

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
MAY 8, 2023**

- 1. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of May to order at 6:32 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.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tom Haile, Katrina Jones, Tiffany Waterman, Joe Jones.

- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Bob made a motion to move the agenda item, “Red School House Open House July 6 from 10 am to 2 pm for Sesquicentennial” to before the Citizen Input as Katrina Jones is present at the meeting. Steve seconded the motion.
- 4. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published Thursday, May 4, 2023, in the Boscobel Dial. The agenda was posted Thursday, May 4, 2023, at the town shop and on the town web site.
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the April 18, 2023, annual meeting and 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	\$	9,270.61
Equipment fund savings		71,672.14
Red school house restoration		2,680.13
People’s Money Market		132,315.27
ARPA Funds		35,292.19

Local Gov't Inv Pool	<u>23.34</u>
Total:	\$ 251,253.68

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.

- Red School House Open House July 6 From 10 AM to 2 PM for Sesquicentennial:** Katrina Jones was present at the meeting representing the Sesquicentennial committee to address the red school house open house on July 6. There were concerns from the township regarding insurance issues, the traffic on the highway and parking and it was asked that someone from the committee attend the board meeting as nothing had been discussed previously regarding the open house. Laurie stated we are not insured for an event at the red school house. Judi also mentioned the stability of the school house floor with a lot of people standing on it at once and the playground equipment, which could be a liability. Katrina stated the school house is open all the time anyway and that she did not expect a large turnout and they may have 1 attendant there for the open house and may limit the amount of people entering the school house or block off the entrance. The board discussed and did not think there would be a liability issue and does not have a problem with it.

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):** Steve talked to Travis three times. The governor is letting loose of a bunch more money for roads, and he is going to see if he can get us in on some of that. Talked to Travis about whether the county is going to do anything on Highway T at the intersection of T and Town Hall Road when they redo County T. He said they are going to do something but unsure what and will try to do something to help us.
- Update on Tower Road – Quit Claim Deed:** Nothing new on this.

- **Update on Salt Shed (ARPA Project):** The new well on Tower Road needs to be shocked due to bacteria. Bob is going to ask Rick Kazda about the process since he is familiar with wells. The board discussed just letting the pump run and take another sample.

There is not enough money available this year to complete the salt shed project even with the remaining ARPA funds of \$35,292. After attending the Boscobel fire board meeting, another thought Steve has is to use the remaining ARPA funds to pay off the rest of what we owe to the fire department on fire truck #4, which is \$28,869.74. There are 2 municipalities in the district that have not paid it off and we have made one payment. Steve said next year we plan to buy the tractor rather than leasing and said it makes more sense to buy a tractor with 20,000 plus hours than get another lease. Discussed tractor a little. Board will defer until next month.

9. New Business.

- **Joe Jones Auto Dealer Licensing:** Joe Jones is present at the meeting and is asking the board to grant permission for a vehicle dealer's license and salvage license to buy, fix and sell cars along Highway 132. He needs authorization from the township every 2 years and will be fixing them up and flipping them. Jerrod made a motion to approve the request. Bob seconded the motion. Steve signed the Motor Vehicle Dealer Two-Year License Application for Joe Jones.
- **Boscobel and Rural Fire District Board Meeting Update:** Steve attended the annual meeting for the Boscobel and Rural Fire District and has the following report. They discussed the \$400,000 paid on fire truck #4 and said it is almost paid off. Two townships have not paid anything and Marion has 2 payments left. The fire district wants to get the money back in their general funds. They are wanting to build a new fire station but will not be doing so unless they can get 100% funding on grants. They have a grant writer. The fire chief was re-elected, Herschel Marks. The fire district will be having to do an inspection on "Memories on Maple," the town shop and the new produce barn on T. Bob says his facility is not open to the public and is private and says others do inspections and fire department won't have to do his. Jerrod commented that he has to have his restaurant inspected, which also is not a public building. The Boscobel Rural and Fire District will be unable to get the 2% fire dues if they do not comply with all

necessary inspections, and this is certified each year by the town clerk and fire chief.

- **Spring Cleanup Update:** Laurayne Fischer was present at the meeting and stated there were approximately 60 people that participated in spring cleanup, but there was a problem with a few people wanting to dumpster dive. Laurayne said there was a couple that came after Lonny had smashed down the dumpster 3 times and were in there throwing stuff outside. This fall, Laurayne wants to say no dumpster diving. There is a lot of stuff laying on the ground that needs to be put in the dumpster inside the shed. Henry Stoltzfus is working on the door in the above shed so it can be locked. Tires are still there and will be going to Don's Tire in Highland. TVs are inside the shed. Bob suggested they be hauled off right away.
- **Donations for Woodman 1st Responders and Boscobel Rescue Squad.** Each year, the township donates \$250 to Woodman 1st Responders and \$500 to Boscobel Rescue Squad and Judi was seeking approval from the board. A motion was made by Bob to approve the donations. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **Offer From Buyer for Used Tube:** Steve said 2 people have called about buying the oval-shaped used tubes the township had dug up that are sitting by the new well. Steve suggested seeing what they cost new and charging for 50% the price of new ones. He said we pay 50% for new tubes, so we would be able to buy new ones for the same price we are charging for the used ones. Jerrod made a motion to sell the tubes for 50% of what new ones would cost. Bob seconded the motion. Will need to call and get price from county to know how much they are worth.
- **Meeting Monday, June 5, 2023, at 8 AM to adjourn Board of Review:** Judi said it will be necessary for the BOR to meet during the 45-day period starting April 24, 2023, to adjourn the Board of Review to a later date. The meeting notice needed to be posted 15 days in advance and was unable to get that done timely so Judi has scheduled and noticed the meeting to adjourn the BOR to a later date for Monday, June 5, 2023 at 8:00 AM at the town shop. Will take about 5 minutes and needs only 1 other board member to meet. Steve said he could meet as long as he is reminded. Judi will contact him before meeting.
- **Red School House Open House July 6 from 10 am to 2 pm for Sesquicentennial:** This agenda item was moved ahead of citizen's input (see above).

On dumpster, sheriff's department called up and said they caught someone digging in dumpster and wanted to know what they should do about it. Steve said if you arrest one, you should arrest others too. The people are from Platteville and were arrested for digging in dumpsters. Said he was going to turn them into probation officer.

Steve went around and looked at township roads (with Kerry Everson) to decide what to do with them. Road from 61 to Bob's quarry needs a lot of work on edges, so they will do what is called "swedging" (4-foot double seal on both sides to build up outside). On Riley Road, that is about all they are going to do is sides of roads and fixing bad spots. Old 32, they are doing a single seal.

Steve said different ones complained we are doing Bob Frey special favors by fixing the lower piece of Town Hall Road in bottom last year and basically doing a double seal on the outside of Town Hall Road this year. He runs the trucks on it and they just get to drive on it. There have been a couple things over the years where people busted up roads and we never made them pay. One individual said when Pattison wanted to get sand out of the quarry on old 61, they were responsible for graveling and seal coating up to the quarry at their own expense. Steve told them to come to the meeting and he would bring it up as that is what meetings are for. Bob says he uses the roads, the Amish use it and are hard on the sides of the roads. Comment was made on having no tacks on shoes. No further discussion at this time.

Justin Kline is looking for something to do, was wondering if we had a patrolman job and was asking for an application, cutting brush, plowing snow. Has helped Hickory Grove township. Doesn't have a CDL but is in the process. Steve said if he is interested he should come and talk to the board at a meeting, how much money, how many hours, when available. The way it is, we get by with part-time help. Bob said in the winter it would be helpful to have one person responsible for things.

Cal had a truck he found on Missouri online auction (Purple Wave), discussed.

- 10.Future Agenda Items:** Update on well, update on truck's Bob found, ARPA,
- 11.Patrolman's Report:** Steve asked how the patching is going. Lonny gave update. Ford truck needs some work with transmission pan leaking. Tom has been working on this.
- 12.Correspondence:** None. Judi said she will continue to send Cozy Acres MHP owner application for license renewal as the statutes state this shall be on forms furnished by the licensing authority.
- 13.Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Bob to approve the May invoices. Jerrod seconded the motion. Additional expenses that were approved were a bill from Glen Zart's shop for \$50 and reimbursement to Steve for food to feed employees at spring cleanup in the amount of \$52.78.

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

- 5/10/2023, #14849, Steve Peer, \$52.78.
- 5/10/2023, #14850, Glenn Zart, \$50.

- 14.Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Bob seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. The June board meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk