

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of December to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer. Bob Frey, Supervisor, was absent from the meeting.

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

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Jerrod 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, December 5, 2024, in the Boscobel Dial. The notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on December 6, 2024.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the November 19, 2024, the 2025 Budget Hearing, the 2025 Special Town Meeting of Electors and the November board meeting were distributed to all who were present and, after everyone had a chance to review the minutes, a motion was made by Jerrod 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	\$	49,280.29
Equipment fund savings		15,695.92
Red school house restoration		4,270.66
People's Money Market		121,718.54
Local Gov't Investment Pool		25.46
Total:	\$	190,990.87

Loan Summary: Regarding the loan with Peoples State Bank, the terms of the loan are 2.49% fixed annual rate until 2025. The loan principal balance will be \$29,262.50 after the December payment is made. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025. Steve asked Laurie to transfer \$7,500 from the money market into the equipment fund. When the new truck is purchased, she should take all but \$5,000 out of the equipment fund.

7. **Citizen Input:** None.
8. **Old Business:**
 - **Update on Bridge by Marion Church:** There is nothing new with this.
 - **Camera Update:** Bob Frey is not at the meeting and nothing has been done with cameras.
 - **Update on New Plow Truck:** Jerrod will call the owners on Thursday regarding a 5500 Dodge truck the township is interested in buying. It is currently in the shop for a power steering pump

and they have been waiting for the parts. The township has the right of first refusal. The truck is from the Town of Middleton in Verona. It is a 2014, and they are asking \$52,000. It has a V plow, sander, hydraulic pump, chipper box.

- **Update on Snow Plow Operator:** Tom is still interested in plowing snow for the township with the smaller truck and the board will find someone with a CDL to drive the Sterling plow truck.

9. New Business.

- **Wages for Snow Plow Operator and Patrolman Wages:** Steve proposed paying \$20 per hour for snow plowing and \$16 per hour for miscellaneous patrolman work/road work. Jerrod made a motion for the township to pay \$20 per hour for snow plowing whether using the dump plow truck or the pickup truck and \$16 per hour for miscellaneous patrolman work. Steve seconded the motion.
- **Update on Tractor Bucket:** Steve talked to Nat Newton about fixing the cutting edge on the tractor bucket and he agreed, but it has to be at a time when we can get it there and he can do it. Steve suggested waiting until spring and getting a cutting edge on it. Steve wants it bolted on and left bent so it doesn't leave marks on seal coat. Whoever does it will need a heavy welding table in order to do it right so it isn't wavy.
- **Update on Garage Door and Light on Shop:** The bottom panels on the garage door need replacing, and Bob was going to check on that. Lonny said the bottom panel is getting pretty weak on the garage door. The 2nd one is starting to show some rust (oxidizing). Lonny suggested getting a yard light from the electric company, which comes with a monthly fee, and Steve recommended just getting a new light bulb as it is already wired for light.
- **Set Date for Caucus (Between January 2 and January 21, 2025).** Motion by Jerrod to set caucus for the 13th of January at 6:30 right before our January board meeting. Steve seconded the motion.

10. Future Agenda Items: Update on Garage Door and Light on Shop. Update on pickup truck. Take update on camera and Marion bridge off agenda for now.

11. Patrolman's Report: Tom said last week they didn't do much because of deer hunting and also there was a lot of rain.

12. Correspondence: Judi shared the following correspondence with the board: Hurtz Irrevocable Trust tree cutting and DNR letter re MFL for Thomas and Anne Hore.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the invoices. Steve seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the December 2024 board meeting and before the January 2025 board meeting are:

- 12/16/2024, #15304, Boscobel School District, \$145.20.
- 12/16/2024, #15306, Town of Middleton, \$50,000.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Steve seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Town caucus will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. with the January board meeting immediately following.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk