

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
JULY 8, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of July 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 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:** 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, July 4, 2024, in the Boscobel Dial. The notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on July 5, 2024.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the June 10, 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 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	\$	2,731.01
Equipment fund savings		13,692.32
Red school house restoration		3,921.26
People's Money Market		146,283.01
ARPA Funds		0.00
Local Gov't Investment Pool		<u>24.70</u>
Total:	\$	166,652.30

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. Note is made that the 3rd quarter transportation aid is in the money market balance.

7. **Citizen Input:** Galen Freymiller was present at the meeting and asked what the status is on the new building for the Boscobel fire department. Steve said he wouldn't know until after the July 24th fire board meeting. Galen also had questions on paying Schmitz Sanitation for the porty potty service. Discussed that there is no restroom at the town shop and that Schmitz is being paid \$60 every other month to service the portable restroom for sanitation purposes. Originally it was \$40 every other month and is now \$60 every other month. Peggy Freymiller was also present at the meeting and commended the patrolman who has been cutting all of the trees that have been falling on the roads lately. The tree that was cut on Hickory Hill was cut up all the way back to the bank while other townships cut their trees off right at the road and some other townships are slow to get to them. Both Galen and Peggy said they are doing a great job keeping the trees off the road as there have been a lot down this summer. Steve said they respond when they are notified by residents that a tree is down on the road.

8. **Old Business:**

- **Tower Road Project Update:** Steve talked to Devin Updike and they were supposed to start the Tower Road project in June but were delayed and so will be starting it by July 21. John Rounds has been ditching out Tower Road with the grader and accidentally dug up a telephone wire on the lower part of Tower Road and wants the road marked from the A frame on Tower Road to Riggs' property.
- **Update on Intersection Pine Knob and Town Hall Road.** Bob Frey has been working on this and is not at the meeting.
- **Camera Update.** Bob was going to look into this.

9. **New Business.**

- **Mowing Progress Update:** The first round of mowing is done, but the mower is broken. Lonny said he tore it apart today and there are 2 pieces that need replaced. Two pieces with shipping will be a little over \$600; bracket that holds blade on the bottom and round shield are bent and cracked. Flat bar that goes behind blades is in 4 pieces. The one that holds blades is broken. Steve said mower is showing a lot of wear and tear but for \$600 it will probably get us through. Jerrod thinks now is not a good time to replace it and thinks we should try to get it through the year. Discussed blades and putting edge on them. Decided to sharpen blades.
- **Allegiant Oil Propane Contract 2024-2025:** Judi said we have a balance remaining on the Allegiant account of \$755.88 for propane for the shop. The board did not see a need to recontract additional gallons. Galen recommended re-contracting the balance at the prepay rate. The board agreed and the new contract was made out at 585.95 gallons at \$1.29 for a total of \$755.88.
- **2025 Grant County Road Aid (Petition for Appropriation for the Improvement of a Highway).** A motion was made by Jerrod and seconded by Steve to appropriate the \$2,000 matching funds to Tower Road. The board signed the Petition for Appropriation for the Improvement of a Highway.

- Under new business (not a posted agenda item), Steve asked Jerrod if he had been up on Cemetery Road. Fritzes had sprayed brush along the road and Steve thought it looked good and asked them if the township could rent their sprayer. Casey said he would rent out the sprayer for \$500 for use along all township roads. Steve said there is not a huge tank on it, but we could get a nurse tank from Premier. Has a ball on it that shoots in 3 different places. Steve asked what others thought, and Lonny said he didn't like that it was killing the grass too. Galen warned about the lady slippers when spraying. Discussed whether to spray or cut. Steve thought spraying with man labor and spray will cost over \$2,000. County doesn't have what you need to cut it Steve said. Bob talked about using private guy. Private person you would only be able to do one or two roads a year. Jerrod says give the spraying a shot one time and if we don't like what it does go with something else. Steve gets a lot of complaints about the brush and trees growing inward on the roads. Judi should advertise for 2 weeks ahead of spraying with emphasis on people to mark what they don't want sprayed.

- 10. Future Agenda Items:** Update on Wisconsin Valley Road by Steve Bodenbender's. Update on mower repair. Update on Tower Road project. Update on spraying.
- 11. Patrolman's Report:** Lonny discussed people's equipment on road when out ditching. Last year Bob dumped some blocks on Tower Road and hardly any water goes through that tube. Bob said he would clean it out and Steve said we would have them track down when they are working on the corner on Tower. Lonny said they fixed the tractor where bolts broke on rim where the tire fastens, have purchased a couple bolts from Gasser's and they have retightened 5 times and are staying tight. Lonny said they were \$15 a bolt. Tree limb hit mirror and broke so they replaced that. They had to order the whole encasement with glass in it because they couldn't get the right kind of glass alone. Discussed hole in Road by Steve Bodenbender has to be all patched by layering and packing and putting on another layer and doing the same. Lonny said he wouldn't be putting gravel in there because it would wash out. The hole is alongside Steve Bodenbender's, and Steve will get permission from him.
- 12. Correspondence:** Judi handed out a letter to the board from Steve Braun regarding the Wisconsin Disaster Fund and what it takes to qualify for funds. This was received as an email and with the flash flooding this summer wanted the board to be aware of the funding available if we should sustain damage to the roads.
- 13. Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the July invoices. Steve seconded the motion.

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

- None.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Steve seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The August board meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk