

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
AUGUST 12, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of August to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Bob Frey, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk. Laurie King, Treasurer, was not present at the meeting.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tom Haile, Peggy and Galen Freymiller.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Steve made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Bob seconded the motion.
4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published Thursday, August 8, 2024, in the Boscobel Dial. The notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on August 9, 2024.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the July 8, 2024, 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 Judi as follows:

Checking	\$	23,577.02
Equipment fund savings		13,692.32
Red school house restoration		3,921.26
People's Money Market		115,423.32
ARPA Funds		0.00
Local Gov't Investment Pool		<u>24.92</u>
Total:	\$	156,638.84

Loan Summary: Regarding the loan with Peoples State Bank, the terms of the loan are 2.49% fixed annual rate until 2025. The loan balance is \$61,595.40. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025.

7. **Citizen Input:** Galen Freymiller was present at the meeting and requested a copy of a map of the Town of Marion. Judi will supply him with a copy of what she has.

8. Old Business:

- **Tower Road Project Update:** Steve said some problems have developed on the Tower Road project. The contractors had machinery parked on a field owned by Shan Riggs. Riggs didn't want them parking there unless they gave him money for using his field for parking. Things ensued, and the sheriff was called out and Steve thinks Shan Riggs went to jail. Steve has a note to call him. Lonny said the equipment was on the corner now across the road from Shan Riggs' house. Equipment has been sitting about 1 week.
- **Update on Intersection Pine Knob Road and Town Hall Road:** There is nothing new on this.
- **Camera Update:** There is nothing new on this.
- Regarding the bridge being replaced over by the Marion Church, Bob Frey said Travis Kramer has not given the size of the tube to the county yet, so he thinks they may not be going to do the work.
- Update on fire department. Steve attended a meeting and the fire board relayed that the money they thought they could get through grants did not come through and the new fire department building has been put on hold. They will be soliciting donations to raise money. Even though they received no grants, they are still working on writing grants. Also, within the next year or so, they will be needing a different ladder truck as they are afraid the current one will not pass inspection again. This is estimated to cost around \$1 million.

9. New Business.

- **Update on Wisconsin Valley Road by Steve Bodenbender's:** Lonny and Tom have worked on this, but Steve Bodenbender did not dig it out where he was supposed to, so Steve Peer will talk to him. They are patching a spot by Dempsey's on Town Hall.
- **Update on Mower Repair:** The mower is repaired and ready to go.
- **Update on Roadside Spraying:** A sprayer was rented for \$75 per day from Premier instead of Fritz Brothers because it has a bigger tank. They think it might take 2 tanks full to spray where needed in the township. Steve made sure patrolmen were told if it says no spraying to not spray. In those cases, the landowners are supposed to cut brush back if they aren't allowing spraying. Discussed brush overgrowth and breaking mirrors on trucks. Discussed mowers used in other townships.
- **Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Grant and the Town of Marion for WisVote Data Entry Services:** The county clerk sent a Motion of Understanding Between the County of Grant and the Town of Marion for WisVote Data Entry Services. A motion was made by Bob to accept the MOU. Jerrod Waterman seconded the motion. There will be a fee of \$425 per year for the relier service. Steve and Judi signed the agreement.
- **Responsible Unit Recycling Evaluation by DNR Rep:** This was deferred to the September meeting.

- **Road Sign Request:** Lonny Fischer requested about 8 S-signs, a stop ahead sign, curve signs and a fire sign for Lloyd Maag. Bob made a motion to get the signs. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- Discussed fall cleanup and whether to use the same pricing for the tires, TVs and computer monitors. The board agreed to use the same as for the spring cleanup. Bob Frey has a dumpster already reserved.
- Bob said there needs to be another tube across the road by Steve Kreul's on Tower Road. Bob said we need to get rid of the water if we are going to seal coat it. Steve discussed slanting the road. Bob says it needs to be addressed before sealing it.

10. Future Agenda Items: Tower Road update. Bridge over by church.

11. Patrolman's Report: See above.

12. Correspondence: Jay Fitzgerald notice of cutting trees from the county.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Bob to approve the invoices. Jerrod seconded the motion. This motion includes poll workers 13 election and for lunches at the Tuffley Center for the poll workers. Also included is a reimbursement to Steve Peer in the amount of \$70 for a bill from Nat Newton for fixing the Premier sprayer to work at an elevated height. They attached a boom to get up some height for spraying. Jerrod seconded the motion to pay invoices.

Additional checks written out after the August 2024 board meeting and before the September 2024 board meeting are:

- 8/13/2024 #15201 Boscobel Sr Dining \$16.00
- 8/13/2024 #15202 Steve Peer \$70.00
- 8/16/2024 #15203 Laurayne Fischer \$160.00
- 8/16/2024 #15204 Karen Gander \$123.75
- 8/16/2024 #15205 Marlene Wetter \$123.75

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The September board meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk