

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF MARION  
JUNE 12, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of June to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Bob Frey, Supervisor; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor (arrived at 6:48 p.m.); Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer.

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

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Bob made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Steve seconded the motion.
4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published Thursday, June 8, 2023, in the Boscobel Dial. The agenda was posted Thursday, June 8, 2023, at the town shop and on the town web site.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the May 8, 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.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	25,297.68
Equipment fund savings		71,672.14
Red school house restoration		2,875.69
People's Money Market		111,392.92
ARPA Funds		35,292.19
Local Gov't Inv Pool		<u>23.53</u>
Total:	\$	246,554.15

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 she has not moved funds from the money market account to pay the seal coat invoice and there will be \$31,000 left in that account after those funds are transferred from the money market account to the checking account.

**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):** Nothing new on this. Travis Kramer said there may be more money appropriated that would work out for our township.
- **Update on Tower Road – Quit Claim Deed:** Nothing had been received from Austin Engineering yet.
- **Update on ARPA Project – Salt Shed (Decision on Keeping ARPA Funds For Salt Shed or Pay Off Boscobel Fire Department on Amount Owed for Fire Truck of \$28,869.74):** There will be around \$7,000.00 [actual \$6,422.45] left in the ARPA fund if we pay off what we owe on the Boscobel Fire Department fire truck. [The total currently in the ARPA fund is \$35,292.19.] Steve said the money that is there now is not really enough to get started on a salt shed. Marion township is one of three that have not paid the fire department in full for the truck and some of the other townships had used their ARPA funds. Steve is for paying it off using ARPA funds. Bob is for paying it off. Jerrod is in agreement of paying off the fire department. Need to allocate the remaining funds to a project. Lonny recommended doing some excavating at the salt shed site. Jerrod made a motion to pay off the fire department for their loan on one of the fire trucks using the ARPA funds. Bob seconded the motion.
- **Update on Well Bacteria:** Bob checked out the process for treating bacteria in a well and stated you need to pick the well up, dump pellets down and let set a day or two and then let run. He said one pellet is equal to a gallon of bleach. You need to pick up head so you don't get bleach in seal and

ends causing it to rust. McCormick put the pump in and Bob suggested having them help. Steve suggested letting it run and thinks that will take care of it.

- **Sale of Tubes Update:** Steve has not gotten a firm price on the tubes and has not heard of anyone wanting them again.

## 9. New Business:

- **Waltz Lane 2022 Seal Coat Update (Todd King):** Todd called the other night and had complaints about Waltz Lane where it was brushed off and you could see seam marks and where it was patched. Steve got a hold of Kerry Everson and gave him Todd's number so he can go ahead and call Todd and see what needs to be done. Laurie stated Jay Fitzgerald had mentioned to Todd also there was something odd about the road.
- **Update on Locating a Truck:** Bob said he has someone looking for a truck for him. Jerrod has not seen much for sale.
- **Cozy Acres MHP License Renewal:** The license fee requirement was received by Michelle Gilbertson for Cozy Acres and Judi is asking the board for approval to issue a license. Jerrod made a motion to renew the license for Cozy Acres. Bob seconded the motion.
- **Ordinance Appointing Alternate Board of Review Member.** Jerrod made a motion to appoint Laurayne Fischer as alternate Board of Review Member. Bob seconded the motion.
- **Purchase of 1996 Ford Dump Truck and Transfer of Title to Steve Peer:** A cashier's check was received from Steve Peer for purchase of the 1996 Ford Dump truck that had been damaged and totaled out by the insurance company. Bob stated he thought the truck should have been put up for bids. Steve explained when the insurance company settled with the township on the truck, we still needed a truck to plow with and wanted to buy it back and let the township use for the rest of the season without needing to transfer the title. The insurance company said if the truck was bought outright, the title would need to be transferred and would be unable to be insured through the town as it would be a salvaged title. The truck was bought back and that amount subtracted from the claim and the title was sent to the township. Steve said we needed 2 trucks to finish out the year and, doing this, we were still able to have the truck on the road to

plow with. The running gear of the truck was fine for plowing but the box could not be used for sanding. Steve was given the truck title.

New business brought up by Steve: The county is going to be doing construction on County Highway T and Steve thought that would be a good time to replace the bridge with a culvert by Marion Church. Steve was asking if he should contact the county and see if they can do culvert while they are working on the highway. Bob said it needs to have cement through the bottom for cows to walk through or 2 x 4 with good grooves in. The board is okay with Steve contacting the county to see if they are okay with doing the project.

Bob said Henry doesn't have the upper shed door fixed yet. Lonny said the tin was ordered 2 weeks ago from Boscobel Lumber; they lost the order, and now it was ordered again on Friday (tin and all material).

TV's from spring cleanup: Steve said there was someone that takes old TV's and took the ones he wanted at no cost and was going to get back to Steve on the rest. Steve thought L&M salvage charges \$25 per TV. J&J charges \$30 straight through. Bob recommended taking to J&J since it is closer and get rid of them.

Seal coat on road bleeding on the seal coating done this year on Town Hall Road – Steve said we haven't had any hot weather yet and thought that would help. Bob doesn't think they put enough chips on it. Steve said we need to watch the road and if there is a problem it needs to be addressed right away. Bob said 2 weeks ago it was tracking from normal traffic. Steve said heavy trucks is what is making it do it in the first place.

Bob brought up that we need one person that can be called if there is a problem that needs to be addressed with the roads. Steve said that he could be called as well as Tom Haile and Nathan Napp to take care of any problems that come up. Bob wants one person for patrolman to take care of the roads, keep them busy, keep them working.

Discussed roadside spraying. Steve asked about using a sprayer on front of truck where one guy can sit in cab and run sprayer. Bob said maybe we could

rent county's truck or they can come and do it for us possibly. Bob will call them. Bob called the county during meeting and they thought they would be able to do it for us. He will talk to them tomorrow.

**10.Future Agenda Items:** Replacement of bridge by Marion church with a culvert. Update on well. Look for truck update. Update on Waltz Lane. Bob checking out with county on spraying (will need to be advertised if we are spraying).

**11.Patrolman's Report:** Tom said they are about 1/3 done with mowing. Bob was asking about blade. Steve said they sharpen them.

**12.Correspondence:** Letter from Brad Smrcina to Jacob Stoltzfus regarding building without a permit.

**13.Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the June invoices plus John Deere lease payment. Bob seconded the motion.

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

- 6/17/2023, #14874, Deere Credit, \$7,331.95.

**14.Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The July board meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith A. Boughton, Clerk