Produce Auction Building; Building permit for Brian Harris at 21 Timber Lane East; shoreland permit for Steve Peer property; received certified survey map for Brechler cemetery.

13.Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the October invoices along with reimbursement to Steve for lunches for fall cleanup workers and paying the poll workers at the November 8 election. Todd seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the October 2022 board meeting and before the November 2022 board meeting are:

- 10/11/2022 #14653 Steve Peer \$52.74

14.Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM. The November board meeting and the 2023 budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk