

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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, Bill and Cheryl Luzinski, Tony Terrell, Gail Timm, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Karen Syverson, Paul and Debbie Sattler, Kim Wilson, Cassidy Wilson, Jerry Bailey

Approval of April 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$147,868.54; Ending balance=\$122,678.41 April interest=\$39.17

Cemetery Fund=\$3,570.00; Dam Fund=\$12,454.23; Pine River Community Park=\$-83.29;

Pine River Restoration Fund=\$19,487.27; Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,000.00;

American Rescue Fund=\$123,053.25; ATV/UTV Project Fund=\$0.00

Road Work Expenses=\$64,323.91; Library=\$24,211.90

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

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Brier Golz inquired about installation of ATV signage. Sign locations were marked last Friday, asphalt is marked and locations are flagged. Brier has a crew that he will organize to get started on putting up the signs.

Karen Syverson appreciated the nice job that the tree trimming crew did on 28th Court.

Road Report – Discussion on Road Work and Roadside Mowing

Roadside Mowing: A quote for roadside mowing was received from Ripon Truck & Repair. When Chris contacted Anvil Services for a quote he was informed that they would be unable to provide mowing services this year. Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to contract with Ripon Truck & Repair for roadside mowing for 2023. All ayes, motion carried.

Road Repairs: Quotes from Scott Construction and American Asphalt were reviewed. The list of roads scheduled to have work done are:

25th Lane – Cty Hwy H to curve (.53 miles);

Pine St.-just gravel to the intersection;

Badger Drive-Leon portion (.12 miles);

26th Lane-from hot mix pad to Beechnut Lane (.4 miles);

Beechnut Lane-full wedge in area through curves to farm house;

Brown Deer Road-from 29th Road toward 30th Drive.;

Beechnut Road-curve to curve (.22 miles)

Old Business

a. Discuss/Approve Town Insurance Coverage Update

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to go with 80% coverage. All ayes, motion carried. Chris will let Victor know.

b. Chris contacted Mr Gilbertson about making signs for the Community Park and also a new sign for the Town Hall.

c. The Library had a well attended open house to celebrate the retirement of Collette Ross and also to welcome new director Andra Mory

New Business

a. Discuss Cemetery Driveway Maintenance

The north driveway is badly washed out and needs breaker run and gravel. Funding will come from the Cemetery Fund. Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to make the necessary repairs. All ayes, motion carried. Chris will make the arrangements to get the repairs done.

b. Discuss Painting of Town Hall

A quote for pressure washing and painting the exterior of the town hall was received from Nate Harms for \$9500.00. He will also allow the Town to utilize his lift to repair the window on the south side of the building. A motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to contract with Harms to pressure wash and paint the town hall. All ayes, motion carried.

c. Discuss Closure of Portion of Middleton Street and Portion of South Street

Paul Sattler presented a map referencing South Street and Franklin Street that he would like to have closed. Briar Golz submitted maps for a proposal to close Middleton Street, east of Cty H. Both parties were informed that a public hearing would need to be held and they would be responsible for all costs involved, such as all legal fees, survey costs, publication fees and any other related costs involved. A motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Heise to table till June when the Board will have more information and contact with all parties involved. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the April 26, 2023 meeting of the RAFD. It was a reorganizational meeting and Dave Chase is the Chairman, Russell Heise is Vice Chairman, Nina Monacelli is Secretary/Treasurer. Mark Piechowski is Fire Chief. An accidental death benefit was added to the insurance policy. \$9800 was received from a DNR grant. Additional grant writing will be completed by June 30th. There were 104 EMS calls for the first quarter of 2023.

Zoning Letters

A timber cutting permit for James Kass was reviewed.

Correspondence

WTA meeting notice letter was received.

An informational letter from Alan Luchini regarding disaster powers and policy was reviewed. Lois will get a copy to Chris.

Personal Property Aid notice was reviewed

Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, May 16, from 7-9 pm

Storm siren maintenance will take place this week.

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 was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

Lois Jewell, 920-765-2422