

**2025 BUDGET HEARING
TOWN OF MARION, GRANT COUNTY, WI**

- 1. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the Public Budget Hearing for 2025 to order on November 19, at 6:37 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.
- 3.** Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Galen and Peggy Freymiller, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tom Haile, Jonathan Knowles, Jerrell Sazama, Tiffany Waterman.
- 4. Verification of Public Notice:** The notice of meeting was published on Thursday, November 4 and Thursday, November 14, 2024, in the Boscobel Dial and posted at the town shop and on the town website on November 4. The agenda was posted November 15, 2024.
- 5. Budget Review:** A copy of the proposed budget, budget summary and budget cover sheet were distributed to all who were present for review and input. Judi made note there will be a property tax aid revenue adjustment of around \$673.00 and that the budget will need to be adjusted accordingly by adding the revenue and balancing the same amount in an expense. After some discussion and review of the budget, Bob made a motion to approve the budget. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- 6. Citizen Input:** None.
- 7. Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Bob seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**2025 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS
OF THE TOWN OF MARION, GRANT COUNTY**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the Special Town Meeting of Electors to approve the 2024 Town of Marion tax levy to be collected in 2025 pursuant to s. 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Stats. to order on November 19, 2024, at 6:56 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: Galen and Peggy Freymiller, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tom Haile, Jonathan Knowles, Jerrell Sazama, Tiffany Waterman.

3. **Verification of Public Notice:** The notice of meeting was published on Thursday, November 4 and Thursday, November 14, 2024, in the Boscobel Dial and posted at the town shop and on the town website on November 4. The agenda was posted November 15, 2024.

A copy of the proposed budget, budget summary and budget cover sheet were distributed to all who were present for review and input incorporating a local town levy in the amount of 169,636.00.

4. **Vote of Electors to approve the 2024 town tax levy to be collected in 2025 pursuant to s. 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Stats.** A vote was taken of the electors of the Town of Marion to adopt the town tax levy for 2024 to be collected in 2025 in the amount of \$169,636.00. Thirteen electors were present. There were 10 electors voting aye, 0 nay and 3 abstaining. Resolution no. 2024-001 – Resolution for Electors to Adopt the Town Tax Levy at Special Town Meeting of the Electors was adopted and signed by the chairman and clerk adopting the town tax levy in the amount of \$169,636.00.
5. **Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Bob seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

- 6. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of November to order at 7:05 p.m.
- 7. 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: Galen and Peggy Freymiller, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tom Haile, Jonathan Knowles, Jerrell Sazama, Tiffany Waterman.
- 8. Approval of Agenda:** Jerrod made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Bob seconded the motion.
- 9. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published Thursday, November 4 and Thursday, November 14, 2024, in the Boscobel Dial. The notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on November 15, 2024.
- 10. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the October 14, 2024, board meeting was 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.
- 11. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	15,408.76
Equipment fund savings		15,695.92
Red school house restoration		4,225.01
People's Money Market		168,618.70
Local Gov't Investment Pool		<u>25.36</u>
Total:	\$	203,973.75

Loan Summary: Regarding the loan with Peoples State Bank, the terms of the loan are 2.49% fixed annual rate until 2025. The loan principal balance is \$45,480.93. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025. The township received the Wisconsin shared revenue of \$68,559.79 and that is included in the money market account total above.

- 12. Citizen Input:** Galen Freymiller was present at the meeting and told the board they should consider making sure winter equipment is ready to go and not going to break down. If someone goes to plow snow, the equipment has to be ready to go so that person can plow snow. He said the board has been kicking the can down the road all summer and nothing has been done to get equipment ready and using the tractor to push things out of the road that it was not intended to be used for instead of using machinery that is made for it. Said we need to get stuff ready for

winter. Discussed repairs needed on equipment and Bob said we need another truck but they are hard to find right now.

13. Old Business:

- **Update on Bridge by Marion Church:** No update, nothing has been done.
- **Camera Update:** Nothing done.
- **Update on Pickup Truck:** Jerrod has all the parts sitting out waiting to put in hydraulics in the pickup but probably cannot get to it until next weekend. Cost is about \$1200 to replace the electrical with hydraulics.
- **Review Applications for Part-Time Snow Plow Operator:** The township received one application in response to the ad for a snow plow operator. This is from someone who is looking for a full-time position and currently has a job working at Sloan's. Steve asked Bob if he will be able to plow this year and Bob said he would help in a pinch if needed. Jerrell Sazama was present and asked about contracting out the snow plowing. This was discussed. Bob suggested hiring someone for 40 hours per week at a decent wage. Discussed wages and discussed if one of Bob's help would work on a part-time basis for what he pays them, \$24/hour. Bob said he will see everyone tomorrow and will see if his help has an interest in snow plowing for the township. Tom is interested in plowing but does not have a CDL. We have one truck that requires a CDL.

14. New Business.

- **Update on Tire Disposal:** The tires have been hauled off to Don's Tire in Highland.
- **Winter Road Mix Update:** Bob has the winter road mix done and it is stored in the shed.
- **Smrcina Inspections LLC Contract November 16, 2024 to November 16, 2026:** Bob made a motion to renew the building inspector contract with Smrcina Inspections LLC. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **Command Central Election Hardware Maintenance Agreement January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, \$410:** Motion by Jerrod to renew the Command Central Election Hardware Maintenance Agreement from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 for \$410 per year. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **Delinquent Personal Property Report (Laurie):** Laurie said we have 3 tax payers that have delinquent personal property tax. The county does not collect personal property tax, so the township has to collect it. Total delinquent personal property tax owed is \$330.54. One of them is since 2020 and they owe 162.14 with interest. This is for a small shed and the owner no longer lives there. Laurie will attempt to bill at an address she has. She generally sends out a notice every few months. Personal property tax will no longer be taxed separately, so we will no longer be getting these. Personal property tax will be included under real property going forward.
- **Approve Newsletter for Tax Bills:** The board reviewed the draft newsletter and Steve's phone number was updated. The newsletter was approved by the board.
- **Approve Town of Marion 2025 Calendar:** Bob made a motion to approve the 2025 calendar. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **Board Approval to Pay Off Loan in January of Approx \$29,350.** Laurie recommended paying off the seal coat loan in January in full since we will have the money at the time and will save some in interest. The full amount is due in June. Steve made a motion to pay off the loan in full in January. Jerrod seconded the motion.
- **Grant County Highway Department Asking for Check #15174 for \$2,068.92 Be Rewritten (Check dated July 8, 2024).** The board approved stopping payment on check #15174 and rewriting a new check. Laurie will stop payment and Judi will rewrite the check.
- **WISLR Local Road Certification/Pavement Ratings (Due 12/15):** Steve and Judi will handle.

- 15. Future Agenda Items:** Set date of Caucus. Update on plow truck driver. Update on looking for plow truck. Garage door and light on shop. Update on tractor bucket.
- 16. Patrolman's Report:** Tom said they have been cutting overhanging trees along the road so the bigger truck can clear them.
- 17. Correspondence:** Notification of logging on Mark, David and Casey Randall property and building permit for Steve and Sharon Lemke on Sandhill Road.
- 18. Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the invoices. Bob seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the November 2024 board meeting and before the December 2024 board meeting are:

- 12/03/2024, #15281, Grant County Hwy Dept, \$2,068.92.
- 12/03/2024, #15282, Liberty Mutual, \$100.00.

- 19. Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Bob seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The December regular monthly board meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk