

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
MARCH 13, 2023**

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

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tiffany Waterman, Tom Haile, Trish Smith from City of Boscobel, Nathan Napp.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Jerrod made a motion to move the agenda item, “Resolution to Increase Levy Limit per Wis. Stat. s. 66.0602(3)(h) Due to Fire District Causing Municipality to Exceed Permitted Levy Limit” before the old business as Trish Smith was present at the meeting regarding the same. Todd seconded the motion.
4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published March 9, 2023, in the Boscobel Dial. The agenda was posted March 9, 2023, at the town shop and on the town web site.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the February 13, 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 Todd to approve them. The motion was seconded by Jerrod.
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	25,063.36
Equipment fund savings		71,656.10
Red school house restoration		2,570.95
People’s Money Market		114,942.54
ARPA Funds		35,283.39
Local Gov’t Inv Pool		23.25
Total:	\$	249,539.59

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 \$140,683.47. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025.

The settlement check from Rural Mutual in the amount of \$10,000 for truck damages is reflected in the equipment fund savings account balance.

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): No update.
- Update on Tower Road – Quit Claim Deed: Judi called Austin Engineering to check on the status of the survey map for Tower Road. They said they have to draw out the map yet and will be doing that soon. We will also be getting an invoice on that yet.
- Update on Salt Shed: Nothing new on this. Only cement bid Steve has is around \$56,000. Laurie wondered if there was a time limit on when to have project completed.

9. New Business:

- Update on Grader (Repairs): Steve talked to Jerrell about a leak underneath the grader, probably a rear main. Jerrell said he would be interested and will stop to look at it.
- 2022 Election Security Subgrant Updated: Judi submitted the final compliance documentation for the election security grant to the Wisconsin Elections Commission, meeting the deadline of February 28, 2023. The following purchases were made: Webroot SecureAnywhere and patch management for 2 years in the amount of \$499.80 from Applied Micro in Platteville for the town PC used by the clerk. Also purchased was a lockable storage cabinet to fit voting machine and other election materials in the amount of \$327.03 (located at clerk's office), for a total purchase amount of \$826.83. The township received \$1,200 for the grant and returned \$373.17 of unused grant funds to WEC.
- Grant County Hazardous Mitigation Plan Meeting Followup: Steve and Judi attended the meeting on February 15. Board discussed things like a generator and discussed generator you could use with the tractor. Board will wait and see if there is any grant money available.
- Resolution to Increase Levy Limit per Wis. Stat. s. 66.0602(3)(h) Due to Fire District Causing Municipality to Exceed Permitted Levy Limit: Judi received an email from the Boscobel City Administrator, Patricia Smith, relaying a directive she has from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue regarding the 2023 Boscobel Fire District Budget and the assessment to the municipalities for 2023. The City of Boscobel received an increase in budget expense from the fire district

last year to be paid in 2023 in the amount of \$7,000. They claimed this amount on their levy limit worksheet; however, the DOR is requesting that the Boscobel Common Council approve a resolution accepting this increase in assessment. As well, each of the other municipalities who share in the municipality assessment from fire district at their entry level would also be asked to sign a resolution regardless of whether this amount was claimed or not under adjustment due to increase in charges assessed by the joint fire department. Tricia is in attendance of the March meeting with a sample resolution and is asking the board to approve a resolution to exceed the levy limit. This was discussed and the board concluded that they would sign a resolution if it was specific to just this year. Jerrod made a motion for specific info in the resolution contingent with defined language with dates specific to 2023 budget. Todd seconded the motion. Tricia will forward a draft resolution and get back to the township on this.

- Town and Country Sanitation Contract for Collection and Disposal of Garbage, Refuse and Recycle Materials. The town board reviewed the Town and Country Sanitation Contract for Collection and Disposal of Garbage, Refuse and Recycle Materials. Motion was made by Jerrod in agreement of the contract. Todd seconded the motion. The contract was signed by Steve.
- Rural Insurance Premium Update: Judi received an email from Lange Insurance at Rural Insurance stating the current premium of \$3,548 is set to go up to \$4,023 due to inflation guard percentage increasing, which raises building values and premium accordingly and also due to the fact that the loss ratio on this policy is 154%. In talking with their underwriter, they said, if we would agree to raise our vehicle deductible from \$500 to \$1,000, they would be okay with our renewal premium at \$3,758. Motion by Jerrod to raise the deductible to \$1,000. Todd seconded the motion. Steve also said Nathan Napp thinks the amount of \$15,000 on international truck is too low. This was discussed by the board, and a motion was made by Todd to raise the value on the truck to \$25,000; Jerrod seconded the motion. This decision was made when pricing trucks to replace one wrecked and found out our truck was underinsured.
- Jerrell Sazama is looking for a truck for us. Bob Frey was looking for a truck and said he found one. Cal Owens is going to look at trucks in Dodge City, Kansas. There are 6 or 7 tandem trucks. They start out at 2001 or 2003, on up to 2007. Seller said he would sell older for \$16,500; newest one \$22,500 -- 125,000 to 170,000 mileage. If 125,000 is one of the newer ones, Steve said that would not be a bad price. This would be a secondary truck, and eventually we will need a good 4-wheel drive truck. Steve is thinking less than \$100,000 for a real good one. A tandem can be used to get blacktop at Pardeeville, can get salt at Lancaster and could haul gravel. Trucks will be sold in 1 to 2 weeks. Board left it up to Cal and Steve to look at trucks and use judgment in paying \$25,000 for a

truck. Todd made a motion for Steve to go ahead with purchasing a truck at \$25,000 or less. Jerrod seconded the motion.

- Steve said the township has an old garbage truck at Cal's. The Amish use a power unit for most of their stuff so may be able to sell motor and transmission for \$2,000 to them. The rest of the truck would be junk. When the truck was purchased, we bought it for the tires; we were to get the truck and Cal was to get the box. Cal said he had someone that wanted to buy the truck also. The board determined the motor and transmission are worth \$2,000; whole truck for \$2,500. Jerrod made a motion to sell the truck for motor and transmission at \$2,000 or whole truck for \$2,500. Todd seconded the motion.

10. Future agenda: BIL grant; seal coat bids, update on insurance – raising for 2000 International, election update, spring cleanup, mobile home park license.

11. Patrolman's Report: Discussed spot seal coat repair on town roads as follows: Two spots on Crown Hill on both sides, one on Town Hall; one on old 32; one on Hickory Hill, one by Mike McDaniel's on Riley Road; one by Henry Stoltzfus's shed, need to be filled up with gravel. Hole on Tower Road that has been dropping in probably needs some gravel. From what Steve has seen, the following is the list of seal coating that is projected to be done this year: Riley Road, from the bridge on Town Hall up to Frey's quarry, Old 132. Steve said Town Hall has to be done; Riley Road might be able to leave out little pieces and do. Old 32, Steve doesn't think has ever been redone. Need to advertise for seal coat bids and approximately 4 miles will be done.

12. Correspondence: None.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the March invoices. Todd seconded the motion. This includes approval of poll workers' pay and poll worker lunches.

Additional checks written out after the March 2023 board meeting and before the April 2023 board meeting are:

- 4/4/2023, #14804, Boscobel Senior Dining, \$16.00.
- 4/14/2023, Electronic, IRS \$178.82.
- 4/13/2023, #14805, Laurayne Fischer, \$155.00.
- 4/13/2023, #14806, Marlene Wetter, \$144.38.
- 4/13/2023, #14807, Peggy Updike, \$144.38.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Todd. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The April

board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, immediately following the annual meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk