

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
AUGUST 14, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of August to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Bob Frey, Supervisor; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer.
3. Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Kevin Reynolds, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tom Haile, Tiffany Waterman.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Bob made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Steve seconded the motion.
5. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published Thursday, August 10, 2023, in the Boscobel Dial. The agenda was posted Thursday, August 10, 2023, at the town shop and on the town web site.
6. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the July 10, 2023, board meeting were distributed to all who were present and, after everyone had a chance to review the minutes, a motion was made by Bob to approve them. The motion was seconded by Steve.
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

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| Checking | \$ | 10,008.44 |
| Equipment fund savings | | 71,690.01 |
| Red school house restoration | | 2,962.63 |
| People’s Money Market | | 33,997.67 |
| ARPA Funds | | 6,431.25 |
| Local Gov’t Inv Pool | | 23.73 |
| Total: | \$ | 125,113.73 |

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 \$125,066.42. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025.

8. Citizen Input: Kevin Reynolds was present at the meeting and he has been dealing with Tony Hrubes on the purchase of a piece of property and would like to make a mobile home court or RV park. Wants to know about the township rules/ordinances. Steve said only rules would come into play may be from the DNR as it is probably a flood plain. If he goes with a mobile home park, he would need a mobile home park license with 3 or more trailers and the township has a mobile home park ordinance. Discussed flood plain, septic. Judi said he should check with the zoning office at the county and handed him and the board a copy of the mobile home park ordinance and Wisconsin statutes related to mobile home parks. He was told to basically check with the county zoning office and DNR.

9. 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 from Travis Kramer about doing Tower Road. Will check again with Travis.
- **Update on Tower Road – Quit Claim Deed:** Nothing has been received from Austin Engineering on this. Steve was asked about keeping the property where the old bridges are along Tower Road, and Steve explained we didn't want the liability of the old bridges and the deal to acquire the property in order to be able to move the road was made with Henry Stoltzfus. Part of the deal was he would get the property on his side of the road which, at the time, joined his farm. Bob discussed the salt shed and at this point using bunker silos and cover the salt with plastic to meet DNR requirements. He received an estimate from Allied for \$137/yard for a cement floor.
- **Update on ARPA Project – Allocation of Remaining Funds After Paying Off Town's Share of Boscobel Fire Department Fire Truck Loan:** Judi has not heard back from the government regarding whether we can switch

allocation of funds to another project. Bob made a motion to switch the allocation to paying off the fire department. Jerrod seconded the motion.

- **Update on Well Bacteria Contamination:** The bacteriological water testing from the new well came back as safe, no fecal/E. coli present.
- **Update on Locating a Town Truck:** Steve has not found anything. Jerrell has not found anything. Bob had a listing that was sent today that was discussed.
- **Update on Waltz Lane Seal Coat Issue (2022 Seal Coating):** Laurie said Fahrner called. They left a message with Laurie and she gave it to Todd and does not think Todd called them back.
- **Update on Replacing Bridge By Marion Church With Culvert:** Steve tried to get a hold of Travis Kramer from the county and has not heard anything back. Galen Freymiller wanted to save some of the rocks and put on the upper side of the tube to make an arch similar to the old bridge. The county would need to throw the rocks out and leave them. Bob said it should be done right away or we could get a gully washer that would wash out the tube. Steve would assume they will put a cement header on it. If they do, there will be no harm in what Galen wants to do. Bob said maybe pay for someone to put up cement and stamp it to make it look like rock would be a possibility. Rock Solid on County X may have some forms. Brad Bay may know of someone.
- **Update on Weed Spraying by County:** Bob says they have been busy, so if we do it, we will have to do some of it ourselves. Board thought it might be a little late for this year. Bob thought we could get ready for next year and should gear up for next year. Need to get brush back so road can be mowed. Need new blades for mower. Lonny said since there is an account set up with Hennessey, all we have to do is call in and they will have them delivered. Tom thinks the mower is okay, it's just the blades. Discussed getting 2 sets of blades to save freight. Board discussed and only going with 1 set of blades as mower is older.

10. New Business.

- **July Fire Board Meeting Update (Steve):** Steve said the meeting was about deciding on whether to buy the land out by the prison, 8 acres of land. The fire board has the authorization to buy it from the city, and that is what that meeting was about. They want 100% funding to get a new fire station

and estimate \$10 million for the station. Steve said they thought they could come up with 51%, which would be a large debt for the municipalities, but they are looking for other funding.

- **Tax Bill Mailing Outsourcing Option (Laurie):** Laurie received an email from Carrie, treasurer at the county, wanting to know what townships want to outsource the tax bill mailing. Postage, printing, envelopes and mailing if averaged over 3 years from the past runs around \$450. Using Laurie's prices, it would average around \$500 to outsource. It takes Laurie about 24 hours to do the mailing. The county sent a followup email stating they will not be doing the outsourcing option this year but maybe next year. It is optional this year, but next year they may be requiring it. We would also be able to add things like the newsletter in the envelopes as usual.
- **Memorandum of Understanding for WisVote Data Entry Services:** Jerrod made a motion to adopt and sign the Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Grant and the Town of Marion for WisVote Data Entry Services. Bob seconded the motion.
- **New Ownership of Gardiner Appraisal Services, LLC:** The board was informed of Bruce Gardiner taking over Gardiner Appraisal Services, LLC and changing the name to Bruce Gardiner Appraisal Services, LLC.
- **Bruce Gardiner Appraisal Services, LLC, Maintenance Contract:** Contract runs from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. Cost is \$3,500 plus any postage and software licensing fee for Market Drive. A motion was made to approve the contract by Bob. Jerrod seconded the motion.

Other Items Not Listed on Agenda:

- Steve said on the 4-wheel drive truck, the tires do not match up, so it pulls against itself when in 4-wheel drive. If we get a bad winter and need 4-wheel drive, Steve said we should get matching tires. Bob recommended getting the truck to Jerrell and have it DOT inspected as he does the inspections and he is close. Board decided to get 6 new tires from Tri-County in Fennimore.
- Bob brought up the topic of the Amish using drill tec shoes on the roads and says they are hard on the roads and should not be used. Steve asked if we know if they are using drill tec shoes or just shoes and asked who is going to check horses if we put up signs. Bob said we can go see the elders,

Swarey, and the other elder is on Dry Hollow. Steve said he will talk with them and see what they say.

- Bob said we need to get rid of the old TVs and tires.
- Lonny wondered if we could extend the shoulder out along the Town Hall bridge for parking so the fisherman have a place to park. Steve discussed taking fill from another area and placing it there.

11.Future Agenda Items: Budget prep, follow up on drill tec shoes being used on roads and Steve talking to elders, tire update on truck, inspection on 7400 International truck, fall cleanup, update on bridge by Marion Church.

12.Patrolman’s Report: Judi said, since she will be ordering signs, if we still need an S sign by Brad Bodenbender and a Wisconsin Valley Road sign. Discussed and will order Back Road sign, S sign, Wisconsin Valley Road sign.

13.Correspondence: Judi reminded the board that the adjourned Board of Review will be meeting at 6:15 on Monday, September 11, 15 minutes before the board meeting to adjourn the meeting to a later date. Judi recommended another member of the BOR other than herself to listen to the BOR training. Discussed Jerrod and Laurayne or any other board member may wish to take training and would be paid \$35 as it is considered a meeting.

14.Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Bob to approve the August invoices. Jerrod seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the August 2023 board meeting and before the September 2023 board meeting are:

- 14908 8/15/2023 Void 00.00

15.Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The September board meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk