

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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: Michael Getchius, Becky Horvath, Mark Piechowski, Judy Newland, Lewis McBriar, William and Cheryl Luzinski, Andra Mory, Jerry Bailey, Karen Syverson, Matt LaSure, Brian Petit, Doug and Jen Rodencal

Approval of September 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report for September 2023

General Fund Balance: \$144,058.40;

September interest=\$36.15; September Income=\$0; September Payments=\$23,744.69;

Other Fund Balances: Cemetery Fund=\$1770.00; 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=\$120,135.82;

CD's: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,202.66; Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$21,620.80

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Mike Getchius questioned if the fire signs were completed. The County is still working on them.

Road Report

Culvert job that was being done by Lind Excavating has been completed. Potholes are being worked on. Shouldering on 29th needs to be completed yet. Township tour for dead trees needs to be completed.

Old Business

a. Discuss Future Legal Council Options

Notice has been received from Attorney Bickford that he will be retiring at the end of the year. A motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to engage Andrew Sulewski from Kubasta, Bickford & Lorensen, S.C.as legal council for the township. All ayes, motion carried.

b. Discuss AED Purchase and Placement

Becky Horvath confirmed that the AED does need to be in a temperature controlled environment. Becky will check with Tony to see if the Whitetail donation can be used towards a purchase from the Coyote Club. \$155.00 was also raised from a brat fry fund raiser. Saxeville township will cost share if unit is placed in the library. A motion was made by Engel and seconded by Heise to purchase a unit from the Coyote Club. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

a. Review Library Budget for 2024

Judy Newland and Andra Mory addressed the board regarding the 2024 budget request for the Leon-Saxeville Library. The Library board has determined that it would be beneficial to add a position of Program Specialist. This person would be responsible for the programming of events and coordination of library advertising, website and newsletter. Average attendance at programmed events over the past year has been 19.09. The library has become a community center of sorts as well as a resource center. Becky Horvath noted that the library has become a location for community enrichment. Andra has been training the current clerks to do more tasks, but they are not interested in taking on the programming tasks. Andra will also be doing a survey to learn what library patrons would like to see for hours of operation and programs. Judy and Andra agreed to rework their budget request to be reviewed at the November meeting.

b. Discuss Transfer of Funds to Clean Up Park Reserve Fund Balance

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to use General Funds money of \$3685.05 to zero the Park Reserve fund. All ayes, motion carried.

c. Review Poy Sippi Volunteer Fire Department 2024 Budget Request

A 5% increase is being requested for 2024 for fire protection and a 10% increase for fire truck replacement. The board has requested to see a budget for the fire department.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported that the RAFD had met and discussed increasing their budget by 16%

Zoning Letters

Reviewed notices for Jorgenson Enterprises, Okon's on Cty E and Georgia Lehr.

Reviewed timber permits for Arthur Benotti sec 11, Jerome Rovers sec 3 and Douglas Behumer sec 16

Correspondence

Nothing to note

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

There will be a Special Meeting of the Electors prior to the November board meeting regarding surpassing the 2023 Road Budget.

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve payment of bills as presented with the exception of the payment to Scott Construction which was to be voided and rewritten. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to adjourn at 8:38 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfull Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk