

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
MARCH 11, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of February to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Bob Frey, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer.

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

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Jerrod 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, March 7, 2024, in the Boscobel Dial. The notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on March 8, 2024.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the February 12, 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 Jerrod.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	20,361.26
Equipment fund savings		13,685.50
Red school house restoration		3,820.31
People's Money Market		151,951.74
ARPA Funds		6,435.17
Local Gov't Investment Pool		<u>24.38</u>
Total:	\$	196,278.36

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 \$77,609.64 after the March 11, 2024, payment. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025.

7. **Citizen Input:** None.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on Tower Road – Surveying/Quit Claim Deed/Invoice Payment:** Steve dropped the survey map for Tower Road off at Lisa Rounds' tax service for her to complete the quit claim deeds.
- **Update on ARPA Project – Allocation of Remaining Funds (\$6,431.00):** This will be tabled until the next meeting.
- **Update on Bid on Culvert on Pine Knob and Town Hall Road:** Larry from McCabe construction submitted a bid of \$28,340.00. He will be extending the existing cement box culvert. The county will pay half, so the cost will be around \$14,000. He would do everything except the backfilling. Steve thinks the whole town board should meet with him to see exactly what he will be doing. He is going to use existing rocks for riprap. Board agrees to meet with him at the site to coordinate the project. Steve recommended this instead of tearing up the existing tube and putting in a new one. Steve will set something up with him in the next couple of weeks for a meeting at the site with the town board.
- **Tower Road Project Update:** Town board needs to get together and decide what the plan is for the project and need to get bids. Will put off meeting until after April board meeting.
- **Camera Update:** No update.
- **Cutting Edges for Pickup:** Jerrod said both tank and cutting edges are currently unavailable and back ordered. Bob asked if the pickup is even worth fixing as the wires caught on fire under the hood. He said it needs all new wiring and harness for right plow and not sure it is worth putting a lot of money into the truck. Needs new wiring harness for truck plow, new solenoids, new controller, etc. Regarding the wiring harness going to the snow plow, the wiring is not heavy enough and needs to be rewired. Was never designed to have a snow plow on pickup. Most generally snow plow trucks have 2 batteries, not just one, so it is taking too much juice. Steve thinks it is worth fixing. Bob thinks at least \$3,000 to fix up what we have. Jerrod recommended going all hydraulic and will follow up at next meeting.
- **WisDOT Small Bridge Culvert Program (Inventory of culverts/bridges):** The county wants the township to perform an inventory and assessment of all of the township's bridges and culverts that have a span of between 6 and 20 feet, required for a new program the WisDOT has recently announced. Steve and Judi will do a GPS of every tube 6 feet and over and submit to Travis Kramer.

9. New Business.

- **Purchase Option of 2017 John Deere 6135E Tractor with 2016 H310 Loader Pursuant to Lease Agreement with John Deere:** The township has the option of purchasing the 2017 John Deere tractor pursuant to the lease agreement with John Deere May 30, 2024 in the amount of \$41,213.97. Board discussed there are a few things that need to be fixed on it. A motion was made by Bob to go ahead with the purchase. Jerrod seconded the motion. This will be paid off at the May board meeting.

- **Agricultural Road Improvement Program (ARIP) Grant:** Steve called Travis Kramer after the last board meeting regarding the ARIP grant and he had not heard anything regarding this grant. Board discussed grant likely geared toward hauling ag products from large farming operations.
- **Spring Cleanup May 4, 2024 (Workers, Price List Tires and TVs):** Lonny and Laurayne will take care of workers for spring cleanup. Discussed tire disposal and the cost associated with it when the township takes it to Don's tires. In order to reduce some of the expense, the Board decided to eliminate free tire disposal and charge \$5 per care tire, truck tires \$10, tractor tires \$20. Raise charge for TVs from \$15 to \$25.
- **Miscellaneous:** Cal Owens called Steve and has a buyer for the garbage truck the township owns. Township paid \$1900, parted some of it out and Cal can get \$2000 out of what is left of the truck. Board all agree he can have the truck if he brings the cash. If we junk International, he wants to bid on that also. Steve said Mike Hrubes has asked him about putting a road going up the hill next to the rock quarry on Old 61 and wondering about a burn pile when he gets all the trees and shrubs down. The road would be mainly a 4-wheel trail. Bob mentioned a dug road on Riley Road that is without a tube that may cause problems with the township road.

10. Future Agenda Items: Camera update. Jerrod checking out hydraulic idea on Ford pickup. Update on bid on Pine Knob and Tower Road. Gravel and seal coat bids [put in right to reject any or all bids]. ARPA funds update. Update on WisDOT Small Bridge/Culvert Program Inventory.

11. Patrolman's Report: Tom asked about patch material for the roads. Steve said he did not think they were making it yet. Board agreed to go with Scott's cold patch as they thought it was better.

12. Correspondence: Miscellaneous.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the March invoices. Bob seconded the motion. This includes Bob's hours and poll workers' hours.

Additional checks written out after the March 2024 board meeting and before the April 2024 board meeting are:

- 3/12/2024, #15090, Void, \$0.00.
- 3/12/2024, #15091, Robert Frey, \$581.80.
- 3/12/2024, #15092, Robert Frey, \$40.20.
- 4/10/2024, #15093, Karen Gander, \$150.00
- 4/10/2024, #15094, Peggy Freymiller, \$123.75.
- 4/10/2024, #15095, Tiffany Waterlman, \$123.75.
- 4/10/2024, #15096, Boscobel School District, \$673.44
- 4/12/2024, Electronic, IRS, \$117.87.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Bob seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The April board meeting will be held immediately following the annual meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk