

**MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022, AT 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Chris Sorenson. Sorenson added an item to discuss to the agenda under New Business; Poy Sippi Rescue Service Agreement.

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Supervisors Gordon Engel and Russell Heise, Town Treasurer Christy Groskreutz and Town Clerk Cindi Gotthart. Audience: Mark Piechowski, Lewis McBriar, Jerry Bailey, Mike Getchius, Cassidy Wilson, Karen Syverson, Josh Macijeski, and Bryier (?) Golz.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER, 8, 2021

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the minutes as corrected under Old Business regarding Gabe's charges. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The check register balance 12/1/2021 was \$48,903.98. Interest earned \$41.83, EOM balance is -\$49.60 due to unexpected cost of new checks \$-216.53 and deposit slips -\$77.92. Property tax collection in 2021 was \$932,029.37 as of 12/31/2021.

Cemetery Fund balance = \$3,287.50

Dam Fund balance = \$24,470.05 (includes \$20K annual contribution)

Pine River Community Park balance = \$11,983.03

Pearl Lake Enhancement Fund balance = \$2,000.00

Pine River Restoration Fund balance = \$29,487.27.

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance = \$10,000.00 (includes \$2K annual contribution)

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance = \$17,191.33 (includes \$4K annual contribution)

American Rescue Fund balance = \$75,989.37.

Road Work Expenses to date \$255,130.07

Library \$1,200.63

Clerk Gotthart said that she ordered 500 checks instead of 250 because the price was much better. Chair Sorenson had requested a check for \$8,200 for Brothers Construction as a prepay.

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the Treasurers report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

On a financially related topic, Treasurer Groskreutz indicated that the Village of Redgranite hired a consultant to help them with the ARPA funds. Audience member Bailey felt that the Town should proceed and spend the ARPA money. Supervisor Engel suggested that with all the technology available, we could perhaps use the money towards emergency locating through the fire department. An emergency location could be determined, plugged into the computer, and an accurate route would be mapped to assist the emergency vehicles to the determined location.

Chair Sorenson said that he wanted to better know what can qualify for the ARPA funds, hoped that we could partner with other communities to share the language that would be accepted on an application, and just

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what the money can be used for so the Township wouldn't end up having to pay funds back if the application wasn't worded correctly.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Mark Pienchowski said that he talked to Gabe's regarding the plowing on 29th and Brown Deer, and felt that they were not sanding as well as they could, especially on the hills and curves.

6. ROAD REPORT

Discussion/Approve Roads for Tree Trimming in 2022

Sorenson said he talked to Brian Frimark, Highway Commissioner, regarding the list of tree trimming on certain roads that we want to do. Right now, the County is working in Coloma and Wautoma, but can start in Town of Leon when they are done. Sorenson suggested that the Board can decide if they want to do tree trimming on roads based on a set dollar limit, or we can proceed with the tree trimming on the roads we want done, and then pay whatever amount it would end up costing.

The top three prioritized roads are:

1. Blackhawk Court and Avenue (Hwy EE & E)
2. Beechnut Court (by Dale Hemple)
3. Ridge Road and a small section of Badger Rd.

The board agreed to start by doing Blackhawk, first, when the Highway department is ready, review how much it costs, and then determine the next step.

7. DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-01, FOR FIRE CODE AND INSPECTION ORDINANCE

Mike Getchius and Mark Piechowski discussed the proposed ordinance regarding fire code and inspection, and said that Town of Leon may want to wait to see what other communities do. Clerk Gotthart has typed up the ordinance and edited it to fit the Town of Leon, so once it is decided on, the language can easily be modified.

Clerk Gotthart asked who the Law Enforcement Authority is that is part of the ordinance. Mark P. said that is a gray area, but would end up being the County Sheriff's Dept. Chair Sorenson will talk to the Poy Sippi Fire Dept. to see if they want to adopt the same language and share in on the ordinance.

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to table Ordinance 2022-01 until the Town has talked to the Poy Sippi Fire Dept. All ayes, motion carried.

8. DISCUSS/APPROVE ADDING NAME OF JAN MARCELLIS PICARD TO THE APPROVED POLL WORKERS LIST FOR ELECTIONS 1/1/2022 TO 12/31/2023

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Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the addition of Jan Marcellis Picard to the Approved Poll worker list for 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2023. All ayes, motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS - POY SIPPI RESCUE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the 2022 Poy Sippi Rescue Service Annual Service Cost Agreement with a \$10.00 (insurance cost) increase from \$25.00 (service cost) per call to \$35.00 per call. All ayes, motion carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None

11. REPORT ON REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT

Heise said there was no meeting in December, thus no report.

12. ZONING LETTERS

Sorenson reviewed various zoning letters for Jorgenson Enterprises, Kenneth and Denise on CTH Q, and timber permits for Ray Krueger and Brandon Brown.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town received a Christmas card from S & G Excavating and a Thank You card from Saxeville Fire Dept.

Chair Sorenson indicated that the WTA meeting is April 1, in Ripon and we will need to get our registration in.

14. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, QUARTERLY PAYMENTS, TAX SETTLEMENTS, EXPENSES

Clerk Gotthart talked to Gary Sorenson's brother, Roger, regarding Gary's final wage payment from the Town, and Roger asked to have the check payable to Roger Sorenson and he will process it on behalf of the estate.

Clerk Gotthart indicated that she had talked to Alliant Energy on getting all four bills on the same billing cycle that would avoid late charges.

Treasurer Groskreutz indicated that she had received many tax payments, more this year than last, at this same time.

Clerk Gotthart stated that for this quarter, there are two checks for the board members, one for the wages and another for reimbursable expenses, and asked if that is how they wanted it for the future. Board members agreed that they prefer two separate checks.

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Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Paid after 12/8/2021 Meeting

Rhyme	print tax bills	9782	\$167.91
WE Energies	utilities	9783	\$107.79
Brothers Construction	snow plow ing	9784	\$8,200.00
			\$8,475.70

Paid at 01/12/8/2022 Meeting

Robert Gauger	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9785	\$34.28
Thomas or Jeanne Williamson	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9786	\$43.55
Joseph or Kimberly vergin	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9787	\$450.41
Lisa Kay Fitzgerald	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9788	\$43.17
Thomas or Jean Abler	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9789	\$25.85
Michael or Dawn White	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9790	\$216.84
Mark or Pamela Marquardt	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9791	\$29.06
Carl or Stefanie Eldredge	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9792	\$42.92
Bryen Handschke	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9793	\$39.75
Joshua Munig	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9794	\$37.08
Dwayne or Susan Tetting	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9795	\$35.57
Pedro Lezama Cortes	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9796	\$33.96
Duane or Michelle Johnson	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9797	\$18.41
David or Eve Hewitt	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9798	\$18.30
Raymond or Sherri Kortbein	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9799	\$38.83
Lillian Poublon	Refund 2021 tax overpay ment	9800	\$300.00
Associated Appraisal Consultants	services, postage	9801	\$700.67
Adams-Columbia Electric	utilities	9802	\$59.88
Alliant Energy	utilities	9803	\$214.14
Waushara County	election supplies	9804	\$34.54
WE Energies	utilities	9805	\$238.45
Chris Sorenson	4 th quarter wages	9806	\$1,662.30
Russell Heise	4th quarter wages	9807	\$932.74
Gordon Engel	4th quarter wages	9808	\$808.06
Roger Sorenson (for Gary Sorenson)	4th quarter wages- Oct	9809	\$615.67
Cindi Gotthart	4th quarter wages- Dec	9810	\$615.67
Christy Groskreutz	4th quarter wages	9811	\$1,489.21

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Mike Sorenson	Contractor wages 4 th Qtr	9812	\$100.00	
Chris Sorenson	Reimbursable expenses	9813	\$40.00	corkboard, hall supplies
Russell Heise	Reimbursable expenses	9814	\$7.84	mileage
Cindi Gotthart	Reimbursable expenses	9815	\$132.18	Mileage=\$20.16, office supplie
Christy Groskreutz	Reimbursable expenses	9816	\$59.28	Mileage=\$40.92, office supplie
Waushara County	Jan Tax Settlement	9817	\$386,564.35	
Poy Sippi Sanitary District	Jan Tax Settlement	9818	\$170.21	
Pearl Lake Pro and Rehab District	Jan Tax Settlement	9819	\$6,896.36	
		9820	VOID	
Wautoma Area School District	Jan Tax Settlement	9821	\$171,203.04	
Wild Rose School District	Jan Tax Settlement	9822	\$167,529.49	
Moraine Park Technical College	Jan Tax Settlement	9823	\$3,875.30	
Fox Valley Technical College	Jan Tax Settlement	9824	\$46,311.30	
Travis or Sarah Truesdale	Refund 2021 tax overpayment	9825	\$39.34	
Scott Gremore	Refund 2021 tax overpayment	9826	\$28.34	
Zachary or Sharon Allen	Refund 2021 tax overpayment	9827	\$10.49	
Jon or Cynthia Anderson	Refund 2021 tax overpayment	9828	\$180.83	
Leon-Saxeville Library	1 st of 4 Qrtly Payment	9829	\$5,302.50	
Redgranite Area Fire Department	1 st of 4 Qrtly Payment	9830	\$8,274.13	
Berlin Area School District	Jan Tax Settlement	9831	\$64,972.97	
			\$870,477.26	TOTAL

Also approve payment of check #9832 for \$2,550.00, to Poy Sippi Fire Department, for 2021 service contract.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to adjourn at 8:04 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2022

Cindi Gotthart, Town Clerk
920-622-3934

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022, AT 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Chris Sorenson.

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Supervisors Russell Heise and Gordon Engel. Treasurer Christy Groskreutz, Clerk Cindi Gotthart, Jane and Lewis McBriar, Mark Piechowski, Mike Getchus, Steve Gosenheimer, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Becky Horvath, Karen Syverson, Jerry Bailey and Gary Lawrence.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2022

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the minutes as corrected with the verification of the payment to the Poy Sippi Agreement in the amount of \$2,550.00. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the following report.

General Fund BOM balance was -\$49.60 and EOM balance = \$1,081,723.96

Cemetery Fund balance = \$3,287.50

Dam Fund balance = \$24,916.91

Pine River Community Park balance = \$12,483.03

Pearl Lake Enhancement Fund balance = \$2,000.00

Pine River Restoration Fund balance = \$29,487.27.

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance = \$10,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance = \$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance = \$75,989.37.

Road Work Expenses = none for Janaury

Library \$23,498.69

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Mark Pienchowski talked to Gabe's regarding plowing on 29th north of CTH Q.

6. ROAD REPORT

Chair Sorenson indicated that he hasn't heard from the County Highway commissioner, Brian Freimark. Nothing has been started yet for brush cutting.

7. DISCUSS/APPROVE ADAMS-COLUMBIA 2022 TOWN BOARD CONSENT FOR BLANKET PERMIT FOR WORK ALONG TOWN ROADS

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the Adams-Columbia request for a "Blanket Permit" for performing the constructing, maintaining, and operating of electric lines with all necessary wire, conduits and appurtenances for the purpose of supplying electric services in the Town of Leon. All ayes, motion carried.

8. DISCUSS/RECOMMEND CREATION OF ANNUAL FEES AND CHARGES RESOLUTION-Clerk Gotthart

Clerk Gotthart presented a draft resolution that would detail the cost for various licenses, rental fees, and compensation for labor, mileage and hours. More information will be gathered to provide the amounts. Chair Sorenson suggested that this be presented and approved at the Annual Meeting in April. Clerk Gotthart will research fees in other municipalities and complete the resolution for April.

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9. NEW BUSINESS

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE RESCINDING CURRENT RESOLUTION DATED MAY 30, 2019, FOR NO-WAKE SPEED

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to rescind the Resolution from May 30, 2019 regarding Total No Wake on Pearl Lake. All ayes, motion carried.

b. DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-02 EMERGENCY SLOW NO WAKE SPEED AT TIMES OF HIGH WATER

Steve Gosenheimer was representing the Pearl Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (PRD) regarding the proposed ordinance for Emergency Slow No Wake Speed at Times of High Water.

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve Ordinance 2022-02 for Emergency Slow No Wake Speed at Times of High Water. All ayes, motion carried.

Chair Sorenson will have the Town Attorney, Mark Bickford, review the resolution and then it will have to published.

c. DISCUSS/APPROVE LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR GRANT TO UPDATE WIRING AND SERVICE, PORTION TO BE PAID BY TOWNSHIP

Becky Horvath presented information regarding a possible grant for the Library to update the wiring, outlets and computer plug ins. She had received a bid from Bauer Electric for \$1,335, to install electrical wiring for floor box receptacles, data wiring and data jacks in floor boxes and walls, and installation of a plastic junction box outside with a raceway to the basement.

Also in the bid was the installation of a separate 120 volt 20 amp circuit for a wall receptacle on the first floor for \$355.00, that could be paid for by the Town of Leon. Horvath said that they still need to get one more bid.

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve that the Leon-Saxeville Library apply for a grant for electric improvements and upgrade, and that the Town of Leon could be responsible for the 120v 20 amp circuit installation, not to exceed \$355.00, and that the Library submitted the grant based on the best bid for the project. All ayes, motion carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-01, FIRE CODE AND INSPECTION ORDINANCE

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to table the Ordinance 2022-01, Fire Code and Inspection until the April regular board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

11. REPORT ON REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT

Heise reported on the fire department balance, that they were calibrating gas meters, changing batteries on the pagers, bought a laptop for the office, paid Mike Getchus for the second half of the fire inspections, and that for 2021, there were 477 calls; 68 fire and 409 EMS, with Redgranite having 262 and Town of Leon, 32.

12. ZONING LETTERS

Chair Sorenson reviewed zoning letters from Waushara Count regarding; Jorgenson Enterprises, property at W4613 N. Pearl Lake Road, size of septic system only approved for 6 residents, Libby at W4793 Pearl Lake, also regarding the septic system being sized for only 6 guests, and Milney, W3959 Middleton Street- house needs to be razed.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Gotthart presented a list of correspondences.

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- ◆ Orders from DNR regarding Managed Forest Tax Law lands. Three people petitioned to have their land become designated a managed forest land:
 - Darrel & Ruthann Gunderson for 27.3 acres on 29th Road
 - Craig & Karen Koch for 20 acres at CTH EE and Blackhawk Avenue
 - Betty Welch for 152.87 acres at CTH EE and Brown Deer
- ◆ Current Assessment Ratio from DOR
- ◆ Fire Department details for 2% report, Poy Sippi and Redgranite due March 15, Redgranite has submitted their part of the report for 2022. Gotthart confirmed the process and details of submissions, self-certifications.
- ◆ Request from Associated Appraisal Consultants re: any fires in town involving buildings which were damaged.
- ◆ DOT local program for Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) fiscal year 2022. Federal transportation funding for next 5 years, local agencies, local program construction projects only. Must apply by April 1, 2022. There is a Virtual Webinar on 2/10/22 at 1:00 on U-Tube.
- ◆ Waushara County Emergency Management, grant from FEMA, to complete update of Hazard Mitigation Plan for Waushara County. Zoom meeting on Monday February 21, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- ◆ Address on Wisconsin Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exempt Status
- ◆ USDA \$1 Billion to improve community infrastructure. Funding to increase access to health care, education, public safety, schools, libraries, for community development and building infrastructure. From Biden-Harris infrastructure improvements. Contact USDA Rural Development State office for information, per Regional Economic Development Directors, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- ◆ DOR report due by 3/15/2022 if there are any fallen police officers, EMS practitioners or firefighters, lost in the line of duty, and paid hospital, surgical or other health insurance premiums for spousal/dependent children.
- ◆ Election training for new machine and process with poll workers on February 21, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Town Hall.
- ◆ Registration has been sent in for the WTA meeting on April 1, 2022 for four attendees.

14. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, TAX SETTLEMENTS, EXPENSES

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the bills as presented, checks #9832 to #9861, which include the checks for the February tax settlements with amounts to be completed by Treasurer Groskreutz. All ayes motion carried.

Paid after 1/12/2022 Meeting			
Poy Sippi Fire Dept.	Annual Service Agreement from 2021	9832	\$2,550.00
Wisconsin Towns Association	4 registration fees for 4/1/22 meeting	9833	\$240.00
			\$2,790.00

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Myron or Jeff Dassow	Refund 2021 tax overpayment	9834	\$14.11
Barry or Tricia Drews	Refund 2021 tax overpayment	9835	\$12.22
Alan Young	Refund 2021 tax overpayment	9836	\$2,204.66
Scott Bastar	Refund 2021 tax overpayment	9837	\$30.86
Parker or Amanda Stacy	Refund 2021 tax overpayment	9838	\$38.76
Stephan or Tara Halter	Refund 2021 tax overpayment	9839	\$170.89
Waushara County	DNR PILT 2022	9840	\$7,473.52
Berlin Area School District	DNR PILT 2022	9841	\$67.56
Wautoma Area School District	DNR PILT 2022	9842	\$192.95
Wild Rose Area School District	DNR PILT 2022	9843	\$7,434.44
Moraine Park Technical College	DNR PILT 2022	9844	\$4.02
Fox Valley Technical College	DNR PILT 2022	9845	\$1,014.46
A & L Trucking	Road Work, trucking	9846	\$3,955.00
Adams-Columbia Electric	utilities	9847	\$62.14
Alliant Energy	utilities	9848	\$271.91
Associated Appraisal Consultants	Monthly Prof Service & postage	9849	\$699.17
Cindi Gotthart	Mileage, postage	9850	\$26.13
Rhyme	supplies	9851	\$16.45
WE Energies	utilities	9852	\$207.75
Waushara County	dog licenses	9853	\$310.00
Waushara County	FEB Tax Settlement	9854	\$594,976.14
Poy Sippi Sanitary District	FEB Tax Settlement	9855	\$259.49
Pearl Lake Pro and Rehab District	FEB Tax Settlement	9856	\$10,513.62
Berlin Area School District	FEB Tax Settlement	9857	\$99,052.33
Wautoma Area School District	FEB Tax Settlement	9858	\$261,001.76
Wild Rose School District	FEB Tax Settlement	9859	\$255,401.37
Moraine Park Technical College	FEB Tax Settlement	9860	\$5,907.95
Fox Valley Technical College	FEB Tax Settlement	9861	\$70,602.31
Waushara County	Salt Sand Hwy	9862	\$4,698.89
Cindi Gotthart	Wages for Jan	9863	\$615.67
		TOTAL	\$1,327,236.53
		TOTAL	\$1,330,026.53

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.
Respectively submitted by: Cindi Gotthart, Town Clerk

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2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Supervisors Russell Heise and Gordon Engel. Treasurer Christy Groskretz and Clerk Cindi Gotthart. Audience present: Jerry Bailey, Craig Hayes, Karen Syverson, Wayne Roemer, Sondra Rockwood, Mike Getchius, Mark Piechowski, and Patricia Denk.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the minutes with the correction to the Poy Sippi agreement to \$2,550.00. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Groskretz gave the financial report for the month of February.

General Fund BOM balance is \$98,902.88, tax collection=\$128,976.78, an anonymous donation to the Library for electrical work=\$355.00, and EOM balance = \$201,699.21.

Cemetery Fund balance = \$3,287.50

Dam Fund balance = \$24,916.91

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Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance = \$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance = \$75,989.37.

Road Work Expenses = \$8,653.89

Library \$19,301.75

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to accept the Treasurer's report for February, 2022. All ayes, motion carried.

5. PRESENTATION BY CRAIG HAYES, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, WILD ROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT, REGARDING UPCOMING SCHOOL REFERENDUM FOR APRIL 5, 2022 SPRING ELECTION

Wild Rose School District Administrator, Craig Hayes, presented information on the two referendum questions on the upcoming April 5, ballot. Question 1 would authorize \$15,600,000 for both the Elementary and Middle/High school improvements, including classroom addition, safety and security improvements, building and site improvements, outdoor athletic facility improvements, and restroom upgrades.

Question #2 would authorize \$2,300,000 for HVAC upgrades, including air conditioning at the Middle/High School.

Design will begin if the referendum questions pass, with construction to begin Spring of 2023 and end in the Fall of 2024. The mill rate for Question #1 would increase .60 cents per \$1,000, and .18 cents for Question #2. If the referendum fail, it will be one year before they can come back. They are allowed on two referendum questions per year.

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6. PUBLIC INPUT

Patricia Denk from the Pine River Restoration Association, indicated that the money from this fund from the chicken BBW, as they are no longer doing that, has been turned over to the Town.

7. ROAD REPORT

The County is doing the brushing along Blackhawk Ave., 26th Lane, Ridge Rd. and Beechnut Ct. but nothing yet on Badger. The Board had agreed to go up to \$6,000K, and doing Badger would take this amount over. Chris said he needed to talk to Brian from the County. It was agreed by the Board to leave Badger Drive go for another year.

Supervisor Heise pointed out that he reviewed the seven different estimates given and found there were six different prices per hour quoted. The Town needs to clarify the different rates per hour on all these projects.

Chair Sorenson stated that the \$1,600 credit for Gabes needs to be straightened out.

Mark Mankowski had given an estimate for chain saw work of between 50-65 hours.

Sorenson indicated that we may need to get another crew to do the work as Hoover hasn't returned his calls.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. DISCUSS/APPROVE ADDING CALEIGH LIPPERT AS AN OFFICIAL POLL WORKER FROM 1/1/2022 THROUGH 12/31/2023

Motion by Sorenson, second by Heise to approve Caleigh Lippert as a poll worker for the Town from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. All ayes, motion carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Sorenson will call Poy Sipp regarding the First Responder bill.

11. REPORT ON REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT

Supervisor Heise said there was no meeting in February.

12. ZONING LETTERS

Sorenson reviewed zoning letters from the County, which included timber cutting for Rosenberg, an accessory building for Schuman, renting out on VRBO for too many people for Jelly, and an accessory building being lived in but is not zoned for that to be legal for Dunigan.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

a. ELECTION TRAINING UPDATE, SIGNS AND SUPPLIES

Clerk Gotthart indicated that a training session for the poll workers was held on February 21, 2022, which went well. One item that will need to be looked at by the poll workers is the ability to allow the voter to see their vote on the machine, or enabling a view of the ballot. There will be five poll workers for this election, with the shifts being split between 10 people. An emergency plan was for the election was created with information in case of emergencies at the polls on the day of an election.

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b. MANAGED FOREST LAND

Clerk Gotthart reviewed the number of acres and the owners for land that is now classified as managed forest land.

c. SET TIME/DATE FOR BOARD OF REVIEW, DATE & OPTIONS FOR OPEN BOOK

The Board will allow for the Open Book to be held by phone between the taxpayer and the assessor, and it will be held on April 18 from 10:00am to noon, 12:00pm. The Board of Review will be Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Town Hall.

d FINANCIAL REPORT AND PERMISSION TO CONTACT JANSSEN ACCOUNTING

Clerk Gotthart is allowed to contact Janssen Accounting for assistance doing the Annual Report.

Notices need to be done for the Annual Meeting on April 20, and for a Special Meeting on April 27 at 7:00 for a public hearing on the use of ATV/UTV on Town roads.

14. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

Motion by, Engel, second by Heise to approve the bills as presented for payment, checks #9863 through #9874. All ayes, motion carried.

Paid after 2/09/2022 Meeting			
Zachary or Sharon Allen		9864	\$10.49
	2/24/22 Refund tax OP, to replace CK# 9827		\$10.49
Paid at 03/09/2022 Meeting			
Adams-Columbia Electric	Utilities	9865	\$63.21
Alliant Energy	Utilities	9866	\$204.42
Associated Appraisals	Prof Serv	9867	\$696.17
Cindi Gotthart	Feb Monthly Sal	9868	\$615.67
Cindi Gotthart	Reimburse	9869	\$183.34
Board of Comm. Public Land	Loan Paymt	9870	\$23,633.09
Postmaster	Stamps-Elect	9871	\$232.00
Waushara County Highway	sand/salt	9872	\$1,822.63
WE Energies	Utilities	9873	\$202.79
			\$27,653.32
		TOTAL	\$27,663.81

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to adjourn at 8:34 pm. All ayes motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cindi Gotthart, Town Clerk

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting and Regular Board Meeting, April 20, 2022

**MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022, FOLLOWING THE 7:00 PM ANNUAL MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sorenson called the Regular meeting of the Town of Leon board to order at 7:55p.m., after adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Chair Chris Sorenson, Supervisors Russell Heise, and Gordon Engel. Treasurer Christy Groskreuz and Clerk Cindi Gotthart.

Also present: Joe Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Liz Page, Karen Syverson, Collette Ross, Judy Newland, Jerry Bailey, Mark Piechowski, Mike Getchius, Brier Golz, CassidyWilson, John Maye, Joyce and Orval Jensen.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2022

Chair Sorenson made a few changes to the March 9, 2022 minutes. Motion by Russell Heise, second by Gordon Engel to approve the 3/9/22 minutes as corrected. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Christy Groskreutz, gave the treasurer's report for March, 2022.

General Fund BOM balance=\$201,699.21, EOM balance = \$188,793.04. \$188792.29 (corrected 7/3/2022Interest \$46.18.

Cemetery Fund balance = \$3,287.50

Dam Fund balance = \$1,283.62 after the loan payment of \$23,633.09.

Pine River Community Park balance = \$13,013.03

Pearl Lake Enhancement Fund balance = \$2,000.00

Pine River Restoration Fund balance = \$29,487.27.

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance = \$10,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance = \$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance = \$75,989.37.

Road Work Expenses = \$15,269.02

Library \$14,109.01

Chair Sorenson said that the Pearl Lake Enhancement Fund asked for their \$2,000 to use for other projects. This will bring that balance to \$0.00.

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the Treasurers report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

6. ROAD REPORT

Chair Sorenson said that Steve from Scott Construction wants to look at the roadwork needed in the Town. Sorenson asked for Russell and Gordon to meet at his house on 4/28/2022 at 8:00 a.m. So they can go out and look at the roadwork that needs to be done. They will look at 29th, Buttercup, Bighorn and Beechnut. It was agreed that Town of Leon should talk to Mt. Morris to coordinate road repair if we decide to do any work. Right now the prices are very expensive and we may want to wait until the costs go down. We may want to do crack filling and wedging first. Good job getting the brush off the road.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. DISCUSS/APPROVE:

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a. ORIGINAL ALCOHOL BEVERAGE RETAIL LICENSE APPLICATION FOR CLASS B BEER AND CLASS B INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE, FOR PEARL LAKE RV CAMPGROUND, LLC, W4585 S. PEARL LAKE ROAD RD., REDGRANITE, WI, 54970, BY RJOURNEY, LLC, BRAYDON ROSS MANAGER

b. SCHEDULE FOR APPOINTMENT OF AGENT BY CORPORATION, NON-PROFIT. ORGANIZATION, LLC FOR THE PEARL LAKE RV CAMPGROUND, LLC F STACY HERBST

c. AUXILIARY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR: STACEY HERBST, DAVID ROSS, TYRELL ROSS, KURT ROSS, CHAD ROSS AND JIM MICHAEL

d. OPERATOR'S LICENSES FOR: ???

Clerk Gotthart said that she did not receive any paperwork for items 8 a.-d. Motion by Heise, second by Engels to table agenda item #8 a. through d. until the paperwork is received for our next board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

9. DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-01 FIRE CODE AND INSPECTION ORDINANCE

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve Ordinance 2022-01 Fire Code and Inspection. All ayes, motion carried.

10. DISCUSS/AMEND/APPROVE AMENDED ORDINANCE 2022-02 EMERGENCY SLOW NO WAKE SPEED AT TIMES OF HIGH WATER

Chair Sorenson indicated the DNR did get back to him regarding this ordinance and wanted an amendment to the verbiage on Section D i. For the 818.75 above sea level section to add that the marker for this level be located at the boat launch. This change was added to the ordinance. Sorenson said that he will still need to get final approval from Molly Detjens and then we can publish it.

Motion by Sorenson, second by Engel to approve the Ordinance 2022-02 Emergency Slow No Wake Speed at Times of High Water with the amendment to Section D. I for the marker for the 818.75 above sea level be located at the boat launch. All ayes, motion carried.

Chair Sorenson will get this amendment to Molly Detjens for final review.

11. DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-03 TO APPOINT ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

Motion by Engels, second by Heise to approve Ordinance 2022-03 to appoint alternate members to the Board of Review, and that the alternates are Joe Horvath and Mike Getchius. All ayes, motion carried.

12. DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-04 RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT INCOME AND EXPENSES REQUESTED BY THE ASSESSOR IN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MATTERS IN THE TOWN OF LEON

Motion by Heise, second by Engels to approve Ordinance 2022-04 Relating to the Confidentiality of Information about the Income and Expenses requested by the Assessor in Property Assessment matters in the Town of Leon. All ayes, motion carried.

Sorensen said that both Ordinances 2022-03 and 2022-04 meet the requirements necessary for the Board of Review.

13. DISCUSS/APPROVE RESOLUTON 2022-01 FOR THE CREATION OF ANNUAL FEES AND CHARGES RESOLUTION

The Board reviewed the amounts suggested in Resolution 2022-01, for the creation of a document that details the fees and charges imposed by the Town of Leon. Clerk Gotthart had contacted numerous communities and entered the data into the comparison spreadsheet. Changes were made to a few of the fees, including lowering the Class C Wine license from \$195 to \$100 to comply with State Stats. The combination Class B Beer and Class B Liquor fee was raised from \$195.00 to \$200.00, Operator's license went from \$5.00 to \$15.00 each, publication fees increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00, along with the fee for a special assessment/title search request go from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Clerk Gotthart recommended that the Election Chief Inspector wages go from \$12.00 to \$14.00, but the board said it should have been part of the Annual meeting and perhaps they can look at the increase when doing the budget. Other fees did not change. A copy of the approved Resolution 2022-01 will be attached to the final minutes.

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Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve Resolution 2022-01 as recommended and amended, effective April 20, 2022. All ayes, motion carried.

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14. OLD BUSINESS

None.

15. REPORT ON REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT

Heise reported that there were 99 EMS and fire calls to date, one fireman resigned and one passed away. The trucks are repaired and ready, they recently purchased foam, fire suppression items, radios, boots and gloves, and had the books audited.

They are looking at ordering a new rescue truck and may use ARPA funds to purchase it. The Town of Marion donated \$10,000 to the department.

16. ZONING LETTERS

Sorenson reviewed the zoning letters he received from the county. Paul Nett has a retaining wall that is over the property line and needs to be removed, there are two timber permits.

17. CORRESPONDENCE – BOARD OF REVIEW ON MAY 10, 2022 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL

The Board of Review is on Tuesday, May 10 from 6:00 tp 8:00pm.

Sorenson said that a group of families that home school, would like to be able to use the Town Hall for their home school art and science classess. They would meet twice a month on Thursdays. The board decided that they would not charge them to use the hall and give it a try for a few months and see how it goes.

Clerk Gotthart indicated that she received an email from the clerk Town of Dakota asking if Townships had the police do background checks on the operator's licenses applicants. The Board said they did not.

18. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

Motion by Engels, second by Heise to approve the bills as presented with the Poy Sippi Fire Dept. payment be split with the first payment of \$20,271.21 in April, and the second payment of \$20,271.21 paid in August. All ayes, motion carried. (A complete list of the bills and checks paid will be in the Clerk's official minutes.)

Paid at or after 3/09/2022 Meeting

Brothers Construction	salt, sanding, plowing	9874	\$4,792.50
Rural Insurance	Annual premium	9875	\$4,436.00
			\$9,228.50

Paid at 04/20/2022 Meeting

Adams-Columbia Electric	Utilities	9876	\$59.69
Alliant Energy	Utilities	9877	\$199.74
Associated Appraisals	Prof Serv	9878	\$697.67
Brothers Construction	Jan/Feb snowplowing	9879	\$6,413.75
Command Central	Election supplies	9880	\$105.65
Mankowski Tree Service	brushing, tree rem, roadside	9881	\$7,900.00
Pearl Lake Restoration District	use acct balance	9882	\$2,000.00
Leon-Saxeivill Library	2 nd quarter payment	9883	\$5,302.50
Rent-a-Flash	fire signs, shipping	9884	\$80.24
Sheet Metal Services	Fix furnace town hall	9885	\$135.00

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Waushara Argus	Open Book public not	9886	\$140.00
Redgranite Area Fire Dept	2nd quarter payment	9887	\$8,274.13
Washara County	sand, brush removal	9888	\$11,188.24
Poy Sippi Volunteer Fire Dept	payment	9889	\$20,271.21
WE Energies	Utilities	9890	\$116.68
Wisconsin Town's Association	Annual Dues	9891	\$1,104.00
Waushara County	2021 PILT DNR pymt	9892	\$7,151.94
Berlin School District	2021 PILT DNR pymt	9893	\$75.24
Wautoma School District	2021 PILT DNR pymt	9894	\$237.64
Wild Rose School District	2021 PILT DNR pymt	9895	\$9,026.13
Moraine Park VTAE District	2021 PILT DNR pymt	9896	\$4.42
Fox Valley VTAE District	2021 PILT DNR pymt	9897	\$1,086.44
Chris Sorenson	Jan-Mar Salary	9898	\$1,639.21
VOID	Void	9899	\$0.00
Gordon Engel	Jan-Mar Salary	9900	\$854.24
Cindi Gotthart	March Salary	9901	\$638.76
Christy Groskreutz	Jan-Mar Salary	9902	\$1,239.21
Chris Sorenson	Reimb/Mileage	9903	\$30.42
Russell Heise	Reimb/Mileage	9904	\$16.38
Gordon Engel	Reimb/Mileage	9905	\$25.74
Cindi Gotthart	Reimb/Mileage	9906	\$257.98
Mike Sorenson	Labor-chain saw	9907	\$50.00
Barry Engel	Labor-guard rail, equip	9908	\$100.00
Dave McClelland	Labor-guard rail, equip	9909	\$100.00
Russell Heise	Jan-Mar Salary	9910	\$877.32
Helene (Becky) Horvath	Election & training	9911	\$279.00
Gary Lawrence	Election & training	9912	\$327.00
Jerry Bailey	Election & training	9913	\$81.00
Judi Gosenheimer	Election & training	9914	\$30.00
Joe Horvath	Election & training	9915	\$147.00
Caleigh Lippert	Election & training	9916	\$114.00
Judy Lippert	Election & training	9917	\$141.00
Elizabeth Page	Election & training	9918	\$96.00
Jan Picard	Election & training	9919	\$126.00
Carol Schlichting	Election & training	9920	\$198.00
Tina Smith	Election & training	9921	\$105.00
Rhyme	Treas supplies/ink	9922	\$107.50
Christy Groskreutz	Reimb/Mileage	9923	\$98.28

			\$89,249.35
TOTAL			\$98,477.85

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moton by Heise, second by Engels to adjourn at 9:08 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by Cindi Gotthart, Town Clerk

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting, May 11, 2022

**MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF LEON, PINE RIVER
APRIL 27, 2022 AT 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Chris Sorenson.

2. ROLL CALL, LIST OF AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Supervisors Russell Heise and Gordon Engel and Clerk Cindi Gotthart.

Audience present: Waushara County Deputy Sheriff Marty Weasner, Terry Barth, Gary Lawrence, Liz Page, Judy Newland, Joshua Macijeski, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Carla Haen, Jeff Haen, Ken Groskreutz, James Denk, Carl Timm, Gail Timm, Becky Horvath, Brian Petit, Jessica Reany, Michael Melland, Linda Forseth, Lewis McBair, Jane McBair, Erica Moore, Sarah Pinkall, Shawn Pinkall, Linda Leitner, Nich Thomas, Lisa Witt, Mary Schmidt, Rodney Schmidt, Tom Jewell, Lori Gabriliska, Gail Bush, John Bush, Jeff LaSure, Karen Syverson, Kevin White, Gary Rodencal, Steve Gurgel, Larry Stollmacher, Mary Stellmacher, Joe Horvath, Mike Messing, Beverly Messina, Linda Lashley and Ned Lashley.

3. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE USE OF ATV AND UTV VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS IN THE TOWN OF LEON

Chair Sorenson opened the meeting to the public. Brier Golz gave a brief presentation outlining concerns that had been posed to him, such as insurance on the ATV,UTV's, signage requirements and maintenance, driver's licenses and DNR safety certifications requirements, lights required on the vehicles, being lit headlights and tail lights, the typical speed limit of 35 mph, how they could be on County Roads and how to consider connecting Town Roads with County roads and creating these with surrounding municipalities.

Nick Thomas, representative of the Pearl Lake District, indicated their group is meeting in late May to discuss this issue but did state there are many lake residents that have ATV/UTV's and would like to be able to use them. County highway EE would give them access.

A person between the ages of 12-15 can drive alone on the vehicle but there has to be an adult on an accompanying vehicle. A certificate of training has to be received by the driver.

People spoke on both sides of the issue. Liz Page expressed that there are safety, concerns and that ATV/UTV's are not registered as motor vehicles or meant to travel on paved surfaces, there is a cost to the taxpayers, an impact on property values, and what about the enforceability of the rules and regulations, hours of operation, and noise factors.

Sorenson said the township would determine the hours of operation.

Judy Newland asked who is responsible for the signs? The township would be, thus a cost to the taxpayer. Sorenson said the Town would need to determine how many signs would be required. She is opposed to the ATV's/UTV's being on the roads as they are not autos nor designated as vehicles allowed on the roadways. She sees a possibility of noise pollution along with carbon emissions, increases in traffic, a cost to the taxpayer's of the town.

Linda Leitner feels that if the ATV/UTV's are allowed on the roadways, we need to make sure the trails can connect with the neighboring communities and that the hours of operation coordinate with them so that people using the roads/trails can make it back to their homes.

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Deputy Weasner indicated that there have not been many ATV/UTV problems so far, although, there is a big increase in ATV/UTV registrations in the state of Wisconsin. The County now has an ATV, fully equipped and are able to go where there couldn't go before, which assists in law enforcement. The whole state has experienced an increased popularity of the use of ATV/UTV's, and without local trails, the residents are missing out on recreational activity, as well as landowners not being able to use the land they purchased, to use their ATV's. There have been some tickets written but enforcement is similar to the snowmobilers, boaters and motorcycle users. All officers in the County can enforce the law regarding the ATV's. People aren't trained like they should be, and it is their personal responsibility to be trained, have the proper registration displayed, have working head and tail lights, and follow the rules.

The new machines have an improved the safety of the vehicles. Riding ATV's/UTV's allow for improved business opportunities, and allow people to enjoy the beauty of the area.

Chair Sorenson indicated that if the Town of Leon did decide to go along with this, the Town would definitely make sure the ordinance and rules would comply with the law and any state statutes/regulations necessary. He talked with the Sheriff and asked if there have been issues in other municipalities, and received the response that there have been very few.

Resident Terry Bahr, living on Rustic Road, bought the property for its peace and quiet and feels the use of the ATV's would disrupt that peace and quiet, cause more motorized vehicles and noise on the road and could potentially, lower his house and land values.

Comments were made to support this recreation in the county and on personal land. Lewis McBriar said that he had been operating ATV's for years, particularly in northern Wisconsin and even Canada, the equipment and the rules have improved over the years and most people abide by the laws, and didn't feel it was right to shut down everybody from enjoying the recreation because of a few.

Many in the audience felt that for the most part, driver's are responsible and abide by the law and the town would benefit by allowing the ATV's and UTV's to operate on the roads.

Joe Horvath has been in the township 32 years and feels that it is important to allow both sides to look at the process and determine rules, hours of operation, what is allowed, etc. that would be a good compromise for all that live in the Town.

The question was asked if there can be alcohol consumption while riding the vehicle and the answer is, yes, it is allowed.

Mike Mellen said he has 34 years of law enforcement and there are 39 other states that allow licensed vehicles on their roads.

Gary Lawrence read some points of concern to allowing the ATV/UTV's on the Town's roads and asked the Board vote NO on the issue. The vehicles aren't licensed for paved road use, there are no insurance requirements, and the noise factor is still a concern. There have been 47 deaths in the State, but of course, not in Leon because the vehicles are not allowed on the roads in the Township.

Linda Leitner asked if this was something that would be considered for a referendum? She is concerned that people don't know what is being considered.

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Supervisor Heise said that he come to the meeting with an open mind and although he wasn't ready to vote on a decision tonight, he was willing to allow the issue to move forward to gather more information.

Supervisor Engel said that there were good points raised in the public discussion, and recognized that there can be problems, but that we could move forward and gather information.

Chair Sorenson said that five years ago when this issue was brought up, he didn't feel things were handled properly and the Town didn't have enough information at that time, but he is ready to look at doing something on this to perhaps allow the use of ATV's and UTV's on the town roads. He said that all three of the board members have ATV's and are allowed to use them due to Ag privileges.

Deputy Weasner had data that showed there were 331,869 ATV registrations and 134,718 registrations in the State of Wisconsin in 2021.

He suggested that a committee be created as there are many questions to be considered, such as should it be allowed at all, and if it is, do we open the entire township, do we create corridors that work with the County, hours of operation, signs required and who maintains them, and if there is abuse, then the privilege can be taken away.

Karen Syverson asked that whoever deals with this that they think about the impact to the environment and be responsible so that all can enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

4. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Sorenson closed the public input part of the meeting at 8:40 p.m. and indicated that the Board would now discuss the issue.

Heise suggested that the Town set up a committee to look at the feasibility of allowing ATV's and UTV's to use Town roads.

Sorenson said the Brier Golz should be on the committee as he has done the research on the issues and the board members would also be on the committee. Others in the audience volunteered to be on the committee. Sorenson created a committee to do the investigating and work together to make recommendations that would take both side of the issue into consideration for the Town of Leon residents. The committee is: Briar Gohlz, Liz Page, Joe Horvath, Mary Schmidt, Joshua Macijeski, Lewis McBair, Gordon Engel, Russell Heise and Chris Sorenson.

5. BOARD DISCUSS/ PROPOSE POSSIBLE PLAN OF ACTION, DENY/APPROVE ALLOWING THE USE OF ATV AND UTV VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS IN THE TOWN OF LEON

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to move forward and have the committee investigate an ordinance to pertain to allowing ATV's and UTV's to use roads in the Town of Leon. All ayes, motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sorenson, second by Heise to adjourn the special board meeting at 8:50 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by Clerk Cindi Gotthart

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022, AT 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 7:00 p.m by Chair Sorenson.

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Supervisors Russell Heise and Gordon Engel. Treasurer Christy Groskreutz and Clerk Cindi Gotthart. Also present: Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Carter Timm, Gail Timm, Rodney Schmidt, Joshua Macijeski, Brier Golz, Cassidy Wilson, Stacey Herbst, Christy Underberg, Mary Schmidt, Elizabeth Page, Gary Lawrence and Joe Horvath.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 27, 2022. (APRIL 20, 2022 ANNUAL MEETING DISTRIBUTED BUT NOT APPROVED UNTIL APRIL 19, 2023 ANNUAL MEETING)

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the minutes from the April 20 regular board meeting as corrected. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Heise, second by to approve the minutes from the April 27 Special Board meeting as corrected. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Christy Croskreutz gave the following report for April, 2022.

General Fund BOM balance is \$188,792.29, and EOM balance = \$143,411.40. Interest for the month=\$43.67.
Cemetery Fund balance = \$3,362.50 after a donation of \$75.00 was received.
Dam Fund balance = \$1,738.87 after a Renew Hydro payment of \$455.05.
Pine River Community Park balance = \$13,013.03
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Pine River Restoration Fund balance = \$29,487.27.
Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance = \$10,000.00
Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance = \$17,191.33
American Rescue Fund balance = \$75,989.37.
Road Work Expenses = \$40,851.25.
Library \$17,329.66

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Mary Schmidt said that there are huge potholes on Beechnut and CTH E. Chair Sorenson responded that Gabe's is still working on the potholes.

A request was made to receive the agenda via email notification for each meeting. Clerk Gotthart asked that anyone interested in receiving notification for the agendas make note of this on the sign in sheet and she will put them on the list to receive the agendas.

6. DISCUSS/APPROVE:

a. ORIGINAL ALCOHOL BEVERAGE RETAIL LICENSE APPLICATION FOR CLASS B BEER AND CLASS B INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE, FOR PEARL LAKE RV CAMPGROUND, LLC, W4585 S. PEARL LAKE ROAD RD., REDGRANITE, WI, 54970, BY RJOURNEY, LLC, BRAYDON ROSS MANAGER

b. SCHEDULE FOR APPOINTMENT OF AGENT BY CORPORATION, NON-PROFIT. ORGANIZATION, LLC FOR THE PEARL LAKE RV CAMPGROUND, LLC F STACY HERBST

c. AUXILIARY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR: STACEY HERBST, DAVID ROSS, TYRELL ROSS, KURT ROSS, CHAD ROSS AND TIM MICHAEL

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Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the original Class B Beer and Class B Liquor license for Pearl Lake RV Campground, W4585 S. Pearl Lake Road, Redgranite, WI 54970 for the time period of May 11 to June 30, 2022, to appoint Stacey Herbst as the authorized agent for the Pearl Lake Campground for Rjourney, and the Auxiliary Questionnaires for Stacey Herbst, David Ross, Tyrell Ross, Kurt Ross, Chad Ross and Tim Michael. All ayes, motion carried.

d. OPERATOR'S LICENSES FOR: There were no operator's licenses applied for at this time.

7. DISCUSS/APPROVE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2022-01 FIRE CODE AND INSPECTION ORDINANCE

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Motion by Engel, second by Heise to amend Ordinance 2022-01, Fire code, by adding the word “public” to Section 2, #1. All ayes, motion carried.

8. DISCUSS/APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF JUDY NEWLAND AND GARY LAWRENCE FOR A SECOND THREE-YEAR TERM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, LEON-SAXEVILLE LIBRARY, BEGINNING 5/1/2022

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve 3 year terms for two trustees, Judy Newland and Gary Lawrence beginning May 1, 2022, ending April 30, 2025. All ayes, motion carried.

9. ROAD REPORT – DISCUSSION/DECISION/ACTION ON ROAD WORK TO BE DONE IN 2022

Chair Sorenson presented a Road List for 2022. The cost for black top is very expensive and it makes sense to wait until the prices drop. We have until 2027 to spend ARPA money for projects, including road projects. Sorenson would like to get more estimates on some road projects. Do we do crack filling or an overlay? Scott Construction gave a price of \$38,000 to do chip seal on Brown Deer Road. There is TRIP program money of \$25,000 for Bighorn Rd. There are too many cracks to just cover it.

Motion by Engels, second by Heise to do the following six road projects in 2022.

1. Waupaca St. to Middleton St to CTH E (.24 mi) Heavy Single Seal = \$6,111.00
2. Pine St. to CTH H to CTH E (.10mi) single seal hard surface = \$2,595.00
3. Birch Lane & Pine River Ct. to CTH H to Termini (.38 mi) = \$8,343.00
4. 30th Dr. CTH H to Brown Deer Rd, wedging, 264 ton X \$102.61 per ton = \$27,089.00
5. Blackhawk Rd to Brown Deer Rd to Beechnut (2.5 mi) single seal hard surface = \$61,646.00, and
6. as an option, if Mt Morris township does their portion of Badger Dr, then Leon will do their portion (.25 mi) = \$10,101.00

for a total of \$115,885.00 All ayes, motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS – WEB SITE INFO PRESENTED BY LIZ PAGE

Liz Page gave a presentation on her initial research on the possibility of the Town getting a web page. She had reviewed various sites and felt that Webs by Wagner, LLC was a very good site. They do the web site for Aurora and had a great price of \$950.00 for a set up fee, and a \$250.00 annual fee. Town Web was another contact but she felt they were not very responsive and did not supply a quote on the costs. She will get a quote from them and get it to us. This could be part of the ARPA projects for a few years, but then would have to budgeted for in the future. Liz showed the board, on her computer, some of the websites that Webs by Wagner has done. Brier Golz asked if there was an additional charge or a limit on updates? Liz did not believe that there is, based on what she was discussed with Laura Wagner. The board was in consensus that the site be easy to use and maintain.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Sorenson indicated the group that home schools has used the hall one time so far and didn't believe there were any problems.

The 4-H has received a grant for a flag pole and light for the town hall. He also suggested that the group clean up and pick up sticks at the Cemetery, and, soon, as it needs to be mowed. Rob Kursek mows the Cemetery. The Library grounds are tough to mow as the plants are close together. Dave and Mike Friday will mow the library grounds.

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE IDEAS FOR ARPA PROJECTS; BID FOR FIRE SIGNS, VOTING MACHINE CABINET, AND OTHER OPTIONS

The Board agreed that using ARPA funds for new fire signs is a good idea. It was estimated that \$10,997.13 would cover the cost of new fire signs. The County had a better price for signs, but that was without labor costs for installation, which will need to be done. Chair Sorenson said he will contact Rent-a-Flash for more cost information. Street signs could also be updated using ARPA funds, if the board decides to do this. The Town wants to use ARPA funds for the most beneficial projects.

Sorenson said that everyone should be thinking of a list of projects to do with the ARPA money, such as a locked cabinet in the hall that can house the voting machine and other election items, such as poll booths, outdoor signs, and other election items.

12. REPORT ON REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT

The Fire Dept will use money from fund raisers to get a Jaws of Life, \$50,000, 8 firemen took a driver operator course, and they received a DNR grant for a chain saw.

13. ZONING LETTERS

None.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

There will be a WTA dinner meeting a Silvercyst, May 23, starting at 6:15pm.

15. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve payment of the bills as presented. All ayes motion carried. (Official Clerk minutes will show the complete list of bills paid.)

<u>Paid at 05/11/2022 Meeting</u>			
Adams-Columbia Electric	Utilities	9924	\$61.75
Alliant Energy	Utilities	9925	\$191.76
Associated Appraisals	Prof Serv	9926	\$1,128.67
Gabe's Top It or Drop It	tree removal	9927	\$150.00
Cindi Gotthart	April Wage	9928	\$615.67
Cindi Gotthart	Expenses Reimburse	9929	\$40.11
VOID	Void	9930	VOID
Waushara Argus	Publication Fees	9931	\$402.03
Washara County	election/signs	9932	\$648.61
WE Energies	Utilities	9933	\$62.41
Schneider Printing	License Forms	9934	\$38.50
Mike Friday	Mowing Lib Park	9935	\$190.00
	TOTAL		\$3,529.51

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND BUSINESS IS CONCLUDED BUT A DISCUSSION WITH ATV/UTV COMMITTEE FOR A PLAN OF ACTION/MOTIONS FOR THE USE OF TOWN OF LEON ROADS WILL CONTINUE

Regular meeting business ended at 8:40 p.m, meeting continued with the board and other committee members.

The committee is Golz, Page, McBriar, Macijeski, Schmidt, Horvath, C. Sorenson, Heise and Engel.

The committee discussed speed limits, ordinances, regulations, what is best for the Township and its residents, working with the County and surrounding communities, safety concerns, the Town's jurisdiction, open beverages/intoxicants, signage and having the ability to shut down the routes if there is a problem.

Motion by Liz Page, second by Brier Golz to open all Town of Leon roads to ATV/UTV's routes. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lewis McBriar, second by Liz Page to have the hours of operation for the ATV/UTV routes be from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with no use between 10:00 p. to 6:00 am. All ayes motion carried.

Sorenson will contact the County Clerk to see what has to be done to include County Roads in the ATV/UTV routes. Mary Schmidt will look into grant fund options for signs and maintenance. Sorenson will look at an ordinance option for the next meeting on June 8th.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sorenson, second by McBriar to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. All ayes motion carried.

Submitted by Cindi Gotthart, Town Clerk

APPROVED ON JUNE 8, 2022

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting, June 8, 2022

**MINUTES TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022, AT 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair Chris Sorenson.

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Supervisor Russell Heise and Gordon Engel. Also present: Clerk Cindi Gotthart. Treasurer Christy Groskreutz absent.

Audience present: Gary Lawrence, Liz Page, Mike Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Lewis and Jane McBriar, Mary Schmidt, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Goltz, Joshua Macijewski, Gail and Carter Timm, Chuck Dolphin, and Karen Syverson.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEEING

Motion bu Engel, second by Heise to approve the minutes from May 11, 2022 as corrected. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Groskreutz was not present but had given Sorenson the report to distribute at the meeting.

General Fund BOM balance is \$143,411.40, and EOM balance = \$142,295.31. Interest for the month=\$40.40.

Cemetery Fund balance = \$3,362.50.

Dam Fund balance = \$1,738.87.

Pine River Community Park balance = \$13,013.03

Pine River Restoration Fund balance = \$29,487.27.

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance = \$10,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance = \$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance = \$75,989.37.

Road Work Expenses = \$41,326.06.

Library \$17,286.58

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the treasurer's report for May as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC INPUT None.

6. DISCUSS/APPROVE:

a. RENEWAL ALCOHOL BEVERAGE RETAIL LICENSE APPLICATION FOR CLASS B BEER AND CLASS B INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE, FOR (1) PEARL LAKE RV CAMPGROUND, LLC, W4585 S. PEARL LAKE ROAD RD., REDGRANITE, WI, 54970, BY RJOURNEY, LLC, BRAYDON ROSS MANAGER, (2) DANIEL G. THOMPSON FOR THE GOLDEN NUGGET, N4733 CCTH E, PINE RIVER, WI 54965, AND (3) PINE RIVER WINERY, N4070 30TH DR, PINE RIVER, WI 54965

b. SCHEDULE FOR APPOINTMENT OF AGENT BY CORPORATION, NON-PROFIT. ORGANIZATION, LLC FOR THE PEARL LAKE RV CAMPGROUND, LLC STACY HERBST AND PATRICK ARNDT FOR THE PINE RIVER WINERY

c. AUXILIARY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR: STACEY HERBST, DAVID ROSS, TYRELL ROSS, KURT ROSS, CHAD ROSS AND TIM MICHAEL

d. OPERATOR'S LICENSES FOR: GWYN CONRAD-KESSLER, LYNDA HERZIG, STACEY HERBST, ZACHERY KAPP, ROCHEL NELSEN, TERESA SCHABER, BRITTANI TIFFANY, AND CHRISTINA UNDERBERG

e. CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE FOR PEARL LAKE RV CAMPGROUND

f. TEMPORARY PICNIC & GATHERING CLASS B LICENSES FOR THE REDGRANITE FIRE RESCUE AUX FOR 7/23-7/24/2022, PICNIC AT PEARL LAKE CAMPSITE, AND 8/6-8/7/2022 PUBLIC LANDING AT PEARL LAKE PARKING LOT

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g. TEMPORARY OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR CHRIS GONZALES, JOAN RINALDI, JEFF MYSZEWSKI, KATHLEEN MYSZEWSKI, AND MIKE GETCHIUS

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve agenda items 6.a, 6.b, 6.c, 6.d, 6.e, for the time frame of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, item 6.f., for July 23- July 24, 2022 and August 6 – August 7, 2022, and item 6.g., for July 22 through August 8, 2022. All ayes, motion carried.

7. DISCUSS/APPROVE CHANGE TO RATE OF PAY FOR CHIEF INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

Motion by Heise, second by Engels to approve the wage rate of \$14.00 per hour for the Chief Inspectors of Elections effective immediately. All ayes, motion carried. (Amend Fees Resolution 2022-01)

8. ROAD REPORT – DISCUSS/APPROVE CRACK FILLING AND SHOULDERING BIDS

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the estimated bid for shouldering on Buttercup for \$6,700.00. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the crack-filling bid of \$10,000 for Brown Deer. All ayes motion carried.

Chair Sorenson will look at the gravel on Washington and California. Also, the consensus was to mow roadsides once then see how it looks later in the year.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE QUOTES FOR STRUCTURE AT NEW PARK

Gary Lawrence gave a report on the new shelter structure at the library park area and the bid they received from Brothers Concrete for a 24' x 24' concrete pad, including excavating, grade and ADA compliance. The work is schedule to start in July. Prices are guaranteed for 30 days. Lawrence said the library will put in the sidewalk for \$1,400, and get the rest of the money needed to put up the shelter from donations and fund raising.

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the \$5,500 bid from Gabe, Brothers Concrete Construction for the new pad at the library park for the new shelter, including excavating, grade work and it being ADA compliant. All ayes, motion carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION/APPROVE ARPA PROJECTS INCLUDING BID FOR FIRE SIGNS, WEB SITE INFO AND OTHER OPTIONS, SUCH AS VOTING MACHINE CABINET

Motion by Engel, second by Sorenson to proceed with getting new fire signs, flag style, using ARPA money. Engel and Sorenson voted aye, Heise, abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Heise, second by Sorenson to approve the development of a web site, using Laura Wagner, at a cost of \$950.00 for development, and \$250.00 maintenance, for one year to see how it goes, and to use ARPA money to fund it. Heise and Sorenson voted aye, Engel abstained. Motion carried.

b. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ORDINANCE 2022-02 NO WAKE SPEED AT TIMES OF HIGH WATER

Public hearing to be held at 7:00 pm., July 13, 2022 to give final approval of Ordinance 2022-02 as reviewed and approved by the DNR. All ayes, motion carried.

11. REPORT ON REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT No fire meeting in May.

12. ZONING LETTERS

Sorenson reviewed letter from County regarding Anne Sykes doing timber cutting.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Gotthart reminded the audience that there is a partisan primary on August 9, 2022.

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14. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to pay the expenses as presented. All ayes, motion carried. (A complete list of the bills will be included in the official minutes of the Clerk)

<u>Paid at 06/08/2022 Meeting</u>			
Adams-Columbia Electric	06/08/22	9936	\$62.54
Alliant Energy	06/08/22	9937	\$190.72
Associated Appraisals	06/08/22	9938	\$695.67
Cindi Gotthart	06/08/22	9939	\$615.67
Janssen Accounting	06/08/22	9940	\$1,700.00
GCS Software	06/08/22	9941	\$367.50
S & G Excavating	06/08/22	9942	\$3,281.25
Scott Construction	06/08/22	9943	\$27,089.04
Waushara Argus	06/08/22	9944	\$3,405.00
Waushara County	06/08/22	9945	\$948.18
WE Energies	06/08/22	9946	\$12.47
Pearl Lake RV Campground	06/08/22	9947	\$100.00
KerberRose	06/08/22	9948	\$300.00
		TOTAL	\$38,768.04

15. REGULAR MEETING CONCLUDES; CONTINUE DISCUSSION/APPROVALS WITH ATV/UTV COMMITTEE

The regular meeting was finished at 8:40 pm. The ATV/UTV committee discussed various topics regarding the use of ATV/UTV's on Town of Leon Rd.

Motion by Brier Golz, second by Lewis McBriar to have the ATV/UTV committee apply to Waushara County to have ATV/UTV routes on County Roads in the Town of Leon, in conjunction with what the committee is doing and have it include all county roads in the Town of Leon. Voice vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Sorenson said there will need to be a list of County roads in the Town of Leon to have ATV, UTV use, to present to Waushara County, and a rough draft of an ordinance. Keep the regulations easy to follow. Brier Golz will write up a proposal.

ATV/UTV committee input finished at 9:30 p.m.

16. MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M. PER §19.85(1)(c) CONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CLERK CINDI GOTTHART, OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY.

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to move to closed session at 9:34 p.m. Pursuant to §19.85(1)(c) for employee promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of public employee Clerk Cindi Gotthart, over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. All ayes, motion carried.

17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 8:45 P.M. TO TAKE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION FOR THE EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CLERK CINDI GOTTHART

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to reconvene to open session at 10:40 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to make no change to the Clerk's annual salary at this time but the board will consider salary for the clerk's position at budget time, and to retain Cindi Gotthart in the Clerk's position, with additional review by December 1, 2022.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to adjourn at 10:27 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

**MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AT 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chair Chris Sorenson, the meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Supervisor Russell Heise.

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Supervisor Heise and Supervisor Gordon Engel, Treasurer Christy Groskreutz, and Clerk Cindi Gotthart. Also present: Jane and Lewis McBriar, Mary Schmidt, Brier Golz, Cassidy Wilson, Joshua Macijewski, Mark Piechowski, Mike Getchius, Liz Page, and Joe Horvath.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE 8, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Heise indicated that he wanted the minutes from June to have more consideration at the next board meeting on the motion that was made on getting flag style fire signs using ARPA money. He does not want the costs to exceed the \$11,000 in the motion on the 8th and wants it put on the August 10th agenda for more discussion.

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the monthly treasurer's report.

General Fund BOM balance is \$142,411.40, and EOM balance = \$135,480.19. Interest for the month=\$37.13.

Cemetery Fund balance = \$4,962.50.

Dam Fund balance = \$1,738.87.

Pine River Community Park balance = \$13,013.03

Pine River Restoration Fund balance = \$29,487.27.

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance = \$10,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance = \$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance = Received the 2nd payment of \$75,989.37 on 6/21/22 = \$124,389.70. \$500.00 had been paid for the web-page, and road work for \$27,089.04

Road Work Expenses = \$45,555.49.

Library \$12,047.89

Engel's questioned the road work under the ARPA funding and Clerk Gotthart asked for clarification if the road work had been approved for ARPA. Both board member said that it wasn't so it was agreed to re-categorize the expenditure of \$27,089.04 back to regular road construction. (The adjustments will be reflected in the Treasurer's August report for July.)

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to transfer the \$27,089.04 that Clerk Gotthart incorrectly categorized as an ARPA expenditure back to the general fund under roadwork. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the treasurer's report for May as corrected. All ayes, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Mike Getchius indicated that there were still some trees down from the storm and wanted to know who is supposed to take care of this?

Heise wanted to put this on the next agenda for discussion once Chair Sorenson is back.

6. ROAD REPORT – FOLLOW-UP ON ROAD COSTS

Clerk Gotthart will contact the Emergency Management, Allen Luchini, at Waushara County, to ask for an extension of time to gather expenses from the 6/15/2022 storm damage for submission to the State for grant money.

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Heise had contacted Gabe to do some tree clean-up, but he didn't come so he contacted Mark Mankowski to come and clean up the trees.

Scott Construction did some chip seal and sprayed Badger Road. Gabe's did work on Badger, Beechnut and Buttercup.

Mowing is almost done, with Badger Rd. still to do.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE REPORTING OF COSTS AND WAUSHARA COUNTY EMERGENCY FUNDING AS A RESULT OF STORM DAMAGE FROM JUNE 15, 2022

Clerk Gotthart will contact Allen Luchini at the County to ask what has to be done for us to get grant money and ask for an extension due to Chair Sorenson's medical emergency.

b. DISCUSS/APPROVE REQUEST TO AMEND THE PREMISES DESCRIPTION, SECTION C, LINE 4, OF THE RENEWAL ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION, FOR PEARL LAKE RV CAMPGROUND, LLC, W 4585 S PEARL LAKE DR, REDGRANITE, WI

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the amendment to the premises described on Pearl Lake RV Campground, LLC, W4585 Pearl Lake Dr, to read a "Portion of onsite store dedicated to sale of beer and liquor, consumption in the bar area of store and covered pavilion adjacent to the bar located at W4585 S. Pearl Lake Rd. Redgranite, WI 54970. " All ayes, motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. REVIEW ITEMS/CATEGORIES TO BE INCLUDED ON WEB PAGE DESIGN

Liz Page and Cindi Gotthart have been working on the website and presented a list of topics to include on the site. Both board members agreed the list was okay and allowed Page and Gotthart to proceed.

Heise asked for an update on the library pad shelter construction. Joe Horvath said that they are still working on it but Gabe has not yet poured the pad. The plans are to start building mid-Sept. The survey they needed is still not completed and needs to be done very soon.

9. REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

Heise gave the Redgranite Area Fire District report. A few firemen have recently resigned. The DNR grant is closed. The rescue chassis has been ordered. The Fire Dept. assisted in some storm clean up and power outage issues. The department is using fund-raised money to apply for a new JAWS.

10. ZONING LETTERS

None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Scott Construction send a thank you card to the Town and a survey asking for input on how they have performed. It will be given to Chris to do.

12. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the bills as reviewed and presented. All ayes motion carried.

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Paid at or after 6/08/2022 Meeting

Laura Wagner	6/15/2022	Downpayment for Web Design	9949	\$500.00
				\$500.00

Paid at 07/13/2022 Meeting

PAID TO:	DATE	CHECK #	AMOUNT
Adams-Columbia Electric	Utilities	9950	\$25.50
Alliant Energy	Utilities	9951	\$187.29
Associated Appraisals	Prof Serv	9952	\$695.67
Brauer Electric	Upgrade Electric Library	9953	\$355.00
Crack Filling Services	CFS sealant/application on roads	9954	\$22,000.00
Leon-Saxeville Library	2 nd Quarter Payment	9955	\$5,302.50
Lind Excavating & Landscaping	gravel, equipment	9956	\$1,608.90
RK Mowing Services	3 times mowing x \$450	9957	\$1,350.00
Redgranite Area Fire District	2nd Quarter Payment	9958	\$8,274.13
Rhyme	supplies	9959	\$20.00
Waushara County	publication fees	9960	\$60.00
WE Energies	Utilities	9961	\$10.56
Chris Sorenson	2nd Quarter Wages	9962	\$1,569.95
Russell Heise	2nd Quarter Wages	9963	854.24
Gordon Engel	2nd Quarter Wages	9964	\$808.06
Cindi Gotthart	June Wages	9965	\$638.76
Christy Groskreutz	2nd Quarter Wages	9966	\$1,339.21
Russell Heise	Reimb/Mileage	9967	\$24.57
Cindi Gotthart	Reimb/Mileage	9968	\$81.15
Christy Groskreutz	Reimb/Mileage	9969	\$8.90
TOTAL			\$45,214.39
9949			\$500.00
TOTAL			\$45,714.39

13. REGULAR MEETING CONCLUDES; CONTINUE DISCUSSION/APPROVALS WITH ATV/UTV COMMITTEE, REVIEW DRAFT ORDINANCE 2022-05

Groskreutz left the meeting at 7:54 pm.

The committee discussed signage for the ATV trails and questioned who pays for them. Not yet determined. Signs will cost approximately \$125 each. We need to get a copy of publication CF-023 for the next meeting. The number of signs need to be determined on town roads that are entrance roads for surrounding townships into town of Leon. Liz Page will look into this.

Golz will be having a zoom meeting next week with people from Coloma, Saxeville, Redgranite and Warrens.

Three questions to be answered. 1. Where do signs go from County and Town? 2. How much are the signs? and 3. How many signs are needed?

The committee needs to wait for Chair Sorenson to return to provide more information. There is no longer a Waushara County ATV Association, but there is \$5,000 left in the fund. Golz will red-line the sample ordinance with input from Chair Sorenson.

MINUTES FROM JULY 13, 2022

The group discussed the possible use of ARPA funds, some felt that ARPA funds shouldn't be used, and Mark Piechowski said that ARPA funds can be used for tourism.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Horvath, second by Engel to adjourn the committee portion of the meeting and Engel and Heise to adjourn the board meeting at 8:41pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by Clerk Cindi Gotthart

**MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Sorenson.

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Supervisor Heise, Supervisor Engel, Treasurer Christy Groskreutz, and Clerk Cindi Gotthart. Audience: Gary Lawrence, Liz Page, Gail and Carter Timm, Mark Piechowski, Mike Getchius, Joe Horvath, Linda Forsyth, Karen Syverson, Adell Jewell, Lois Jewell, Brier Golz, Joshua Macijewski, Jane and Lewis McBriar.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM JULY 13, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEEING

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the July 13, 2022 minutes from the Special Board meeting and the Regular Board Meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the treasurer's report from July, 2022.

General Fund BOM balance is \$135,480.19, and EOM balance = \$106,937.02 Interest for the month=\$42.97.

Cemetery Fund balance = \$4,487.50.

Dam Fund balance = \$2,314.06.

Pine River Community Park balance = \$14,895.03.

Pine River Restoration Fund balance = \$29,487.27.

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance = \$10,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance = \$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance = The payment of \$27,089.04 was reversed and put back to gen fund for roadwork, for an EOM bal= \$151,478.70.

Road Work Expenses = \$96,253.43.

Library \$12,047.89.

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the treasurer's report as presented, but to hold the \$98,584.00 payment to Scott's Construction until adequate funds are deposited from the August Tax Settlement. All ayes, motion carried.

Chair Chris Sorenson will contact Steve at Scott's Construction and let him know this.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Roadside mowing is not completed yet. Suggestion to use the Restoration money to add Air Conditioning to the Town Hall as well as an electric upgrade. Sorenson said there a few other projects that need to be done on the outside as well.

6. ROAD REPORT – FOLLOW-UP ON ROAD COSTS

Scott Construction finished the chip sealing. The shared joint roads repair has been done in Mt. Morris and the Town. The shoulder work on Buttercup has not been done yet.

7. DISCUSS, CONFIRM, APPROVE NOT-TO-EXCEED COST FOR FLAG FIRE SIGNS TO BE PURCHASED FROM WAUSHARA COUNTY FROM ARPA MONEY – SUPERVISOR HEISE

Sorenson said that the \$11,000 for the fire sign estimate from Waushara County is only to put up the flag fire signs, and includes labor and equipment, but it will be determined on the list of how many signs are needed. Carl, from the County will have to go around and see what signs are needed. There will not be duplicates signs.

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8. DISCUSS/APPROVE CLARIFY WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TREE REMOVAL FROM STORM DAMAGE, OR OTHER DAMAGE, IN ROADWAY OR DITCHES

Chair Sorenson said that from his research with the Wisconsin Town's Association (WTA), the responsibility for tree and brush removal is that of the property owner. The law does allow for the Town to do the removal/clean-up and bill the property owner, but so far, they have not done this.

Horvath offered that the Town Board members doing the tree removal results in an impact to others that may want to run for Town board, but won't if they are being relied upon to do tree and brush cleanup. He would like the board to consider finding a better way to handle the clean-up and emergency removals. He understands that it will cost more money but he feels that it is something to be looked at. He thanked the Board for doing this work.

Sorenson said there are options, each municipality can handle this type of thing differently. Property owners could hire the work to be done. Audience members wondered if perhaps there could be a place designated for people to take the tree and brush? Sorenson said it would be feasible if a site could be found for this. Getchius indicated that the north Pearl Lake Rd. area has some tree and brush problems. Lawrence thanked the Board for all they do for the Town.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE REPORTING OF COSTS AND WAUSHARA COUNTY EMERGENCY FUNDING AS A RESULT OF STORM DAMAGE FROM JUNE 15, 2022

Chair Sorenson will submit the costs accumulated for remediation of the June 15, 2022 storm damage by individuals, both Poy Sippi and Redgranite Area Fire Departments, along with expenses from service providers. Gabe's gave an estimated quote of \$67,000 to clean up tree and brush on numerous roads. The submission is due to the State by August 15, 2022.

b. COMPLETE WAUSHARA COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS & MITIGATION QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY - FROM ALLEN LUCHINI, WAUSHARA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Chair Sorenson indicated that he has filled out similar surveys from the county in the past. He will fill this one out as well and submit it to the county. This survey needs to be submitted if the Town wants to qualify for future grant funding.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. REVIEW AND APPROVE WEB PAGE DESIGN

Liz Page gave a presentation on the Town's new web page. It will go live as soon as the Board approves it. She had taken pictures, imported maps and provided links to Laura to put on the web page. Clerk Gotthart has assisted in providing some information for the site. Sorenson wanted to know if the web site would provide information on how many "hits" the site gets to determine if it is being used. There was also a suggestion to provide a link to the Pearl Lake Association or Pearl Lake Restoration District, which is a public link.

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the web site for the Town of Leon and to have it go on-line on Thursday, August 11, 2022. All ayes, motion carried.

The name of the web site is: **townleon.com**

11. REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

Supervisor Heise said there was no fire department meeting in July.

12. ZONING LETTERS

Chair Sorenson reviewed various zoning letters and notifications to property owners from the County. No action taken.

MINUTES FROM TOWN OF LEON BOARD MEETING AUGUST 10, 2022

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Gotthart reported that the election turnout for August 9 was 384 voters. There were some issue with the voting machine creating paper jams, but the polls workers took care of it and at the end of the day, the count matched.

Also, she handed out a revised Annual Report to replace the previous one from April 2022.

14. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve the bills as presented, but to hold the check for \$98,584.00 to Scott's Construction until the August Tax Settlement payment is received this month, and to void checks # 9996 and #9997, 2% Fire Dues payable to Poy Sippi and Redgranite Fire Department, until the amounts are recalculated, using the 2020 budget to determine the 2021 payment and the 2021 budget to determine the 2022 payment. Noting that the 2021 payment was flipped and the dollar amount paid was incorrect. All ayes, motion carried.

15. ACCEPT RETIREMENT OF CLERK GOTTHART, AUGUST 31, 2022, AND AGREEMENT TO ASSIST IN TRANSITION AND TRAINING OF CLERK'S POSITION

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to accept Clerk Cindi Gotthart's retirement resignation, effective August 31, 2022, with the agreement to keep her as an employee, for the month of September, to help train the new clerk, with the board to review the status of the training at the end of September. All ayes, motion carried. Sorenson thanked Gotthart for her work with the Town.

16. DISCUSS/APPROVE HIRING OF LOIS JEWELL AS THE NEW TOWN CLERK

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to hire Lois Jewell as the new clerk for the Town of Leon, effective September 1, 2022, and to pay her wage for all of August, with the wage being the current \$8,000 a year, as she will be training and doing work while she is in training, and to review the position in 6 months from September 1st. All ayes, motion carried.

17. REGULAR MEETING CONCLUDES; CONTINUE DISCUSSION/APPROVALS WITH ATV/UTV COMMITTEE, REVIEW REVISED PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2022-05

Treasurer Groskreutz left the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Liz Page gave the committee/board information on the number of entrance signs the Town would need to mark on the Town roads for the ATV, UTV trails, which is 17; 16 Town and 1 County. She had contacted Brian Freimark, Waushara County Highway Commissioner, with a list of roads for Town entrances, along with County Roads with 35mph or less speed limits, and County Road entrances under County Jurisdiction.

Brian responded that an ordinance for the ATV/UTV is only for Town Roads, he would need to have more research done for County Roads below 35 mph, and other roads would need to be approved by the County Board. Any signs placed on County roads will be installed by the County following MUTCD guidelines. Leon has a 35 mph exception with County E on the north side of Pine River. We will also have to address how many ATV/UTV Route ends signs are needed. Previously, the sign were \$125 per sign installed, but the County will have to review their cost as sign material have increased.

Liz believes that the Town should wait on the adoption of Ordinance 2022-05 until we know more on the 35 mph issue, and why include trails in the ordinance, when the Town doesn't have any trails? Others didn't think there was any reason to wait. Sorenson reminded all that the first step is to approve the ordinance.

Motion by committee member Golz, second by committee member L. McBriar to recommend to the board that it accept the proposed ordinance 2022-05, ATV/UTV Operation within the Limits of the Town of Leon, as it is presented, with the knowledge it will be reviewed by legal counsel. Voice vote, all ayes, with Liz Page opposing, motion carried.

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve and accept the committee's recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2022-05 ATV/UTV Operation within the Limits of the Town of Leon, as is presented, with it to be reviewed by legal counsel. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

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18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Clerk Cindi Gotthart

**MINUTES FROM SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF LEON, N4819 CTH E, PINE RIVER
AUGUST 29, 2022 AT 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Sorenson

2. ROLL CALL, LIST OF AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Supervisors R. Heise and G. Engel, Clerk C. Gotthart and new Clerk L. Jewell.

Audience present: Mark Piechowski, Jeff Swenson, Lindy Swenson, Donna Volden, Roger Volden, Bob Williams, Roger Perenick, John Gosenheimer, Tammy Chier, Michael Getchius, Jean Nelson, Alaine Williams, Susan Beese, Judith Fjellman, Dick Fjellman, John Tobiasz, Ed Kissinger, Greg Barezak, and Tom Sundquist.

3. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE 2022-06, TOWN OF LEON, RESTRICTING ARTIFICIAL WAKE ENHANCEMENT ON PEARL LAKE, TO PROHIBIT EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONS TO INCREASE OR ENHANCE A BOAT'S WAKE

Sorenson opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm and asked for comments or questions from the audience.

Jeff Swenson spoke on behalf of the group, Pearl Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (PRD). They have been working with the DNR rep, Molly Detjens, to create the requested ordinance to restrict artificial wake enhancement on Pearl Lake. The DNR does not commit to either side of the position.

The DNR asked the PRD to provide the records of examples of unsafe practices on the Lake, but because the lake has been at a No or Slow Wake for the past few years, there were no incidents recorded.

Roger Volden indicated the shape of Pearl Lake (a figure 8) is not good for high waves as it causes shore erosion and unsafe water for other users of the lake.

Greg Barezak and Ed Kissinger, representing the Silver Lake District, asked how the Town and the Pearl Lake PRD expected to enforce this ordinance if it is passed. Volden said it would enforce this like any other ordinance, and if need be, those on the lake that witness violations can take pictures and make phone calls to the sheriff's dept. to help with the enforcement.

Heise asked if the problem with the boaters that create the high waves are property owners or people who come in and use the lake? Swenson said that it is both. He also said that of the 65 people who came to their May PRD meeting, only 4 were opposed to creating the ordinance, not because they were against prohibiting the artificial wake, but because they felt this could create a precedent for creating other prohibitive ordinances.

Jean Nelson said that the high waves created by the boats can be a safety concern and there is no place for the waves to dissipate.

Procedurally, the ordinance will go to the DNR for final review, and upon their approval, will be posted in the newspaper, and considered to be finally approved once it is published.

4. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Sorenson closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

5. BOARD DISCUSS/ APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-06, TOWN OF LEON, RESTRICTING ARTIFICIAL WAKE ENHANCEMENT ON PEARL LAKE, TO PROHIBIT EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONS TO INCREASE OR ENHANCE A BOAT'S WAKE

3. Motion by Heise, second by Engel to approve Ordinance 2022-06, Restricting Artificial Wake Enhancement On Pearl Lake, To Prohibit Equipment And Operations To Increase Or Enhance A Boat's Wake. All ayes, motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chris Sorenson, second by Russell Heise to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by Clerk Cindi Gotthart

**MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Sorenson

ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Russell Heise, Treasurer Christy Groskreutz and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience: Mark Piechowski, Mike Getchius, Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Jerry Bailey, Gary Lawrence, Elizabeth Page, Karen Syverson, Brier Golz, Mary Schmidt, Gail Timm, Carter Timm, Gary Rodencal

APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AND AUGUST 29, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Motion by Heise, seconded by Sorenson to approve amended August 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes and amended August 29, 2022 Special Board Meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the treasurer's report from August, 2022

General Fund: Starting balance=\$106,932.02; Ending balance=\$42,782.08; August interest=\$44.91

Cemetery Fund balance=\$4487.50

Dam Fund balance=\$2,314.06

Pine River Community Park balance=\$15,495.03

Pine River Restoration Fund balance=\$29,487.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance=\$10,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance=-\$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance=\$151,478.74

ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$100.00

Road Work Expenses=\$198,157.64

Library=\$16,428.28

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Karen Syverson suggested additional messaging that could be attached to the new ATV/UTV signage. It was also noted that a window at the top of the town hall is in need of repair.

ROAD REPORT – FOLLOW-UP ON ROAD COSTS AND DISCUSS REGARDING MOWING OF ROADS THIS FALL

Discussion was had regarding mowing areas that needed it the most and brush areas that are starting to lean in, Chris will talk with Brad and may need to ride with Gabe to see where brush still needs to be cleaned up. Liz Page brought up an issue with a culvert.

NEW BUSINESS

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE POLICY TO DETERMINE CALCULATION AND PAYMENT OF 2% FIRE DUES TO POY SIPPI AND REDGRANITE FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Motion by Heise, seconded by Sorenson to use the Total Assessed Value to calculate the 2% Fire Due payments to the Poy Sippi and Redgranite Fire Departments. Payments will be made in October. All Ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE REPORTING OF COSTS AND WAUSHARA COUNTY EMERGENCY FUNDING AS A RESULT OF STORM DAMAGE FROM JUNE 15, 2022

The request for an extension has been filed. It is possible that the town could be reimbursed up to 70% of the cleanup costs.

b. COMPLETE WAUSHARA COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS & MITIGATION QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY – FROM ALLEN LUCHINI, WAUSHARA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Survey has been completed and sent in.

c. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT

Becky Horvath presented update on the community park progress. No variance was needed and the engineering firm has offered a donation to the project. The slab is poured and sidewalk is finished. The cost of the sidewalk will be covered by the Library. It was noted that they would like to finish landscaping this fall and requested consideration for funding to aid in the completion of the landscaping.

c.1. DISCUSS/APPROVE BUILDING MATERIALS ACCOUNT WITH NOFFKE LUMBER

Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Heise to approve \$8,000.00 for a material's account with Noffke Lumber. All ayes, motion passed.

REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

Heise reported on the August meeting. Two fire fighters completed training and three sets of fire fighter uniforms were purchased. A new truck chassis was purchased for \$43,644.00, a \$2000.00 grant was received from WE Energies for gas meters and area fire inspections have been completed.

ZONING LETTERS

Timber permits were reviewed

CORRESPONDENCE

Reviewed notices of updated shared revenue

DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

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

PAID TO:		CHECK #	AMOUNT
Adams-Columbia Electric	Utilities	9998	\$61.26
Alliant Energy	Utilities	9999	\$195.01
Associated Appraisals	Prof Serv	10000	\$694.17
Gary Lawrence	Park Reserve	10001	\$565.00
Postmaster	Postage	10002	\$60.00
Waushara Argus	Publication Fees	10003	\$78.00
WE Energies	Utilities	10004	\$9.57
Waushara County Highway Dept	Roadsides	10005	\$3,210.58
Gabe's Top It or Drop It	Storm cleanup	10006	\$3,750.00
Poy Sippi Volunteer Fire Dept.	Storm cleanup	10007	\$3,450.00
Redgranite Area Fire District	Storm cleanup	10008	\$800.00
Cindi Gotthart	Expense	10009	\$18.75
Cindi Gotthart	August Wage	10010	\$615.67
Noffke Lumber	Park Reserve	10011	\$8,000.00
		TOTAL	\$21,508.01

REGULAR MEETING CONCLUDES; CONTINUE DISCUSSION/APPROVALS WITH ATV/UTV COMMITTEE, REVIEW

The Town has received legal approval of Ordinance 2022-05, and the Ordinance will be published in the Waushara Argus and posted to the Town website. A copy will also be sent to the County Sheriff's Office. It was noted that Waushara County has the ATV/UTV Operation issue on their upcoming agenda and if the use of ATV/UTV's on County Roads is approved it will possibly change the signage needed for town roads. Discussion was had regarding costs and installation of signs. Lewis McBriar suggested the town wait to see what the County does before moving forward with signs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heise, seconded by Sorenson to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by Clerk, Lois Jewell

**MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Chris Sorenson

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Russell Heise, Supervisor Gordon Engel, Treasurer Christy Groskreutz and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience: Mark Piechowski, Mike Getchius, Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Gary Lawrence, Elizabeth Page, Brier Golz, Cassidy Wilson, Gail Timm, Becky Horvath, Joe Horvath

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve minutes from the September 14, 2022 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the treasurer's report from September, 2022

General Fund: Starting balance=\$43232.08; Ending balance=\$29494.97;

August interest=\$32.90

Cemetery Fund balance=\$4487.50

Dam Fund balance=\$2,314.06

Pine River Community Park balance=\$7895.03

Pine River Restoration Fund balance=\$29,487.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance=\$10,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance=-\$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance=\$151,028.74

ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$500.00

Road Work Expenses=\$201185.68

Storm Damage=\$8000.00

Library=\$11,891.11

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

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Brush cleanup is ongoing and there has been progress in the cleanup on South Pearl Lake Road. There is a pothole at the intersection of Blackhawk and Beechnut that Chris has spoken with Gabe about.

6. ROAD REPORT – FOLLOW-UP ON STORM DAMAGE COSTS

Fall mowing started today, October 12, 2022. Pine Street east of Main Street has been graveled and graded. 25th Lane is a dead end that school buses are having trouble turning around on due to brush encroaching on the roadway. Highway Department is working on printing needed fire number signs.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review/Approve Leon/Saxeville Library Budget request for 2023

2023 Budget for Leon/Saxeville Library was reviewed and will be built into the town budget.

b. Review/Approve Redgranite Area Fire District 2023 Budget

2023 Budget for Redgranite Area Fire District was reviewed and will be built into the town budget.

c. Amend Ordinance 2022-01, section 4 to include Poy Sippi Fire Department
Motion to amend Ordinance 2022-01 section 4 to include Poy Sippi Fire Department was made by Heise, seconded by Engel All ayes, motion carried. Ordinance will be updated and posted to town website as well as a notice posted in the Argus.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Community Park Project

Becky Horvath presented the update for the Community Park Project. Trusses for the shelter will be delivered by Friday and a work crew will be there next week. Paul Nickels will be putting on the roof.

9. REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

Heise reported on the September meeting. There will be a 2% increase to the budget and a \$193,000 grant was received for a rescue truck, defibrillators and computers. They will also be billing for EMS and first responder calls.

10. ZONING LETTERS

Zoning letters were reviewed, one regarding a driveway and another about a boathouse and it's windows. There was also discussion regarding a hoop structure on the Friday property.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Dee Walters contacted Chris regarding a possible celebration of life for Gary Sorenson. Becky Horvath suggested waiting until spring and holding it at the new shelter at the community park.

12. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve payment of bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried. It was noted that the payment to Badger Labs was for 2 invoices, both spring and fall. The Spring invoice was mistakenly mailed to the wrong Town of Leon.

Budget hearing will be in November and the fee schedule will need to be reviewed with the possibility of increasing some of the fees such as hall rental.

Motion was made by Heise and seconded by Sorenson to pay Gordon and Jane Engel \$100 for mowing and upkeep of the Burr Oak Cemetery. Ayes by Heise & Sorenson, Engel abstained, Motion carried.

13. REGULAR MEETING CONCLUDES; ATV/UTV Committee review of County information and signage procedures

Brier Golz reported having spoken with Brian Freymark regarding signs and installation. The county could do it for the town at a cost of \$150 per sign. Discussion was had regarding which roads will need to be signed, requiring 10 to 20 signs. Chris will check on pricing for signs and posts via another avenue.

Liz Page introduced concerns regarding differences between the county ordinance and the town ordinance and questioned if the town should mirror the county ordinance. It was noted that county ordinances can be more restrictive than state ordinances.

Motion by Joe Horvath, seconded by Engel to adjourn committee meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Engel, seconded by Sorenson to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by Lois Jewell, 920-765-2422

**MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 FOLLOWING BUDGET HEARING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Chairman Sorenson

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Gorden Engel, Supervisor Russell Heise, Treasurer Christy Groskreutz and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience: Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Gail Timm, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Collette Ross, Gary Lawrence, Karen Syverson, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Becky Horvath, Joe Horvath

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Engle, seconded by Heise to approve the amended October 12, 2022 regular board meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the treasurer's report from October, 2022

General Fund: Starting balance=\$29,494.97; Ending balance=\$28,936.64; October interest=\$35.24

Cemetery Fund balance=\$4,470.00 Dam Fund balance=\$2,751.08

Pine River Community Park balance=\$1185.03 Pine River Restoration Fund balance=\$29,487.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance=\$10,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance=-\$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance=\$151,028.74

ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$500.00 Road Work Expenses=\$201,185.68

Storm Damage=\$11,800.00 Library=\$12,242.99

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the amended treasurer's report reflecting the move of a payment to Brothers Concrete from the General Fund to the Community Park Fund. All ayes, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Gray Lawrence noted to the board that a voter at the November 8th election was happy with the road work that was done this year. Gary also requested that the Pledge of Allegiance be added to the Monthly Board Meeting.

Joe Horvath requested that more poll workers be enlisted for future elections. Becky Horvath reported that the November 8th election went smoothly with no problems with the voting machine. Town of Leon has also been selected as one of four municipalities to take part in the WEC Post Election Equipment Audit,

Joe Horvath also would like the board to consider adopting the county ordinance for ATV/UTV usage as the town ordinance.

6. ROAD REPORT – FOLLOW-UP ON STORM DAMAGE COSTS AND AVT/UTV ROUTE SIGNAGE

Mowing is completed and a good job was done. The replacement of fire signs has begun. Storm cleanup on Badger Road and Badger Drive is complete as well as work has been done on Buttercup to the West of County EE.

Costs for ATV/UTV signs was \$10 per sign less from Rent a Flash. Posts and signs have been ordered from them. Brier Golz has been in touch with Brian Freimark regarding sign placement on the north side of the township. Chris Sorenson and Gary Lawrence will do a driving tour to locate and mark sign spots so Diggers Hotline can then check the locations, after which a crew will assemble to install the signs.

Discussion was had regarding gravel and shoulder work to be done as well as stump grinding by the county.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review Town's Fee Schedule

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to increase the rental for the Town Hall to \$50. All ayes, motion carried.

b. Approve Tax Levy and 2023 Town Budget

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the Tax Levy of \$252,158. All ayes, motion carried

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the 2023 Town Budget of \$455,284. All ayes, motion carried.

c. Discuss/Approve Change of Day for Monthly Town Board Meeting

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to change the day of the monthly Town Board Meeting to the second Tuesday of the month starting in January, 2023

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Community Park Project

Becky Horvath reported that the roof of the pavilion is scheduled to be put on this weekend. Landscaping needs to be finished so the site will be ready to be seeded in the Spring. People have really stepped up to share both talents and funds to complete this project. Chris Sorenson reported that he has heard lots of compliments regarding the project.

9. REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

Heise reported on the fire district which is looking for a replacement for a pumper truck and wondered if the Town would want to set up a truck fund. Annual payroll for the firemen was paid and additional hose was purchased. The setup of a website was discussed.

10. ZONING LETTERS

Zoning letters and timber permits were reviewed. Notice of a Mobile home needing to be removed.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Reviewed Letter from WTA regarding the Town Advocacy Council. Discussion for this will be added to the December Meeting agenda.

12. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

Discussion was had regarding various repairs to the Town Hall that need to be done and it was noted that the Homemaker group would like to donate towards the cleaning of the Hall carpets.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk, Lois Jewell

**MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING
2023 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY FOR
TOWN OF LEON
NOVEMBER 9, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Chris Sorenson

2. ROLL CALL AND AUDIENCE PRESENT

Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Russell Heise, Supervisor Gordon Engel, Treasurer Christy Groskreutz and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience: Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Gail Timm, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Collette Ross, Gary Lawrence, Karen Syverson, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Becky Horvath, Joe Horvath

2.

3. OPEN BUDGET AND TAX LEVY FOR 2023 PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Sorenson opened the public hearing for the 2023 budget and tax levy and reviewed the expense and revenue items from the proposed budget.

The proposed tax levy for 2023 is \$252,158.00 for an increase of \$2186.00 from 2022.

Proposed total expenditures of \$455,284.00

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Audience member inquired about the deep well monitoring line item.

5. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Sorenson closed the public hearing at 7:15 pm

6. DISCUSS/APPROVE 2023 TAX LEVY, AND BUDGET INCLUDING ROAD EXPENDITURES

Motion by Joe Horvath, second by Mike Getchius to recommend approval of the 2023 tax levy. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lewis McBriar, second by Brier Golz to recommend approval of the 2023 Town of Leon budget with road expenditures. All ayes, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mike Getchius, second by Gary Lawrence to adjourn the public hearing.

Moved to regular meeting at 7:20 pm

Submitted by Clerk, Lois Jewell

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER, WI
7:00 PM, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

Board Members Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Gorden Engel, Supervisor Russell Heise, Treasurer Christy Groskreutz and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience Present: Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Gail Timm, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Gary Lawrence, Liz Page, Karen Syverson, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Becky Horvath, Joe Horvath, Bert McClard, John Engel, Brian Petit

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2022 BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve amended minutes of the November 9, 2022 Board Meeting and the November 9, 2022 Public Hearing. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the treasurer's report from November, 2022

General Fund: Starting balance=\$28,936.64; Ending balance=\$33,279.49;

November interest=\$30.88

Cemetery Fund balance=\$3,570.00 Dam Fund balance=\$2,751.08

Pine River Community Park balance=\$3,277.03 Pine River Restoration Fund balance=\$29,487.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance=\$10,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance=\$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance=\$151,028.74

ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$600.00 Road Work Expenses=\$205,163.68

Storm Damage=\$11,800.00 Library=\$6,408.07

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

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to move general fund monies to reserve funds for Poy Sippi Fire Department Retirement Fund and Poy Sippi Truck Fund and pay out a donation to the Saxeville Fire Department. All ayes, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Lewis McBriar questioned if gravel work was completed and Liz Page inquired about the status of work by the power company on underground line on Badger. Becky Horvath reported that there was an unanticipated need for excavation for the new shelter at the community park. Fundraising for park expenses is ongoing but currently the park fund is short of the total needed to cover this excavation bill. It was requested that the board consider moving funds from the Pine River Restoration Fund to cover the balance of the bill and then as monies are raised the monies would be returned to the Pine River Restoration Fund. Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to move \$1100.00 from the Pine River Restoration Fund to the Community Park Fund, to be repaid as fund raising allows. All ayes, motion carried. Mike Getchius commented on the new fire signs looking good and also being a great help to the fire departments. Approximately 900 signs were made. Discussion was had regarding fire signs that are missing on Brown Deer Bend as well as Buttercup and Cty EE.

6. ROAD REPORT – FOLLOW-UP AVT/UTV ROUTE SIGNAGE

Signs for ATV/UTV routes were ordered on 11/24/22 and it is anticipated that they will be made on 12/15/22. Chris and Gary toured the township to mark where the signs need to be installed. Brush cutting will be contracted with the County but Bighorn has already been done by the power company. The Town was notified by letter that Lind Excavating will no longer be mowing roadsides.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss/Approve joining WTA Town Advocacy Council

Discussion regarding joining was tabled until the January meeting

b. Set date for 2023 Town Caucus

The date for the 2023 Town Caucus was set for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 to precede the regular board meeting.

c. Discuss/Approve amending ATV/UTV Ordinance to correspond with County ATV/UTV Ordinance.

Joe Horvath strongly suggests that the town mirror the ordinance that was recently adopted by the county. Discussion regarding amending the current ordinance was tabled until a draft of an updated ordinance is created. Liz Page volunteered to draft the update and Brier Golz will notify his contacts of the possible changes.

d. Discussion with Poy Sippi Fire Chief and President

Brian Petit & John Engel from the Poy Sippi Fire Department addressed the board regarding the truck fund and possible payout of funds at this time. The town has requested to review the financial statement for the fire department. The previous truck has been paid off and the department is saving for a new one, Orders for trucks are about two years out.

8. REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

Heise reported on the Fire District. Lights were replaced on several trucks and bathroom cabinets were also replaced. Ice rescue gear was purchased and a new website and .gov email was set up. In 2022 the town of Leon has had three fire calls and twenty five EMS calls.

9. ZONING LETTERS

Timber Permits were reviewed

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Notification of 2 areas of the Wild Rose school district that are up for election in the spring.

Notification from the Tri-County Animal Shelter that they will no longer be accepting strays from outside Green Lake County.

11. 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. All ayes, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk, Lois Jewell