

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of February to order at 6:41 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: Tom Haile, Laurayne Fischer, Jonathan Knowles, Tiffany Waterman, Jerrell Sazama.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Bob made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Jerrod seconded the motion.
4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published Thursday, February 6, 2025 in the Boscobel Dial. The notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website February 6, 2025.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the January 13, 2025, 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	\$	328,416.17
Equipment fund savings		5,003.55
Red school house restoration		4,398.13
People's Money Market		110,016.46
Local Gov't Investment Pool		<u>25.66</u>
Total:	\$	447,859.97

The balance of the loan was paid in the amount of \$31,286.72 on January 14, 2025.

7. **Citizen Input:** None.
8. **Old Business:**
 - **Update on Garage Door and Light on Shop:** Bob Frey has a bid from Carey's on the town shop's overhead garage door. Carey's has a business in Prairie du Chien and Belmont. Bob said the old door is not worth fixing and is sprung. Estimate for a new door is \$5,338.92. This includes a brand new track but using the same opener. Bob says when the current

door goes shut there is a gap at the top in the center and it hits on the left-hand side and makes noise when opening. Size is 16' x 12'. They will remove the old door and haul away existing materials and install the new one. The new one would be polyurethane filled foam and has 3 windows. He does not have a timeline yet on when they would be able to get it. Bob says eventually the old one is going to break. Jonathan asked if we would want it with windows. Bob said the windows are only \$117. Bob made a motion to get the new door from Carey's. Jerrod seconded the motion. The light situation is still open. Bob said we can get a decent light from Menard's for \$80. Wires and everything are already there. Jerrod will be going to Menard's tomorrow and will purchase a light.

9. New Business:

- **Update on Fuel Tank Placement After Checking With Insurance Company:** No one has checked with the insurance company regarding storage of fuel at this time. This will be followed up on at the next meeting. Bob said if we can't get a tank on the ground, we should keep the white pickup for awhile so you don't have to keep moving the tank in and out of the red pickup. The standing tank we once had was removed because it was red-tagged because there was no foundation for it and it was also near a stream. It is required to be in a cement holding tank. It was a 500-gallon tank and needs to be in a holding tank twice that size. No one knows where the tank went to. Jerrod commented Allegiant will give you a tank and setup as long as you sign a contract for 8 years but he is unsure of the cost. We would need containment but they would bring the tank with a meter and pump. Bob said we may as well buy the tank so we aren't under a contract for 8 years. The most expensive part is the containment. Bob said Ron Wetter has one or two tanks over at his place. Jerrell recommended getting one that is mobile (on tires). This was discussed by the Board. Jerrell was thinking chopper box running gear. Jerrod asked between gear and tank how much do we want to spend. Bob said a tank would be \$1500 to \$2000. Discussed what to run the pump off of or do we keep the white pickup and tank in back. Bob will get a price on tank and price of fuel from the guy he gets fuel from, going with a 110 v pump. Jerrod thinks we should get a new tank unless we find a really nice used one to avoid getting one with sediment in the bottom. This will be a 500-gallon tank.
- **Update on Grader Repair:** Jerrell Sazama's work on the grader for the hydraulic leak is done. Nothing was done on the motor leak. Jerrell said he has someone interested in buying the grader if the township is interested in selling it. Steve said we still need it and does not think we should sell it. Bob agreed it is worth investing money in to get it fixed.
- **Set Minimum Bid on 2003 Ford Pickup 250 With Plow and 2000 IH 4800 Dump Truck With Plow Before Opening Sealed Bids:** Jerrell Sazama was at the meeting and said he thought the International was worth \$2700 for scrap and with the new tires. The board agreed, and Jerrod made a motion to set the minimum bid on the 2000 International at \$2700. Bob seconded the motion. Jerrod made a motion to set the minimum bid on the 2003 Ford pickup at \$2500. Bob seconded the motion.
- **Open Sealed Bids on 2003 Ford Pickup F250 and 2000 IH 4800 Dump Truck and Award to Highest Bidder:** Sealed bids were submitted by Steve Peer and Tom Haile. Bob Frey opened the bids and read as follows: Tom Haile offered \$1,201 on the 2003 Ford pickup. Steve Peer offered \$2,700.00 on the 2003 Ford pickup and \$2,700 on the 2000

International dump truck. Bob made a motion to sell both vehicles to Steve at \$2,700 each. Jerrod seconded the motion.

- **Verify Price on Crown Hill Cemetery Plots:** Judi said Ron Wetter had called her and was interested in buying 2 plots at Crown Hill cemetery. The last plots that were sold were for \$250 each and she wanted to verify if the board would want to still go with the \$250. After discussion, a motion was made by Jerrod to raise the sale of a plot in Crown Hill to \$300 per plot. Bob Frey seconded the motion. Judi also brought up and the board discussed the need to have a map of each cemetery in order to label each plot with a number and to scale out the cemetery with the right amount of distance between each plot. Also discussed Brechler Cemetery and the fact it has been surveyed to see how much land belongs to the cemetery and the plan was to move the fence to allow for more burial plots.
- Steve was checking with the bank on what we paid off on the loan with Peoples State Bank because the balance they gave as a payoff did not match up with the payment schedule Laurie had that was from the bank, so he went to see John Zenz in Lancaster. John turned it over to his secretary, Courtney, to research and Steve did not hear anything back. Since then, Steve did some figuring and the total did not come back right, so he took it to Dallas at PSB in Boscobel. Dallas is going to get a hold of Courtney regarding the same. Will follow at next meeting.
- The board discussed getting rid of iron around the shed. Plan is to put metal in dumpster and have picked up and put funds toward red school house.
- Bob asked if the rest of the board wanted to add any more gravel on Tower Road (corners need to be fixed up). Bob said it needs another coat of gravel and another tube added across the road, more gravel by Shan Riggs, another 1200 to 1500 yards per mile before it gets sealed. Bob wants to know what we should put on for gravel. Jerrod says we won't know until we get there.

10. Future Agenda Items: PSB loan update, garage doors update, fuel tank update.

11. Patrolman's Report: Tom has been cutting brush on Town Hall on the lower end working back this way and has been working in shop. Discussed weather forecast is for snow on Wednesday and Saturday. Jerrell said he will be gone all weekend so won't be plowing this weekend. Bob may also be unable to work due to a medical procedure. Jerrell Sazama said the yellow truck needs a new seat and Bob said a new seat would be around \$500.

12. Correspondence: Laurie brought in a thank you note for the board to sign for Richard and Melissa Uselman for a donation to the Red School House. Judi received a letter from Kelly Shipley, Government Affairs Director for Brightspeed asking the township to submit a letter of support to assist them in their application for grant money to expand high-speed fiber broadband internet in southwest Wisconsin. Judi provided a templated letter for the board's approval. Bob made a motion to approve the letter of support. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the letter was signed by the board.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the invoices. Steve seconded the motion. A motion was made by Bob to approve paying the February 18 election poll workers after election and for paying Tuffley Center for lunches. Jerrod seconded the motion. A motion was made by Jerrod to pay an invoice Bob brought in for

plowing snow in December for 26 hours along with reimbursement for 100 gallons of diesel at \$3.25/gallon. Steve seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the February 2025 board meeting and before the March 2025 board meeting are:

- 2/10/2025, #15349, Grant County Treasurer, -- Void.
- 2/10/2025, #15359, Grant County Clerk, \$141.00.
- 2/10/2025, #15360, Bob Frey, \$480.22
- 2/10/2025, #15361, Bob Frey, \$325.00.
- 2/18/2025, #15362, Boscobel Senior Dining, \$16.00.
- 2/20/2025, #15363, Karen Gander, \$155.00.
- 2/20/2025, #15364, Laurayne Fischer, \$115.50.
- 2/20/2025, #15365, Peggy Updike, \$115.50.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The March board meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk