

**TOWN OF LEON  
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order & 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: Jane and Lewis McBair, Adell Jewell, Dennis Hohol, Tony Terrell, Gail Timm, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Beck and Joe Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Karen Syverson, Victor Magnus

**Approval of March 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$156,621.61; Ending balance=\$147,868.54 February interest=\$43.28  
Cemetery Fund=\$3,570.00; Dam Fund=\$11,370.64; Pine River Community Park=\$-250.79;  
Pine River Restoration Fund=\$19,487.27; Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,000.00;  
American Rescue Fund=\$123,608.25; ATV/UTV Project Fund=\$0.00  
Road Work Expenses=\$38,871.85; Library=\$16,466.50

CD's:Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,000.00; Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$21,191.33

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

carried.

**Clerk's Report on April Election**

There were 1046 names on the April Election Poll list. A total of 553 ballots were cast with 60 of those being Absentee Ballots. Candidates nominated at the January Town Caucus were elected to retain their offices.

**Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board**

Brier Golz inquired about installation of the ATV/UTV signage. Chris will contact diggers hotline again and will coordinate putting the signs up.

Karen Syverson noted that there a several branches hanging over the road near her property.

Lewis McBair asked about patching of roads.

**Road Report – Discussion on Road Work and Roadside Mowing**

Brush cleanup: Mike Henke toured the town with Chris to view areas for cleanup which should be completed by the end April or early May.

Potholes: Gabe's has been contacted and with the warmer weather they are getting started.

Roadside mowing: Still considering who to contact and get on their list for the season.

Other repairs: There are 2 culverts (Badger Dr & Beechnut Ln) and 2 ditches (Chicago Rd) that will need to be cleaned. Scott Construction will get back to Chris with estimates for road repairs.

**Old Business**

**a. Discuss Community Park Management**

Beck Horvath will continue to oversee landscaping of the park. Chris will contact the man that made the "Pine River" sign on the north end of town, to inquire about signage possibilities. At this time there is a need for someone to commit to mowing of the park.

## **New Business**

### **a. Rural Insurance – Victor Magnus**

Rural Insurance agent Victor Magnus introduced himself and invited questions regarding the policy update. It was confirmed that even though the Town rents the hall from the school district, the Town holds the insurance policy for coverage and is the beneficiary if there is an insurance claim. Due to inflation the majority of dwellings are under-insured and the town buildings are no exception. Victor will provide numbers for 80%, 90% and full coverage costs and a decision regarding updates was tabled until May.

### **b. Discussion and Updates Regarding Brook Crossing Road**

Brook Crossing is currently designated as an unmaintained town road. Dennis Hohol, a new owner on the road, is content with that designation. If residents on Brook Crossing want to change that status they would all have to agree to the upgrade, would need to give up a portion of land to facilitate the improvement of the road and also fund the cost of the improvements. It was agreed to maintain the current designation of unmaintained town road.

### **c. Discussion of Contract with PSFD**

The updated contract from PSFD was reviewed. Chris questioned the verbage on item #15 of "fire apparatus" and it was changed to "fire truck". Contract was then signed,

## **Redgranite Area Fire District Report**

Russell reported on the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, The RAFD received a grant of \$118,000 they will use for replacing gear which has a 10 year life span. The Auxiliary rescue fund raised just short of \$80,000 which will be used to purchase a new set of jaws.

Mark Piechowski presented a proposal for a new truck for the department. Current cost would be \$450,000 and the Town of Leon share of that cost would be \$114,000 or 25%. This would be a tactical truck from Darley which would allow for a better ISO rating and be a smaller truck which would enable the department to get into smaller lots. The current engine will not pass the pump test and repairs to it are no longer cost effective. The Town Board's recommendation is to pursue the purchase of a new truck.

## **Zoning Letters**

The Milne house in town is collapsing.

## **Correspondence**

Board of Review training will occur on May 1<sup>st</sup> via virtual meeting. Lois will obtain a hotspot from the library and will register Chris for the training.

Annual Town meeting will be next Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

## **Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses**

Motion was 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 8:34 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Jewell, Clerk, Town of Leon