

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
MAY 13, 2024**

- 1. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of May to order at 6:35 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: Tiffany Waterman, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tom Haile.

- 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, May 9, 2024, in the Boscobel Dial. The notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on May 9, 2024.
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the April 16, 2024, annual meeting and 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 Bob.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	2,518.51
Equipment fund savings		13,688.91
Red school house restoration		3,920.29
People's Money Market		178,755.56
ARPA Funds		6,436.77
Local Gov't Investment Pool		<u>24.59</u>
Total:	\$	205,344.63

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. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025.

- 7. Citizen Input:** Laurie said Todd King wanted to give a reminder on the tube below their house. Steve said the tube needs to be cleaned out again. It is by Tom Waltz's driveway.

Discussed if there would be an issue with any crops being planted that could be disturbed if they worked on it this time of year. Will follow on this.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on Tower Road – Quit Claim Deed:** Steve said the quit claim deed transaction should be completed this week.
- **Update on Intersection Pine Knob and Town Hall Road:** Steve said we decided not to do the box culvert extension on Pine Knob at last month's meeting due to the cost of the bid on the project. Bob thinks there is another way of doing it that would be less expensive.
- **Tower Road Project Update.** Steve showed the Tower Road project to the contractors that were interested in bidding on the project – Hammell Brothers, Hackl Construction from Muscoda, Devin Updike from Precision Earth Works, Frey Trucking and Stone and Todd Reynolds. In order to allow sufficient time to compile a bid, Steve made a motion to extend out the bidding deadline to a special meeting, extending submittal of bids from this Monday night to next Monday night at 6 p.m. and the bids will be opened at that time. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **Camera Update:** No update.
- **Pickup Update:** Jerrod is waiting until late summer to get the hydraulics lined up for the pickup. Bob asked what we are going to do for a 2nd truck for plowing and suggested looking for something this summer to late fall ahead of the season. Bob said if we go to a 1 ton with a dump on the back, we would not have to fix the pickup. He suggested getting rid of two and going for one a little better. He thinks a 10-1/2-foot plow on the front would get the roads open. Steve agrees we need something and we may have to borrow money to buy something. Discussed truck for sale in Montfort and the board members will be watching for something reasonable.
- **Spring Cleanup Update:** Laurayne said spring cleanup went relatively well. Someone had a complaint about the \$5 charge for tires.

9. Steve said Calvin Owens was interested in buying the garbage truck the town owns, but it is still sitting there. Steve will check with him to see if he still wants it.

10. New Business.

- **Open Sealed Excavation Bids for Tower Road/Award Bid to Contractor:** This was postponed to a week from now, next Monday at 6:00 pm. See explanation under agenda item, "Tower Road Project Update."
- **Open Book Scheduled for May 21 from 10 AM to noon; Board of Review Scheduled for May 30 from 7 PM to 9 PM:** Discussed the board attending the board of review.
- **Ordinance Designating Alternate Board of Review Member:** Bob made a motion to designate Laurayne Fischer as alternate board of review member. Jerrod seconded the motion, and Steve and Judi signed the ordinance designating alternate board of review member.

- **Door Bell for Elections:** Judi brought up the request that was made for a door bell on the door for elections and that the bell she had set up at the last election for curbside voting was rained on and is no longer working. The board discussed using a sign with a phone number to call. Judi wanted the board to okay up to \$100 for handicapped accessibility item. Motion was made by Bob to spend up to \$100 for handicapped accessibility for elections. Jerrod seconded the motion.

11. Future Agenda Items: Update on Tower Road. Update on Pine Knob and Town Hall Road (Bob will be doing some checking on that.)

12. Patrolman's Report: Bob thinks Tower Road project seal coating project should be done next year to allow it a chance to settle due to all the fill that will be put in. Steve doesn't think there will be a lot of fill. Steve said if we don't seal coat it this year, what will we do with the bids we have for seal coating. Jerrod suggested having an alternative patch for this year in case Tower doesn't look packed down enough. Also, could do some and finish the rest next year. Steve thinks we can do most of it this year. Patrolmen will fill in divot areas between Zach Novinska's driveway and highway 61 with cold patch in preparation for Kerry from Fahrner to complete warranty work. Blade is off big truck, needs to be loaded with tires. Bob says truck will then go over to Jerrell's. Bob said when they are going around with tractor to clean up rocks and dead trees that are along the road to clear it all out.

13. Correspondence: County notice of trees being cut on Kenrick Womack property.

14. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Bob to approve the May invoices. Jerrod seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the May 2024 board meeting and before the June 2024 board meeting are:

- None.

15. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob. Jerrod seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. The June board meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk