

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
JANUARY 9, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of January to order at 7:00 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 Randy Dombeck, Bob Frey, Tom Haile, Peggy Freymiller, Tiffany Waterman, Lonny Fischer, Laurayne, Fischer, Dean Ward, Dave Gardner, Doug Zimpel. Galen Freymiller arrived later.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Todd 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 12/29/2022 and 1/5/2023. The agenda was posted December 25, 2022, at the town shop and on the town web site.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the December 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 by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	343,211.06
Equipment fund savings		56,656.10
Red school house restoration		2,445.95
People's Money Market		58,577.15
ARPA Funds		35,283.39
Local Gov't Inv Pool		<u>23.01</u>
Total:	\$	496,196.66

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

Per Laurie’s report, the end-of-year balance for 2022 without December “tax” deposits is as follows:

Checking	\$ 2,593.11
Equipment Fund	56,656.10
Red School Fund	2,445.95
Money Market	31,291.83
Local Govt Inv Pool	23.09
ARPA (Amer Plan Rescue Act)	<u>35,283.39</u>
TOTAL	\$ 128,293.47

7. Citizen Input: Dave Gardner was present at the meeting and asked the board what the equipment account is earmarked for. Steve responded the funds will be used for fixing up equipment and towards a new truck. Several individuals were present at the meeting that live on Riley Road and expressed dissatisfaction with how soon the roads are getting plowed during a snow storm and said the roads are not safe. They felt the township needs to upgrade its plow equipment and look at getting a new truck. Bob Frey was present and felt we could get a new truck for around \$225,000 and could get a good used truck for around \$100,000. Citizens present went on to state they were not here to complain about not doing a good job but that they meet Amish and logging trucks on Riley Road and feel this makes it even more unsafe when the roads are not plowed. Steve said it takes about 8 hours to plow all town roads and he tries to plan Riley Road so he can go to town and get fuel at the same time. Steve said the board plans on using some of the equipment funds for a truck but was not planned for this winter.

Citizens recommended subcontracting some of the roads out for plowing, but Steve said he did not think that was a good idea. He had checked into it once before and found it would cost slightly over \$1,000.00 per mile for the year (the township has 39.92 miles). He has talked to places that have subcontracted out plowing and they are not that happy with it. Doug stated we cannot leave roads the way we have them and that they cannot stay the way they are as far as safety for each citizen in the township. Doug does not think it is possible for us to handle the roads with current equipment. Bob Frey was present and said he would figure \$1,500 a day if he contracted with the township to plow roads at \$150 per hour as that is what other townships are getting charged and he would want a contract for 3 years.

Discussed adding more winter mix product to the roads. Bob says he puts 11 dump truck loads of gravel/fines to 1 dump truck load of salt. Discussed reason for starting on construction of new salt shed and it was stated the current salt shed is too small and they need extra space to store winter salt that meets the DNR’s standards. The ARPA funds received from the federal government are

designated for the salt shed, well and electricity. The grant funds were not available for buying road equipment and so were designated for a salt shed.

Discussed option of extending payment out on seal coat loan to purchase truck. Galen Freymiller asked if there was an option for doing a one-time tax jump to get funds for new truck like was done to get the seal coating back on schedule if wanting to avoid extending out the loan.

Steve said subbing roads isn't a good idea. They will try putting on more material. Bob will go ahead and check on bids for a truck. Laurie will check on interest rate and loan options. If a new truck was able to be purchased, they would use the money set aside in the equipment fund except for at least \$7,500 and whatever would need to be borrowed. The 2012 seal coat loan will be paid off in 2025. The original amount borrowed was \$750,000 and is currently at around \$156,000. The town is paying \$66,000 per year on the loan until it is paid off.

Discussed potential tax burdens with the Boscobel School District wishing to build and the Boscobel and Rural Fire Department wishing to build a new fire station and the sacrifices the board has made in operational costs to avoid raising local taxes for taxpayers.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding (FFY 2022-2026). (Travis Kramer – Tower Road Double Seal Coating Project.):** Nothing new.
- **Update on Tower Road – Quit Claim Deed:** No certified map yet.
- **Update on Salt Shed (Water Test Result):** Has to be shocked and run for a couple days probably in the spring.
- **Winter Road Mix Update:** Steve said we are sitting fairly good so far. Pile is down but still in shed.

9. New Business:

- The International truck was taken to Jerrell Sazama's (Hollow Road Diesel) to put new injectors, new fuel pump -- \$77.50 per hour labor for 10 hours, total bill \$3,685.76. Runs good and has power. The other truck caught on fire but ended up only being a wire and that has been fixed. The sander fell off the International, so they put the sander from the other truck on it.

10. Future agenda: Review truck Bids (Bob Frey), financing (Laurie), update on salt mix situation.

11. Patrolman's Report: Need more tire chains fixed – Tom Haile. Lonny said to keep watching the hole on Tower Road as it is starting to give and may need more gravel. It has a tube underneath it.

12. Correspondence: None.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the January invoices. Todd seconded the motion. Steve has an invoice for a block heater for the grader in the amount of \$90.73 that Lisa Rounds ordered online for him and needs to be reimbursed. Jerrod made a motion to approve; Todd seconded the motion.

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

- 1/9/2023, #14742, Lisa Rounds, \$90.73.
- 1/13/2023, #14743, Bryce Updike, \$3.00.
- 1/16/2023, Electronic, Wisconsin DOR, \$65.10.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The February board meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk