

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
DECEMBER 11, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of December to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Bob Frey, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer.

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

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Bob made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Jerrod seconded the motion.

4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published Thursday, December 7, 2023, in the Boscobel Dial. The notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town web site on December 7, 2023.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the November 21, 2023, 2024 budget hearing, special town meeting of electors and November 21, 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 Jerrod to approve them. The motion was seconded by Bob.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	52,023.81
Equipment fund savings		13,682.09
Red school house restoration		3,324.51
People's Money Market		49,659.44
ARPA Funds		6,433.57
Local Gov't Inv Pool		<u>24.05</u>
Total:	\$	125,147.47

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 will be \$93,530.21 after this quarter's payment made in December. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025.

7. **Citizen Input:** None.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on Tower Road – Surveying/Quit Claim Deed:** There is nothing new from Austin Engineering on this.
- **Update on ARPA Project – Allocation of Remaining Funds (\$6,431.00):** Discussed using ARPA funds for the ICE voting machine. The voting machine costs \$6,600 minus the trade-in of our ICX voting machine in the amount of \$3,299.00 for a balance of \$3,301.00 owed on the voting machine. We will possibly also be able to get a grant for the voting machine of \$750.00. Discussed purchasing a shipping container for office storage. Judi received a quote from the storage unit advertised on Hwy 61 in Boscobel that comes from Dubuque (CABO). They have a single-trip across-the-ocean container 20 foot for \$3,800 delivered and 40 foot is around \$6,200 or less (delivered). Can come with a lot of vents if that is what we want. They also have less expensive ones that are not single trip containers. Steve will check with Jeff's Tractor in Fennimore and Bob will check from a source he has.
- **Update on Replacing Bridge By Marion Church With Culvert:** Steve tried calling Travis Kramer 3 times and could not get a hold of him. Steve wondered if the bridge could still be dug this year and Bob thought it could be. Bob wondered if there was a wire going through there that needs to be handled.
- **Update on Bid on Culvert on Pine Knob and Town Hall Road:** No update.
- **Update on 7400 International at Jerrell's:** Steve had him put rear spring in it because if we get in a pinch, we need the extra truck. Truck frame has a crack. Has fixed other things on it.
- **Update on Cameras:** No update.

9. New Business:

- **Update on Truck Chains:** Township has some old chains in that have been repaired and there are some new chains. Will need to order new chains and they come in a pair. Bob will call Gray's in Milwaukee and they deliver around here once a month.
- **Input on Snow Plow Operators/Plans:** Steve has not heard anything out of Nathan Napp and Tom Haile shows interest in plowing with pickup if need be. Bob plans on helping plow. Steve is okay with driving old truck.
- **Appoint Election Workers for January 2024 through December 2025:** The board was given a list of current election workers of Laurayne Fischer, Karen Gander, Marlene Wetter, Tiffany Waterman and Peggy Updike along with the addition of Peggy Freymiller for board approval. A motion was made by Bob to appoint each one for the January 24 through December 2025 election cycle. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **Update on Storage Container for Office Storage:** This was discussed under the update on ARPA project.

- **Review New Construction/Demolition in Township for 2023:** There were no removals or demolitions that anyone was aware of. John Rounds has an addition.
 - **Board of Review Reminder December 12, 2023, @ 4 pm:** Steve, Jerrod and Judi will be attending the Board of Review.
- 10. Future Agenda Items:** Tube by Marion Church. County either has a tube or we can find one and we will need to get Bob or somebody to bury the tube by the church. Board in agreement. Steve said we may need a special meeting if we find a tube.
- 11. Patrolman's Report:** Tom said we need gravel over on Smokey Hollow. Steve asked if Bob could split a load in two and place over there. Bob said he could but it will need to be spread with the tractor. Bob and Tom will take care of this tomorrow.
- 12. Correspondence:** Letter from Wisconsin DSPS regarding satisfactory compliance completed on Fennimore Produce Auction building site on County Road T.
- 13. Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the December invoices. Bob seconded the motion. Laurie will have a receipt for office supplies, mileage, website, which will total around \$600 that she will submit around mid to late December when she knows how much it is so it can come out of the budget this year and this was included in the invoices. Discussed Henry Stoltzfus not having the shed finished yet and whether to pay him before it gets finished. Part of the cost was for supplies and working on Sand Hill. The board agreed to pay him and ask him to get the project completed right away.

Additional checks written out after the December 2023 board meeting and before the January 2024 board meeting are:

- 12/15/2023, #15008, Boscobel School District, \$147.03.
- 12/26/2023, #15009, Laurie King, \$560.45

- 14. Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Bob seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The January board meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk