

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

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson at 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: Lisa Sorenson, Jane and Lewis McBrair, Paul and Deborah Sattler, Judith Newland, Bill and Cheryl Luzinski, Tony Terrell, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Joe and Becky Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Karen Syverson and Bert McClard

Approval of June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$103,200.94; Ending balance=\$93,359.68; June interest=\$33.27

Cemetery Fund=\$3,570.00; Dam Fund=\$12,454.23; Pine River Community Park=\$-4,189.05;

Pine River Restoration Fund=\$19,337.27; Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,000.00;

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

Road Work Expenses=\$82,935.43; Library=\$16,549.87;

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 as presented. All ayes, motion carried. Treasurer also noted that State Transportation Aid of \$35,405.30 was received on 7/2/23 and the 2023 2% Fire Due distribution should be coming on 7/12/23.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Tony Terrell informed the board that the street sign at the corner of Williams Street and Cty E has disappeared. Mike Getchius brought up a concern regarding the usage of golf carts on Pearl Lake Road. Chairman Sorenson reported on the progress of the painting of the Town Hall. Pressure washing has been completed and it was found that additional repairs will need to be done as well as the banister on the east entrance needs to be repaired or replaced. They are working to match the current paint colors. Tony also reported that the firework show on July 1st went well even though it started later than planned.

Road Report

Mowing of the township roads is completed but the billing has not been received yet. Gravel is on 25th and also Beechnut Road in preparation for chip sealing. Shouldering will be done by another crew.

Chairman Sorenson has been in contact with Brian Freimark regarding possible shaving of hill at intersection of Cty E and Cty H to improve visibility at the intersection and also learned that road work on Cty E thru Pine River will not be completed this year.

Old Business

a. Discuss Closures of Portions of South Street and Franklin street

Paul and Deborah Sattler sent a letter to the board requesting closure of portions of South Street and Franklin Street. They have agreed to assume all costs of closure. The Occupants of Lots 4 & 5 are in agreement with the closure. A motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to move forward with closure of portions of South Street and Franklin Street. Chairman Sorenson will contact the town attorney.

b. Community Park Update

Becky Horvath presented a financial summary for the Community Park and reported that Wednesdays are a busy day at the park with the shelter being put to good use. An ice cream social is being planned for mid-September at the park along with music. Becky is working on a couple of grants to cover the cost of ice cream and the library is willing to donate to cover costs as well. A donation was received for mowing of the park and library circle. Becky also addressed the board regarding the cost to obtain an AED unit for the community. Costs may be shared with Town of Saxeville and optimal placement for the unit is being researched.

New Business

a. Approve Liquor License Applications

Motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to approve the temporary operator licenses and two picnic licenses for Redgranite Area Fire and Rescue events. All ayes, motion carried. Motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to approve an operators license for Brenda Gerrits for the Golden Nugget. All Ayes, motion carried.

b. Approve Appointment of Lisa Sorenson as Town Treasurer

Motion was made by Engle, seconded by Heise to approve Lisa Sorenson as Town Treasurer taking over after the retirement of Christy Groskreutz. As Town Treasurer, Lisa shall be granted access to all Town of Leon financial accounts. Chairman Sorenson abstained from the vote. All other ayes and motion carried. Chris thanked Christy for her years of service.

c. Discuss Proposal for Kayak Lift by Millpond

Russ Reff has reached out to Chairman Sorenson regarding the possibility of installing a kayak lift on the north side of the millpond at no cost to the town. A video of what the lift would look like was reviewed. Discussion was had regarding spring installation and fall removal of lift as well as winter storage of lift. Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve installation of kayak lift on the north side of the mill pond. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the June meeting. A "procurement policy" was approved in order to apply for grants. Yearly DOT inspections of trucks was completed and it was found that there are maintenance needs on all vehicles. A new generator for the fire station was purchased and a section of the hall was remodeled for the secretary. A \$20,000 DNR grant was applied for.

Zoning Letters

No letters to review.

Correspondence

Notice was given regarding a Wiser broadband survey that the county would like residents to engage with. A link to the survey will be posted onto the Town website bulletin board. Chairman Sorenson presented Christy Groskreutz with a plaque and card of appreciation from the Town Board for her years of service.

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 at 7:57 pm, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk