

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call, Audience Present

Board Members Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Gordon Engel, Supervisor Russell Heise, Treasurer Christy Groskreutz, and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience Present: Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Joe Horvath, Karen Syverson, Michael Haemmersle

Approval of January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board Meeting. All Ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the Treasurer's report from January 2023.

General Fund: Starting balance=\$0.00; Ending balance=\$22,959.56

January interest=\$205.12

Cemetery Fund balance=\$3,570.00 Dam Fund balance=\$15,003.73

Pine River Community Park balance=\$-380.29 Pine River Restoration Fund balance=\$29,487.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance=\$12,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance=\$21,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance=\$146,071.86

ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$600.00 Road Work Expenses=\$17,141.82

Library=\$4990.65

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes, motion carried.

Review of banking options –

Chairman Sorenson presented several banking options that he researched for consideration ranging from a Money Market account to possible investment in CD's for some of the different funds in which the Town maintains a balance.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Lewis McBriar had questions regarding fire signs and residents removing them. Karen Syverson shared that there are a number of trees hanging over the road on 28th Court.

Road Report

Brush cutting has begun on Badger Drive. The invoice for the new Fire Signs and posts has been received. Signs and posts for the ATV routes have arrived and will be installed in the spring after the ground thaws. Storm Damage reimbursement should be coming soon. The county highway that runs through Pine River will be new asphalt by fall.

Old Business

a. Discuss new flags for Town Hall and Cemetery

New flags will be installed at the Town Hall and Cemetery

b. Discuss voting machine enclosure

Plans are being made to enclose the space between the west outside door and the west room for a secure area for the voting machine. ARPA money will be used for materials and labor.

New Business

a. Introduction of Anvil Custom Services

Mike Hammersle with Anvil Custom Services gave a presentation on the different services that they can provide for the Township and also for private residents. Brush cutting, road side mowing, pond cutting and tree line clearing were included in his presentation.

b. Discuss proposal to prevent concrete from being attached to asphalt roads

The County Zoning Office is considering a Text Amendment to the Zoning Code that would affect improvements on or within Town Roads, specifically that concrete shall not be used for driveway surface material within the right-of way of all state and county highways as well as all town roads. Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the text amendment to the Zoning Code. All Ayes, motion carried. Clerk will contact Todd Wahler, Director of the County Zoning office.

c. Discuss possible yearly contract for storm siren maintenance – no action taken.

d. Review and sign Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative 2023 Town Board Consent

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve and sign 2023 Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative Consent form. All Ayes, motion carried.

e. Discuss legal findings from Town Attorney

Chairman Sorenson met with the Town Attorney to discuss the Burr Oak Cemetery, insurance needs for the Town Hall, 26th Court being a public road and land divisions needing re-surveying.

f. Approve additions to Poll Worker List for 2023

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve 4 additional poll workers to the list for 2023. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Supervisor Heise reported on the Redgranite Fire District meeting. Money was donated to the Neshkoro Fire Department, trucks were maintained and repaired, estimates for bodies on new chassis were received, the Fire Auxillary sent out a mailing and \$78,000 in funds was raised. There were 29 rescue calls for the Town of Leon.

Zoning Letters – None to review

Correspondence

Timber permit was reviewed

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to pay bills and expenses as presented. All Ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to adjourn meeting at 8:27 pm. All ayes, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk, Town of Leon