

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF MARION  
JULY 10, 2023**

- 1. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of July to order at 6:33 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: Laurayne Fischer, Randy Dombeck, Tiffany Waterman, Galen Freymiller.
- 4. Approval of Agenda:** Steve informed the board that he would be leaving the meeting at 6:55 p.m. to attend the Boscobel Fire Board meeting and if there was anything on the agenda that he needs to be there for, they should address that first. Jerrod made a motion to move any items that need to be addressed while Steve is able to be at the meeting ahead of all other agenda items. Bob seconded the motion.
- 5. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published Thursday, July 6, 2023, in the Boscobel Dial. The agenda was posted Thursday, July 6, at the town shop and on the town web site.
- 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the June 12, 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 Jerrod.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	49,314.43
Equipment fund savings		71,690.01
Red school house restoration		2,962.63
People's Money Market		33,740.51

ARPA Funds	6,431.25
Local Gov't Inv Pool	<u>23.53</u>
Total:	\$ 164,162.36

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. Laurie stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter DOT funds were received in early July and she transferred \$28,869.74 from ARPA account to checking account for payment of the Boscobel fire truck loan.

**8. Citizen Input:** Laurie stated she and Todd do not want either side of Waltz Lane sprayed and from Peer Road to Waltz Lane on 133 side of road they do not want sprayed also. They will be taking care of trimming on Waltz Lane.

**9. Old Business:**

- **Update on Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding (FFY 2022-2026) – (Travis Kramer – Tower Road Double Seal Coating Project):** There has been anything new on this. Steve said the chances are slim of getting funding as there are a lot of applications.
- **Update on Tower Road – Quit Claim Deed:** Nothing has been received from Austin Engineering on this.
- **Update on ARPA Project – Allocation of Remaining Funds After Paying Off Town’s Share of Boscobel Fire Department Fire Truck Loan:** Judi will hold check until next month in order to get a reply from ARPA regarding whether we can designate the funds to a different project than indicated on the initial project report.
- **Update on Well Bacteria Contamination:** Steve sent in a well sample to Lancaster. If it does not pass, Bob thought we would need the well driller to come back and treat to make sure it passes. Jerrod said the only point of access was the hydrant and that is where the sample was drawn.
- **Update on Locating a Town Truck:** Steve had some options for trucks listed online and also one for sale in LaFarge.
- **Update on Waltz Lane Seal Coat Issue (2022 Seal Coating):** Laurie said no one from Fahrner ever called to meet with Todd regarding the seal coat on Waltz Lane. She said coming out of Cellar Way, it is just black.

- **Update on Replacing Bridge By Marion Church With Culvert:** Steve said the county has it marked. No digging has been made yet. Galen asked if they said anything about re-grading it. Steve talked to county and they said they would look at it and see what they could do. Bob thought they wouldn't pave in front of the church and probably stop at Knowles' driveway. Galen thinks it will affect church's parking lot. Galen said he would like to keep the rocks in a pile and use to construct an arch-like appearance on one side of the culvert to resemble the original bridge that would be of no extra cost.

*At this point, Steve Peer left the meeting to attend the Boscobel fire board meeting and Bob Frey took over as Chairman.*

#### **10. New Business.**

- **Update on Weed Spraying By County (Bob):** Bob talked to county but has not heard anything back yet.
- *[This agenda item was moved ahead due to Steve leaving the meeting early.]* **Petition for Appropriation for the Improvement of a Highway (2024 Grant County Road Aid for Inclusion in the 2023 Grant County Budget):** Jerrod made a motion to appropriate \$2,000 matching funds to replace the bridge at the intersection of County Road T and Town Hall Road with a tube. Bob seconded the motion. Steve signed the Petition for Appropriation for the Improvement of a Highway.
- **Allegiant Oil Propane Contract 2023-2024:** Judi filled out the 2023-2024 Allegiant Oil Propane Contract and received approval by the board to prepay 700 gallons at \$1.39/gallon = \$973.00 minus credit of \$636.52 for a total due of \$336.48. Last year 850 gallons of propane was contracted and used 494 gallons leaving a credit of \$636.52.

**11. Future Agenda Items:** Weed spraying, ARPA designation of funds, update on purchase of truck before winter.

**12. Patrolman's Report:** Tom said almost all of 1<sup>st</sup> round of mowing is done. Cellar Way needs to be mowed. At the end of Boebel where Wisconsin Valley meets, it still needs to be mowed. Still has patching and brush cutting. Where Boebel Road meets Peer Road, there is a lot of Sumac that needs to be cut back Tom said. Laurie said someone from Fennimore owns that. Bob said as long as you

stay within 33' from the middle of the road you can mow it. Tom asked what we will be doing on Town Hall. Bob said he put a load of fines on the road when it was heated up to get rid of the stickiness. Tom thought we should have enough patch.

**13. Correspondence:** Bob said Ricky Fernandez does not have a fire number and requested one; fire plate for Jerrod Waterman; verify Lacoursiere has correct fire number.

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

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

- None.

**15. Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Bob seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The August board meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith A. Boughton, Clerk