

**TOWN OF LEON  
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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 Lisa Sorenson and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience Present: Jane and Lewis McBrair, Tony Terrell, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Joe and Becky Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Karen Syverson, Adell Jewell, Mark Piechowski, Liz Page and Angie Thoma

**Approval of July 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from July 2023.

General Fund: Starting balance=\$93,359.68; Ending balance=\$112,083.93; July interest=\$37.04  
Cemetery Fund=\$2670.00; Dam Fund=\$13615.85; Pine River Community Park=\$-3,689.05;  
Pine River Community Park Mowing Fund=\$175.00; Pine River Restoration Fund=\$19,337.27;  
Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,000.00; American Rescue Fund=\$122,397.33;  
ATV/UTV Project Fund=\$0.00; Road Work Expenses=\$83,859.06; Library=\$17,965.73;  
CD's:Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,100.82; Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$21,404.99

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

Lisa also presented computer software options to the board that would aid in financial bookkeeping for the town. Costs for setup and ongoing support of Quickbooks and Town Hall software were discussed.

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

Joe Horvath questioned comments made at the July meeting regarding budget cuts by Governor Evers. It was clarified that State Aid Shared Revenue was increased but the GTA Road Aid is at a 0% increase for the next two years. Mike Getchius reported that there are holes from the tent stakes from Pearl Lake Days that will need to be filled. Karen Syverson complimented the new paint job on the town hall and questioned if the pie house would also be painted. Chairman Sorenson stated that there are still some repairs that will need to be done to the bell tower and also a couple of windows. Becky Horvath announced that a date of September 17 has been set for a music and ice cream social to be held at the pavillion of the community park.

**Road Report**

Billing for mowing of the township roads has not been received yet. There is a spot on Badger Road just off of Cty NN that needs to be assessed for possible repairs. Trimming of trees and brush needs to be done at the intersection of Beechnut Lane and 26<sup>th</sup> Lane as there was an accident at that intersection just this morning.

**Old Business – No Old Business**

**New Business**

**a. Review Letter of Retirement from Town Council and Discuss Future Council Options**

A letter from the town attorney was reviewed. Current Council will be retiring at the end of 2023 and the town will need to engage another attorney, There are a couple of options to consider within the same office that is currently used to provide council,

**b. Review Estimate for Cemetery Driveway Repairs**

A quote from Paul Jorgenson of \$2,240.00 for fill and breaker run to repair the north driveway of the cemetery was reviewed. Heise also brought up the need to trim back some of the trees and brush on the north side of the cemetery. Chairman Sorenson will contact Paul Sattler regarding lot lines.

**c. AED**

Gary Lawrence reported on his findings regarding the possible purchase of an AED unit to be placed in the overhang area of the library entrance. Whitetails Unlimited will donate towards the purchase and the Saxeville township and Leon township will cost share the balance. The Saxeville Fire Department has recommended that the same model/brand of AED unit be purchased as is currently available in nearby areas. The SFD would also maintain the unit. The funds from Whitetails Unlimited should be available later this month and they would like a photo for the Argus. Russell Heise noted that the Coyote Club also donates AED units and discussion was had regarding the difference in units. No action was taken pending further information gathering.

**Redgranite Area Fire District Report**

There was no July meeting to report on.

**Zoning Letters**

A timber permit in section 2 was reviewed and noted that Kruger was currently pulping there. The owners of the trailers by the millpond have now received a fine and must appear in court. Reviewed notice of Zoning Public Hearing regarding moving of a driveway on Cty EE by Tuchscherer Revocable Trust.

**Correspondence**

Reviewed a letter from Joan Ballweg regarding budgets cuts and a letter from Robert E Lee regarding dump well monitoring. The Board also received a thank you card from Christy Groskreutz.

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

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

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to adjourn at 8:00 pm, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lois Jewell, Clerk