

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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: Tony Terrell, Michael Getchius, Joe and Becky Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Mark Piechowski, Liz Page and Judy Newland

Approval of August 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$114,272.36; Ending balance=\$150,370.33; August interest=\$37.03; August Income=\$64,486.53; August Payments=\$28,425.59;

Other Fund Balances: Cemetery Fund=\$2670.00; Dam Fund=\$13,615.85;

Pine River Community Park=\$-3,689.05; Pine River Community Park Mowing Fund=\$175.00;

Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27; Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,000.00;

American Rescue Fund=\$122,397.33;

CD's: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,100.82; Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$21,404.99

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Becky Horvath reminded the Board of the celebration event planned for September 17 at the park. Joe Horvath questioned how and where ARPA funds have been and can be used and wondered about covering the park fund balance with ARPA funds. This idea will be added to the October meeting agenda.

Road Report

The County is catching up on fire number installation and are hoping to wrap that up soon. They are also planning to schedule an informational meeting regarding the proposed bridge replacement on Cty E that is due to be replaced in 2025. This meeting will be from 6:00 to 7:00 on October 10, 2023 prior to the October Town Board meeting. There have been some instances of graffiti on roads and signs recently and the curve signs on Brown Deer are damaged. It was noted that there have been lots of trees going down requiring cutting and cleanup. Roads noted needing repairs include Badger Drive, Beechnut Road, 29th Road, Cty E & Beechnut Lane and 30th Drive.

Old Business

a. Cemetary Driveway Repairs

Dead pine trees need to be cleaned up and also brush cleanup by the North driveway.

b. AED Purchase and Placement

Becky Horvath presented the Board with a quote for the Town's share of the cost of the proposed AED unit as well as a donation from the Whitetails. There was much discussion regarding where to install the unit so that it would be available to the community. Becky also asked if the Board should consider a unit for the Town Hall.

New Business

a. Earl Pomplun Land Division Purchase

A motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to approve a land division purchase by Earl Pomplun from Allen VanOrnum. All Ayes, motion carried.

b. Snow Plowing Contracts

Proposed snow plowing contracts from Gabes and RTR were reviewed. Motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to contract with Gabes for a three year term. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported for the RAFD that the Rescue Auxillary recently had two fundraisers that brought in \$12,000, which will go towards the purchase of a new electrical generator. The UTV was used at the Coloma fire and is in need of some repairs. A FEMA grant for \$113,000 was received and bunker gear and helmets were ordered. The RAFD has also recently added four members. An updated cost for the new truck is \$468,978.00 with the Town of Leon's share being \$118,764.00

Zoning Letters

Reviewed Notice of Decision regarding variance application by Tuchscherer Revocable Trust to approve converting a temporary driveway to a permanent driveway. Reviewed MFL Transfer Order for Tim & Meagan Devoe.

Correspondence

Reviewed a report on the dump well from Badger Labs and a notice from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands regarding the 2024 balance of debt for the dam.

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 8:40 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk