

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

- 1. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of October to order at 6:31 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor, not present during roll call but arrived at 6:50 p.m.; Bob Frey, Supervisor, Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer.
- 3.** Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Mary Kirschbaum, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tom Haile, Peggy Freymiller.
- 4. Approval of Agenda:** Bob Frey made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Steve seconded the motion.
- 5. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published Thursday, October 5, 2023, in the Boscobel Dial. The agenda was posted Thursday, October 5, 2023, at the town shop and on the town web site.
- 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the September 11, 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 Steve to approve them. The motion was seconded by Bob.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	16,358.75
Equipment fund savings		13,682.09
Red school house restoration		2,963.36
People's Money Market		72,959.29
ARPA Funds		6,433.57
Local Gov't Inv Pool		<u>23.84</u>
Total:	\$	112,420.90

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 \$109,351.36. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025. Note DOT funds were deposited on October 2 and are included in money market balance.

8. Citizen Input: Mary Kirschbaum was at the meeting and said she has not received a notice from the assessor that he is coming around to assess her property for the reval. Steve said he would mention it to Bruce Gardiner when he comes out to assess his house the next day. She also pointed out an area on Crown Hill just below where John Gander has his wrapped bales. She said there is a big hole there and suggests putting in some posts and getting a guard rail. When the roads are icy, the vehicles want to head towards that hole. She said the road needs to be built up there. She suggested trying to purchase a guard rail for \$2 a running foot from the county to save someone from going down in there. Bob said it could stand a lot of fill and it is a steep drop off. Steve and Bob will look at it in the morning.

9. Old Business:

- **Update on Tower Road – Surveying/Quit Claim Deed.** Judi tried calling Aaron from Austin Engineering and he has not returned the call.
- **Update on ARPA Project – Allocation of Remaining Funds (\$6,431.00).** No allocation made at this time for the remaining ARPA funds of \$6,431.00; however, \$28,331.39 of the ARPA funds has been used to pay off in full the portion the Town of Marion owes for the Boscobel and Rural Fire Department truck loan. Check #14875 will be returned by Paul Beck of Boscobel Rural and Fire and voided and check #14948 reissued reflecting a credit of \$538.36 that would have been interest if it had been paid off in 3 payments as initially planned. The initial check was \$28,869.74, and the check written out this month to replace it is \$28,331.39.
- **Update on New Town Truck/Insurance.** The township purchased a 2006 Sterling truck from Cannon Falls, MN for \$58,000. Mileage 170,965. The board would like \$60,000 insurance placed on the truck, which includes plow on front, belly blade and tailgate sander. Judi handed out a copy of the maintenance report on the truck to the board. The original is kept on

file. Bob suggested after elections, when there is a change of board members that the locks should be changed.

- **Update on Replacing Bridge By Marion Church With Culvert.** County is going to do the labor. Steve said “Larry” was supposed to get a bid on an extension for the culvert by tonight, but he has not received yet.
- **Fall Cleanup Update.** Laurayne said they had a good cleanup. They took in 49 tires and 9 TVs. Two 30-yard dumpsters were used for the same price as one big dumpster. The tire pile is growing already after the fall cleanup and needs to be hauled off. J&J will be called tomorrow to pick up the scrap metal dumpster. Bob suggested cell cameras be put up to see what goes on.
- **Tire Update on 4-Wheel Drive International Truck.** Tires on 4-wheel international need spring work and a couple of other things and DOT inspected with Jerrell Sazama. Bob said it may cost \$8,000 (exhaust, springs air leaks) to make it pass DOT inspection.

10. New Business.

- **Proposal for Township to Switch ICX Voting Machine to ICE.** Judi said she was contacted by Command Central to see if we would be willing to trade in the ICX voting machine for the ICE machine. The county is pushing for this as most other municipalities in Grant County have this machine and they are able to do things with this machine to better manage elections. Judi said the one issue she has with this machine is transporting and storing the large base as we are renting space for elections and it may be hard to transport. The top that is carried around is the size of a brief case. The ICX also has a flaw with counting write-ins that has not been fixed. We would receive \$3,299 for ICX trade-in and the new machine would cost \$6,600, leaving a balance of \$3,301 that would need to be paid next year. A motion was made by Bob to table this decision to the November meeting. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **Budget Review.** Reviewed rough draft of budget and Board gave starting figures. There will be a special meeting in November to review the budget that will be presented at the Budget Hearing on November 21.

11. Future Agenda Items: Tax newsletter draft, delinquent personal property, 2024 calendar, voting machine decision, update on bid on culvert on Pine Knob and Town Hall Road; update on international 7400 at Jerrell’s. Update on grader. Update on locks and camera.

12. Patrolman's Report: Bob said we need a maintenance program for equipment so that everything gets greased. If you use it, grease it was the recommendation. Bob said new truck should be greased after snowstorm, salt cleaned off and reloaded. Strobe light needs to be changed on new truck because it is blue and not allowed in Wisconsin. Patrolmen have been cutting brush on Sand Hill Road.

13. Correspondence: None. Crystal Degenhardt ordered something for her driveway that will be billed to us through the county that Judi will need to bill her for.

14. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the October invoices. Bob seconded the motion. Included in the approved invoices were invoices for food bill of \$46 while Board was in MN looking at truck; reimbursement for fall cleanup food bill of \$33.75 and invoice from Henry Stoltzfus for corner on shed \$100 plus cutting \$56. There was a bill from the county for 1.66 T Silvex, which was not approved (later found to be Degenhardt invoice noted above under correspondence and this amount was paid and she was billed).

Additional checks written out after the October 2023 board meeting and before the November 2023 board meeting are:

- 11/4/2023, #14949, Henry Stoltzfus, \$156.00
- 11/4/2023, #14950, Steve Peer, \$46.00.
- 11/15/2023, Electronic, IRS, \$198.03.
- 11/14/2023, #14951, Tom Haile, \$426.66.
- 11/14/2023, #14952, Tom Haile, \$83.12.
- 11/15/2023, #14953, Jennifer Turner, \$275.00
- 11/15/2023, #14954, Yoder Lumber, \$246.87.

15. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Bob seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. The November board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk