

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
OCTOBER 14, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of October 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: Laurayne Fischer, Tom Haile, Jay Fitzgerald, Galen and Peggy Freymiller, Randy Dombeck, Tiffany Waterman.

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, October 10, 2024, in the Boscobel Dial. The notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on October 10, 2024.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the September 9, 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	\$	55,262.75
Equipment fund savings		15,695.92
Red school house restoration		4,178.51
People's Money Market		113,928.89
Local Gov't Investment Pool		<u>25.25</u>
Total:	\$	189,091.32

Loan Summary: Regarding the loan with Peoples State Bank, the terms of the loan are 2.49% fixed annual rate until 2025. After the September 2024 payment, the loan principal balance was \$45,480.93. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025.

7. **Citizen Input:** Galen Freymiller pointed out a typo on the invoices for check #15243 to Levi Beiler in that it probably should read 20 loads of rock at \$10/load instead of \$20/load as it totals \$200.00.
8. **Old Business:**
 - **Tower Road Project Update (Graveling):** The amount of gravel applied to the Tower Road project was reduced as compared to originally planned and the extra gravel was placed on Smokey Hollow Road.

- **Update on Intersection Pine Knob and Town Hall Road:** Steve said nothing has been done there.
- **Update on Bridge by Marion Church:** Nothing new has been done on this.
- **Camera Update:** Nothing new on this.
- **Fall Cleanup Follow-up:** Laurayne said fall cleanup went good. There were two TVs and they were ones that were found in the ditch. There were 31 tires brought in. Steve said there is a load of tires on the yellow truck that has to be taken to Highland.

9. New Business.

- **Update on Pickup Truck:** Jerrod will be working on the hydraulics on this in the next couple weeks as we will not be able to find another truck by the time we need it for plowing snow.
- **Part-Time Patrolmen for Plowing Snow:** Discussed the need for an additional snow plow operator. Steve said Tom Haile is interested in plowing snow but we will need another part-time patrolman for plowing. Steve said after the 1st of November, he no longer wants to be doing patrolman work. Bob Frey said he was not interested in plowing snow but could help in a pinch. Tom can run the pickup but cannot run the dump plow truck as he does not have a CDL. Bob said a CDL costs \$3500. Discussed the need for a different truck, single axle or 1 ton that is dependable, which technically doesn't require a CDL and the funds are available since there was no seal coat project completed this year. Judi to run an ad in the paper advertising for a patrolman to plow snow. Pay will be negotiable. Bob made a motion to place an ad in the paper for part-time patrolman for plowing snow and Jerrod seconded the motion. CDL will be required. Will follow up on this at the November meeting.
- **Waltz Lane ATV/UTV on Town Ordinance:** Jay Fitzgerald is present at the meeting to discuss opening Waltz Lane to ATV/UTV traffic and Judi gave him a copy of the current ordinance regarding the same. He owns an ATV now and is concerned if Waltz Lane is closed he would be in violation if he drives back and forth on it, he says based on statute. Waltz Lane is the only road in the township that is closed to ATV/UTV traffic except for the gravel roads that are off limits according to the ordinance. Discussed the ordinance for the Town of Marion states the "areas designated" as all-terrain vehicle/utility-terrain vehicle routes as "All roads within the Town of Marion, with the exception of Waltz Lane, which will be open to local ATV/UTV traffic only." This ordinance was adopted at the request of the ATV/UTV club in 2018 and Todd King had obtained a signed petition from those living on Waltz Lane to keep the road closed from ATV/UTV traffic and only local traffic. Galen Freymiller said the roads should all either be open or closed. Steve said the gravel roads are closed because that is the way the ordinance is written up. Discussed a portion of roads being open on Highway 61 in order to cross over. Jay said he signed the petition to keep Waltz Lane closed at the time and now has an ATV so wants Waltz Lane open so he is riding legally. [Bob Frey arrived at the meeting at 7:05.] Jerrod made a motion to modify the ordinance taking out the portion under Section (4) Areas Designated: "(a) All roads within the Town of Marion, with the exception of Waltz Lane, which will be open to local ATV/UTV traffic only" and changing it to "All paved roads within the Town of Marion." Bob seconded the motion and Judi will take the steps necessary to modify the ordinance accordingly.
- **Budget Review:** Discussed bringing the patrolman wages up to \$40,000 and leaving the seal coat amount the same as was this year on the budget preparation.

10. Future Agenda Items: Camera update. Update on Marion church bridge. Update on plow truck. Update on patrolman (applications). Update on getting rid of tires on truck at Highland. (Thirty-one

tires were taken in at fall cleanup and there is a load on the truck that was not taken away yet from the spring cleanup.)

11. Patrolman's Report: Tom said he has not come up with anything for the tractor problem for the forward and reverse. Bob said to go ahead and get a hold of Sloan and get it fixed so it is done. Jerrod thinks it could be the electric switch.

12. Correspondence: None.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the invoices. Bob seconded the motion. Motion by Jerrod to also approve paying poll workers and writing out a check for poll worker lunches for November 5 election. Steve seconded the motion.

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

- 11/5/2024, #15250, Boscobel Senior Dining, \$24.00
- 11/7/2024, #15251, Laurayne Fischer, \$175.00.
- 11/7/2024, #15252, Deb Donahue, \$149.63.
- 11/7/2024, #15253, Marlene Wetter, \$171.91.
- 11/7/2024, #15254, Karen Gander, \$209.63.
- 11/7/2024, #15255, Peggy Updike, \$190.88.
- 11/7/2024, #15256, J&J Recycling, \$60.00.
- 11/8/2024, #15257, Jennifer Turner, \$200.00.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Bob seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The budget meeting and regular monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk