

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, MARCH 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, Becky Horvath, Joe Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Jerry Bailey, William Luzinski, Cheryl Luzinski, Joyce Jensen, Orval Jensen

Approval of February 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Board Meeting. All Ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$22,959.56; Ending balance=\$156,621.61 February interest=\$194.01
Cemetery Fund balance=\$3,570.00; Dam Fund balance=\$11,370.64
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=\$123,608.25; ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$-215.66
Road Work Expenses=\$36,376.00; Library=\$21,476.11

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

A motion to close out the ATV/UTV Project Fund and move the the balance to the town general account sign expense was made by Engel, seconded by Heise. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to pay a \$75.00 stipend to Steve Piechowski for the service of repairs to treasurer's computer. All ayes, motion carried.

Review of banking options –

a. Discuss/Approve Possible Transfer of Fund Balances to CD's and signatures

A motion to move \$10,000.00 from the Pine River Restoration Fund and \$21,191.33 from the Poy Sippi Truck fund to two Certificates of Deposit not to exceed 1 year in duration and requiring the signatures of the Town Chairman and Town Clerk at the best rate possible was made by Sorenson, seconded by Heise. All ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report on February Primary Election

Clerk reported the February Primary poll list had 1044 voters with a total of 263 ballots cast of which 43 were absentee ballots. As of 3/14/23, 56 Absentee ballots have been mailed out for the April election and In Person Absentee Voting begins 3/21/23.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Brier Golz thanked the Board for their assistance with ATV/UTV signage.

Jerry Bailey complimented the Board on the tree trimming that has been done.

Road Report

Badger Drive needs to be cleaned up. Chris will contact Mankowski's about grinding of stumps & cut brush. Snowfalls have been wet and heavy so there has been issues with plowing shoulders and gravel roads. S&G has been using a smaller truck to try to plow some of the more difficult areas.

Old Business

a. Community Park Update – Gary Lawrence/Becky Horvath

Gary Lawrence shared how to this point the main driver for the Community Park has been a committee of residents affiliated with the Library and they would like to see the Town assume management of the park. Item for discussion will be added to April Town Board meeting agenda.

b. Discuss/Approve Voting Machine Enclosure

Motion was made to use ARPA fund money to cover the cost of building an enclosure for the voting machine by Engel, seconded by Heise. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

a. Discuss/Approve Appointment of Deborah Sattler to Leon-Saxeville Library Board of Trustees.

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the appointment of Deborah Sattler to the Leon -Saxeville Library Board of Trustees. All ayes, motion carried

b. Leon-Saxeville Library Annual Report Presentation – Gary Lawrence

Copies of the annual report were presented to the Board for review and a formal presentation will be made at the Town Annual Meeting.

c. Town Clerk Six Month Review

Chairman and Supervisors all approve of the job the clerk is doing.

d. Discuss/Approve usage of ARPA funds for road signs that need replacement

Some road signs are faded or missing. The Board will need to tour the township to review how many signs will need replacement. A motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to use ARPA funds to cover the costs of road sign replacement. All ayes, motion carried. Chris will work with Rent a Flash for replacement signs.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report – No meeting to report on

Zoning Letters – No zoning letters to consider

Correspondence

Board of Review training is coming up. Discussion was had regarding attending the virtual training on May 1st.

Town Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023 and the April Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Insurance Review was done and it was found that the policy had not been updated for several years. The Rural Insurance agent will attend the April Board meeting to address any questions the Board may have.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

Motion made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve payment of bills as presented. All Ayes, motion carried

Adjournment

Motion made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn meeting at 8:04 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Lois Jewell, Clerk, Town of Leon