

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF MARION  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

- 1. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of September to order at 6:47 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk; Laurie King, Treasurer. Bob Frey, Supervisor, was absent from the meeting.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tom Haile, Peggy and Galen Freymiller, Randy Dombeck, Tagen Wetter.

- 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, September 5, 2024, in the Boscobel Dial. The notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on September 4, 2024.
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the August 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 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	\$	40,924.10
Equipment fund savings		13,692.32
Red school house restoration		4,059.59
People's Money Market		139,526.56
Local Gov't Investment Pool		<u>25.03</u>
Total:	\$	198,227.60

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 will be \$45,480.93. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025.

- 7. Citizen Input:** Randy Dombeck said most likely this fall Kowals will be building a shed on Town Hall that he will be helping with and wondered if they needed a building permit.

Sometime in the future they may want a bathroom and so will be setting up for that. Judi told them to start with County zoning office and that if they plan on staying in it for even one night, they would need a building permit. Even if just building a shed, the county zoning office has asked that we direct everyone to them. Advised that if there are any plans to convert to living space, they will need to go through building inspection. Laurie provided Randy with the phone numbers.

## 8. Old Business:

- **Tower Road Project Update:** Tagen Wetter was present at the meeting, has property on Tower Road where road construction is currently taking place and is looking for a timeframe on when the pipe along the road will be removed and how long the shale pile along the road will be there. Steve said the shale belongs to Levi Beiler and is not sure when it will be removed but will ask if he sees him. Tagen also wanted to know when the road will be graveled, and Steve said they were planning on doing that right away but it is dependent on when crops are being hauled out of the fields as he doesn't want to be dumping gravel at the same time. Steve said the pipe by Steve Kreul's drive probably will not be done since the area is on the level. When asked about when the seal coat would be done, Steve said he talked to Carl from Scott Construction and there is the option of doing it yet this fall or doing next year and he is unsure if the price will be the same next year. Tagen asked for a phone number for Scott Construction so he can contact them and have his driveway done at the same time they are seal coating Tower Road. Tagen asked about the right-of-way on the corner of Tower and Steve said it stays the same. He could offer to buy from Levi or do quit-claim deed for everything on that side of the road. Asked if slope will be seeded down and Steve said that is what they plan on doing. Jerrod made a motion to extend out contract on seal coating with Scott Construction for Tower Road to be done next year. Steve seconded the motion. The Board thinks we should wait until Tower Road has a chance to season with thawing and freezing and wait until next year. Steve asked if Tagen knew of someone who could run the grader to spread out the gravel. The names Cody Nelson from Hickory Grove township as well as Charlie Riemenapp were mentioned.
- **Update on Intersection of Pine Knob and Town Hall Road:** Steve explained this agenda item is about some bids they received on fixing a bridge by Bryan Wetter's on Pine Knob that came to around \$40,000. The board plans to solve the problem with the bridge by placing a tube from inside of the bridge and extending out around to cut costs but nothing new on that.
- **Update on Bridge by Marion Church:** Nothing new.
- **Camera Update:** Nothing new.
- Jerrod asked if we are still going to fix the Ford pickup. Most trucks are out of price range as far as getting a new truck. Discussed who will be plowing snow this winter. Tom could plow if we had a smaller plow truck. Steve said he is quitting that part of it the first of November. Jerrod said if we get in a tight pinch he might be able to help and to give him a call. Steve said there is not enough work for a full-time person. Steve

thinks it works well with 2 parttime to plow snow. Jerrod said if we are going to go with the Ford truck, it could probably wait until October and maybe by then we would know if there is another truck.

- Steve said he talked to Cal Owens. He had at one time agreed to buy the old garbage truck from the township that the township had bought for the tires, but the person that was going to buy the engine from Cal backed out and he may no longer want it and it has been sitting and has not been purchased. The box of the truck belongs to Cal. Steve asked if it is okay for him to buy the garbage truck. Jerrod sees no reason why Steve can't purchase it since that was the price agreed on with Cal. Steve will be buying it for \$2,000 instead of Cal since that was the price.

#### **9. New Business.**

- **Fall Cleanup (10/5/24):** Lonny and Laurayne are taking care of who will work. Discussed getting rid of old tubes along Tower Road for iron.
- **Recycling Unit Recycling Eval by DNR Rep (Follow-up/Compliance Assurance Plan):** Judi said Malena Grimm from the DNR conducted a recycling evaluation on July 17 via phone for the township and found the township in compliance with everything except for the fact that they need a Compliance Assurance Plan for the Town of Marion and that we have not met the total collection standard of tonnage of 82.4 pounds per capita. The town's recycling program was discussed and the fact there are many residents who have dumpsters and some who have roadside pickup that could be hindering our tonnage. Mention was also made of the trailer park not recycling or even having a recycling dumpster. Judi will follow up with providing information to the mobile home park manager on recycling. The board discussed a Compliance Assurance Plan and agreed on the Compliance Assurance Plan draft provided by Judi inserting the Town Board as being responsible for enforcing the town's ordinance and not listing the name of the individual that needs to be corrected on the action taken.

**10. Future Agenda Items:** Update on Pine Knob; update on bridge by Marion Church; update on graveling on Tower Road; camera update; update on what we are going to do about the pickup truck; update on looking for 2<sup>nd</sup> patrolman for plowing snow. Are we going to run hydraulics on white truck? Jerrod estimated around \$1100 to put hydraulics on white truck or we could look for a different smaller truck.

**11. Patrolman's Report:** Tom says they are pretty much done mowing. Steve said we spent more money spraying than what we figured on and it killed some of the grass, so thinks we should save money by not mowing the areas where the grass was killed from the spray.

**12. Correspondence:** None.

**13. Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the invoices. Steve seconded the motion.

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

- 9/10/2024, #15224, American Legion, \$150 (rewrote lost check).
- 9/10/2024, #15119, lost check voided.

**14. Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Steve seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The October board meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith A. Boughton, Clerk