

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson at 7:10 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call, Audience Present

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

Audience Present: Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Gary Lawrence, Liz Page, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Joe Horvath

Addition to January Agenda

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to add item of new business to the posted agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of December 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion By Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the Treasurer's report from December 2022.

General Fund: Starting balance=\$33,279.49; Ending balance=\$0

December interest=\$36.23

Cemetery Fund balance=\$3,570.00 Dam Fund balance=\$14,581.39

Pine River Community Park balance=\$-880.29 Pine River Restoration Fund balance=\$29,487.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance=\$12,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance=-\$21,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance=\$151,028.74

ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$600.00 Road Work Expenses=\$212,861.17

Storm Damage=\$11,800.00 Library=\$2021.32

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Mark Piechowski informed the board that the computer being utilized by the treasurer should be updated soon. Engel and Sorenson stated the need for new flags at the Town Hall and Cemetery. Chris will contact Craig Zimmer with the 4-H club regarding flags. Joe Horvath encouraged people to send comments to the Berlin Journal regarding the State Spending Surplus. Liz Page questioned reimbursement for a mail box that was hit by a plow.

Road Report

The first snow plowing bill was received. Fire number replacements are now on hold until the ground thaws. The Board toured the township to make a list for brush cutting to be done by the County starting with Badger Drive. A motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to set a starting cost limit of \$5,000.00. All ayes, motion carried. Chris will contact Mankowski to clean up behind brush cutting.

Old Business

a. Discuss joining WTA Town Advocacy Council – Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to join the WTA Town Advocacy Council. All ayes, motion carried.

b. Discuss amending ATV/UTV Ordinance – Ordinance was amended to mirror the County ordinance. Section 4 conditions were inserted and expanded from previous ordinance. Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve changes and adopt new ordinance. All ayes, motion carried. Copies will be mailed to County Sheriff's Department and DNR. Chris will also check on signs.

New Business

- a. **Discuss 2023 Contract with Poy Sippi Rescue** – Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve new service agreement. All ayes, motion carried.
- b. **Discuss increase in Clerk Salary** – Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to increase Town Clerk salary to \$10,000 per year. Increase to start January 1, 2023. All ayes, motion carried

Redgranite Area Fire District Report – No meeting to report on.

Zoning Letters – No Zoning Letters

Correspondence was reviewed

Thank you note from the Saxeville Fire Department. Notification of upcoming WTA Workshops. Radon Kits are available from the County Health Department. Green Lake Animal Shelter will no longer accept stray pets.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

Discussion was had regarding the minimum refund for tax overpayment. Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve payment of bills as presented. All ayes, Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call, Audience Present

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

Audience Present: Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Joe Horvath, Karen Syverson, Michael Haemmersle

Approval of January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board Meeting. All Ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$0.00; Ending balance=\$22,959.56

January interest=\$205.12

Cemetery Fund balance=\$3,570.00 Dam Fund balance=\$15,003.73

Pine River Community Park balance=\$-380.29 Pine River Restoration Fund balance=\$29,487.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance=\$12,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance=\$21,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance=\$146,071.86

ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$600.00 Road Work Expenses=\$17,141.82

Library=\$4990.65

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

Review of banking options –

Chairman Sorenson presented several banking options that he researched for consideration ranging from a Money Market account to possible investment in CD's for some of the different funds in which the Town maintains a balance.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Lewis McBriar had questions regarding fire signs and residents removing them. Karen Syverson shared that there are a number of trees hanging over the road on 28th Court.

Road Report

Brush cutting has begun on Badger Drive. The invoice for the new Fire Signs and posts has been received. Signs and posts for the ATV routes have arrived and will be installed in the spring after the ground thaws. Storm Damage reimbursement should be coming soon. The county highway that runs through Pine River will be new asphalt by fall.

Old Business

a. Discuss new flags for Town Hall and Cemetery

New flags will be installed at the Town Hall and Cemetery

b. Discuss voting machine enclosure

Plans are being made to enclose the space between the west outside door and the west room for a secure area for the voting machine. ARPA money will be used for materials and labor.

New Business

a. Introduction of Anvil Custom Services

Mike Hammersle with Anvil Custom Services gave a presentation on the different services that they can provide for the Township and also for private residents. Brush cutting, road side mowing, pond cutting and tree line clearing were included in his presentation.

b. Discuss proposal to prevent concrete from being attached to asphalt roads

The County Zoning Office is considering a Text Amendment to the Zoning Code that would affect improvements on or within Town Roads, specifically that concrete shall not be used for driveway surface material within the right-of way of all state and county highways as well as all town roads. Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the text amendment to the Zoning Code. All Ayes, motion carried. Clerk will contact Todd Wahler, Director of the County Zoning office.

c. Discuss possible yearly contract for storm siren maintenance – no action taken.

d. Review and sign Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative 2023 Town Board Consent

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve and sign 2023 Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative Consent form. All Ayes, motion carried.

e. Discuss legal findings from Town Attorney

Chairman Sorenson met with the Town Attorney to discuss the Burr Oak Cemetery, insurance needs for the Town Hall, 26th Court being a public road and land divisions needing re-surveying.

f. Approve additions to Poll Worker List for 2023

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve 4 additional poll workers to the list for 2023. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Supervisor Heise reported on the Redgranite Fire District meeting. Money was donated to the Neshkoro Fire Department, trucks were maintained and repaired, estimates for bodies on new chassis were received, the Fire Auxillary sent out a mailing and \$78,000 in funds was raised. There were 29 rescue calls for the Town of Leon.

Zoning Letters – None to review

Correspondence

Timber permit was reviewed

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to pay bills and expenses as presented. All Ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to adjourn meeting at 8:27 pm. All ayes, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk, Town of Leon

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call, Audience Present

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

Audience Present: Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Becky Horvath, Joe Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Jerry Bailey, William Luzinski, Cheryl Luzinski, Joyce Jensen, Orval Jensen

Approval of February 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Board Meeting. All Ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$22,959.56; Ending balance=\$156,621.61 February interest=\$194.01
Cemetery Fund balance=\$3,570.00; Dam Fund balance=\$11,370.64
Pine River Community Park balance=\$-380.29; Pine River Restoration Fund balance=\$29,487.27
Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance=\$12,000.00; Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance=\$21,191.33
American Rescue Fund balance=\$123,608.25; ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$-215.66
Road Work Expenses=\$36,376.00; Library=\$21,476.11

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

A motion to close out the ATV/UTV Project Fund and move the the balance to the town general account sign expense was made by Engel, seconded by Heise. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to pay a \$75.00 stipend to Steve Piechowski for the service of repairs to treasurer's computer. All ayes, motion carried.

Review of banking options –

a. Discuss/Approve Possible Transfer of Fund Balances to CD's and signatures

A motion to move \$10,000.00 from the Pine River Restoration Fund and \$21,191.33 from the Poy Sippi Truck fund to two Certificates of Deposit not to exceed 1 year in duration and requiring the signatures of the Town Chairman and Town Clerk at the best rate possible was made by Sorenson, seconded by Heise. All ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report on February Primary Election

Clerk reported the February Primary poll list had 1044 voters with a total of 263 ballots cast of which 43 were absentee ballots. As of 3/14/23, 56 Absentee ballots have been mailed out for the April election and In Person Absentee Voting begins 3/21/23.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Brier Golz thanked the Board for their assistance with ATV/UTV signage.

Jerry Bailey complimented the Board on the tree trimming that has been done.

Road Report

Badger Drive needs to be cleaned up. Chris will contact Mankowski's about grinding of stumps & cut brush. Snowfalls have been wet and heavy so there has been issues with plowing shoulders and gravel roads. S&G has been using a smaller truck to try to plow some of the more difficult areas.

Old Business

a. Community Park Update – Gary Lawrence/Becky Horvath

Gary Lawrence shared how to this point the main driver for the Community Park has been a committee of residents affiliated with the Library and they would like to see the Town assume management of the park. Item for discussion will be added to April Town Board meeting agenda.

b. Discuss/Approve Voting Machine Enclosure

Motion was made to use ARPA fund money to cover the cost of building an enclosure for the voting machine by Engel, seconded by Heise. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

a. Discuss/Approve Appointment of Deborah Sattler to Leon-Saxeville Library Board of Trustees.

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the appointment of Deborah Sattler to the Leon -Saxeville Library Board of Trustees. All ayes, motion carried

b. Leon-Saxeville Library Annual Report Presentation – Gary Lawrence

Copies of the annual report were presented to the Board for review and a formal presentation will be made at the Town Annual Meeting.

c. Town Clerk Six Month Review

Chairman and Supervisors all approve of the job the clerk is doing.

d. Discuss/Approve usage of ARPA funds for road signs that need replacement

Some road signs are faded or missing. The Board will need to tour the township to review how many signs will need replacement. A motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to use ARPA funds to cover the costs of road sign replacement. All ayes, motion carried. Chris will work with Rent a Flash for replacement signs.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report – No meeting to report on

Zoning Letters – No zoning letters to consider

Correspondence

Board of Review training is coming up. Discussion was had regarding attending the virtual training on May 1st.

Town Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023 and the April Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Insurance Review was done and it was found that the policy had not been updated for several years. The Rural Insurance agent will attend the April Board meeting to address any questions the Board may have.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted

Lois Jewell, Clerk, Town of Leon

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

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call, Audience Present

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

Audience Present: Jane and Lewis McBrair, Adell Jewell, Dennis Hohol, Tony Terrell, Gail Timm, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Beck and Joe Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Karen Syverson, Victor Magnus

Approval of March 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$156,621.61; Ending balance=\$147,868.54 February interest=\$43.28
Cemetery Fund=\$3,570.00; Dam Fund=\$11,370.64; Pine River Community Park=\$-250.79;
Pine River Restoration Fund=\$19,487.27; Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,000.00;
American Rescue Fund=\$123,608.25; ATV/UTV Project Fund=\$0.00
Road Work Expenses=\$38,871.85; Library=\$16,466.50

CD's:Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,000.00; Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$21,191.33

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

carried.

Clerk's Report on April Election

There were 1046 names on the April Election Poll list. A total of 553 ballots were cast with 60 of those being Absentee Ballots. Candidates nominated at the January Town Caucus were elected to retain their offices.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Brier Golz inquired about installation of the ATV/UTV signage. Chris will contact diggers hotline again and will coordinate putting the signs up.

Karen Syverson noted that there a several branches hanging over the road near her property.

Lewis McBrair asked about patching of roads.

Road Report – Discussion on Road Work and Roadside Mowing

Brush cleanup: Mike Henke toured the town with Chris to view areas for cleanup which should be completed by the end April or early May.

Potholes: Gabe's has been contacted and with the warmer weather they are getting started.

Roadside mowing: Still considering who to contact and get on their list for the season.

Other repairs: There are 2 culverts (Badger Dr & Beechnut Ln) and 2 ditches (Chicago Rd) that will need to be cleaned. Scott Construction will get back to Chris with estimates for road repairs.

Old Business

a. Discuss Community Park Management

Beck Horvath will continue to oversee landscaping of the park. Chris will contact the man that made the "Pine River" sign on the north end of town, to inquire about signage possibilities. At this time there is a need for someone to commit to mowing of the park.

New Business

a. Rural Insurance – Victor Magnus

Rural Insurance agent Victor Magnus introduced himself and invited questions regarding the policy update. It was confirmed that even though the Town rents the hall from the school district, the Town holds the insurance policy for coverage and is the beneficiary if there is an insurance claim. Due to inflation the majority of dwellings are under-insured and the town buildings are no exception. Victor will provide numbers for 80%, 90% and full coverage costs and a decision regarding updates was tabled until May.

b. Discussion and Updates Regarding Brook Crossing Road

Brook Crossing is currently designated as an unmaintained town road. Dennis Hohol, a new owner on the road, is content with that designation. If residents on Brook Crossing want to change that status they would all have to agree to the upgrade, would need to give up a portion of land to facilitate the improvement of the road and also fund the cost of the improvements. It was agreed to maintain the current designation of unmaintained town road.

c. Discussion of Contract with PSFD

The updated contract from PSFD was reviewed. Chris questioned the verbage on item #15 of "fire apparatus" and it was changed to "fire truck". Contract was then signed,

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Russell reported on the March 22nd meeting, The RAFD received a grant of \$118,000 they will use for replacing gear which has a 10 year life span. The Auxiliary rescue fund raised just short of \$80,000 which will be used to purchase a new set of jaws.

Mark Piechowski presented a proposal for a new truck for the department. Current cost would be \$450,000 and the Town of Leon share of that cost would be \$114,000 or 25%. This would be a tactical truck from Darley which would allow for a better ISO rating and be a smaller truck which would enable the department to get into smaller lots. The current engine will not pass the pump test and repairs to it are no longer cost effective. The Town Board's recommendation is to pursue the purchase of a new truck.

Zoning Letters

The Milne house in town is collapsing.

Correspondence

Board of Review training will occur on May 1st via virtual meeting. Lois will obtain a hotspot from the library and will register Chris for the training.

Annual Town meeting will be next Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk, Town of Leon

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023 7:00 PM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call, Audience Present

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

Audience Present: Jane and Lewis McBair, Adell Jewell, Bill and Cheryl Luzinski, Tony Terrell, Gail Timm, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Karen Syverson, Paul and Debbie Sattler, Kim Wilson, Cassidy Wilson, Jerry Bailey

Approval of April 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$147,868.54; Ending balance=\$122,678.41 April interest=\$39.17

Cemetery Fund=\$3,570.00; Dam Fund=\$12,454.23; Pine River Community Park=\$-83.29;

Pine River Restoration Fund=\$19,487.27; Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,000.00;

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

Road Work Expenses=\$64,323.91; Library=\$24,211.90

CD's:Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,000.00; Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$21,191.33

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Brier Golz inquired about installation of ATV signage. Sign locations were marked last Friday, asphalt is marked and locations are flagged. Brier has a crew that he will organize to get started on putting up the signs.

Karen Syverson appreciated the nice job that the tree trimming crew did on 28th Court.

Road Report – Discussion on Road Work and Roadside Mowing

Roadside Mowing: A quote for roadside mowing was received from Ripon Truck & Repair. When Chris contacted Anvil Services for a quote he was informed that they would be unable to provide mowing services this year. Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to contract with Ripon Truck & Repair for roadside mowing for 2023. All ayes, motion carried.

Road Repairs: Quotes from Scott Construction and American Asphalt were reviewed. The list of roads scheduled to have work done are:

25th Lane – Cty Hwy H to curve (.53 miles);

Pine St.-just gravel to the intersection;

Badger Drive-Leon portion (.12 miles);

26th Lane-from hot mix pad to Beechnut Lane (.4 miles);

Beechnut Lane-full wedge in area through curves to farm house;

Brown Deer Road-from 29th Road toward 30th Drive.;

Beechnut Road-curve to curve (.22 miles)

Old Business

a. Discuss/Approve Town Insurance Coverage Update

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to go with 80% coverage. All ayes, motion carried. Chris will let Victor know.

b. Chris contacted Mr Gilbertson about making signs for the Community Park and also a new sign for the Town Hall.

c. The Library had a well attended open house to celebrate the retirement of Collette Ross and also to welcome new director Andra Mory

New Business

a. Discuss Cemetery Driveway Maintenance

The north driveway is badly washed out and needs breaker run and gravel. Funding will come from the Cemetery Fund. Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to make the necessary repairs. All ayes, motion carried. Chris will make the arrangements to get the repairs done.

b. Discuss Painting of Town Hall

A quote for pressure washing and painting the exterior of the town hall was received from Nate Harms for \$9500.00. He will also allow the Town to utilize his lift to repair the window on the south side of the building. A motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to contract with Harms to pressure wash and paint the town hall. All ayes, motion carried.

c. Discuss Closure of Portion of Middleton Street and Portion of South Street

Paul Sattler presented a map referencing South Street and Franklin Street that he would like to have closed. Briar Golz submitted maps for a proposal to close Middleton Street, east of Cty H. Both parties were informed that a public hearing would need to be held and they would be responsible for all costs involved, such as all legal fees, survey costs, publication fees and any other related costs involved. A motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Heise to table till June when the Board will have more information and contact with all parties involved. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the April 26, 2023 meeting of the RAFD. It was a reorganizational meeting and Dave Chase is the Chairman, Russell Heise is Vice Chairman, Nina Monacelli is Secretary/Treasurer. Mark Piechowski is Fire Chief. An accidental death benefit was added to the insurance policy. \$9800 was received from a DNR grant. Additional grant writing will be completed by June 30th. There were 104 EMS calls for the first quarter of 2023.

Zoning Letters

A timber cutting permit for James Kass was reviewed.

Correspondence

WTA meeting notice letter was received.

An informational letter from Alan Luchini regarding disaster powers and policy was reviewed. Lois will get a copy to Chris.

Personal Property Aid notice was reviewed

Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, May 16, from 7-9 pm

Storm siren maintenance will take place this week.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

Lois Jewell, 920-765-2422

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 7:00 PM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call, Audience Present

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

Audience Present: Jane and Lewis McBair, Bill and Cheryl Luzinski, Tony Terrell, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Kim Wilson, Matt LaSure, Laura and Chuck Dolphin, Mark Piechowski and Joe Horvath

Approval of May 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$122,578.41; Ending balance=\$103,200.94; May interest=\$39.42
Cemetery Fund=\$3,570.00; Dam Fund=\$12,454.23; Pine River Community Park=\$-83.29;
Pine River Restoration Fund=\$19,287.27; Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,000.00;
American Rescue Fund=\$123,053.25; ATV/UTV Project Fund=\$0.00;
Road Work Expenses=\$78,356.33; Library=\$20,344.38

CD's:Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,000.00; Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$21,191.33

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Mike Getchius would like to be added to the July agenda for licenses for Temporary Alcohol and Operators for two fund raisers.

Chuck Dolphin questioned the public access to Pearl Lake, wondering what was permissible.

Tony Terrell informed the board that he is licensed and insured and will be presenting a firework display on July 1st from 9:30 to 10:00 pm in a field across from Turtle Patch Road. He will have some fire suppression capabilities and is willing to compensate volunteers to assist in fire watch.

Road Report

Gravel Roads have been graded. Steve from Scott Construction contacted Chris and grinding will start tomorrow, 6/14/23, on 25th Lane. Beechnut Road, between 30th and Badger will also be done. Russ stated that he had a call questioning sweeping of Pine River Court. There are potholes on Beechnut Lane east of Blackhawk and a sink hole on Buttercup Drive between Cty E and Cty EE and 28th across from Centerville bridge was plow gouged.

Old Business

a. Discuss Closures of a Portion of Middleton Street, a Portion of South Street and a Portion of Franklin street

It was agreed to leave Middleton Street as is for the moment. Chris will talk with Dee about a timeline for moving forward with the project on her property so that in the future that section of Middleton Street could be vacated as a whole.

A motion was made by Engel and seconded by Heise to table the discussion on South Street and Franklin Street. All ayes, motion carried.

b. Review/Discuss repairs to Storm Siren poles

Photos of damaged poles were reviewed and the board agreed to hold off on repairs to the damaged poles at this time.

New Business

a. Approve Liquor License Applications

Motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to approve the current liquor license applications. All ayes, motion carried

b. Discuss Payment Rate Increase for Mowing New Park from \$50 to \$75

Will revisit discussion for next years budget.

c. Discuss/Accept Resignation of Christy Groskreutz, Town Treasurer

Chris thanked Christy for her years of service to the Town. Motion was made by Engel and seconded by Heise to accept the resignation of Town Treasurer, Christy Groskreutz. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

There was no May meeting.

Zoning Letters

Timber permit for Bill & Deb Schmitz and an MFL Transfer Order for Justin & Jeremy Clark was reviewed.

Notice from Zoning regarding the travel trailers parked by the Mill Pond was reviewed.

Correspondence

Notice was given for the grand opening of the Poy Sippi Center for Tuesday, June 20th.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn at 8:08 pm, All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk

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

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call, Audience Present

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

Audience Present: Lisa Sorenson, Jane and Lewis McBair, Paul and Deborah Sattler, Judith Newland, Bill and Cheryl Luzinski, Tony Terrell, Brier Golz, Michael Getchius, Joe and Becky Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Karen Syverson and Bert McClard

Approval of June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

CD's:Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,000.00; Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$21,191.33

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All ayes, motion carried. Treasurer also noted that State Transportation Aid of \$35,405.30 was received on 7/2/23 and the 2023 2% Fire Due distribution should be coming on 7/12/23.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

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

Road Report

Mowing of the township roads is completed but the billing has not been received yet. Gravel is on 25th and also Beechnut Road in preparation for chip sealing. Shouldering will be done by another crew. Chairman Sorenson has been in contact with Brian Freimark regarding possible shaving of hill at intersection of Cty E and Cty H to improve visibility at the intersection and also learned that road work on Cty E thru Pine River will not be completed this year.

Old Business

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

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

b. Community Park Update

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

New Business

a. Approve Liquor License Applications

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

b. Approve Appointment of Lisa Sorenson as Town Treasurer

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

c. Discuss Proposal for Kayak Lift by Millpond

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

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

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

Zoning Letters

No letters to review.

Correspondence

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

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn at 7:57 pm, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 7:00 PM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call, Audience Present

Board Members Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Gordon Engel, Supervisor Russell Heise, Treasurer Lisa Sorenson and Clerk Lois Jewell

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

Approval of July 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

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

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

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

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

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

Road Report

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

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business

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

b. Review Estimate for Cemetery Driveway Repairs

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

c. AED

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

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

There was no July meeting to report on.

Zoning Letters

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

Correspondence

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

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 7:00 PM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call, Audience Present

Board Members Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Gordon Engel, Supervisor Russell Heise, Treasurer Lisa Sorenson and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience Present: Tony Terrell, Michael Getchius, Joe and Becky Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Mark Piechowski, Liz Page and Judy Newland

Approval of August 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

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

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

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

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

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

American Rescue Fund=\$122,397.33;

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

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

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

Road Report

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

Old Business

a. Cemetary Driveway Repairs

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

b. AED Purchase and Placement

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

New Business**a. Earl Pomplun Land Division Purchase**

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

b. Snow Plowing Contracts

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

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

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

Zoning Letters

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

Correspondence

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

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn at 8:40 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 7:00 PM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call, Audience Present

Board Members Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Gordon Engel, Supervisor Russell Heise, Treasurer Lisa Sorenson and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience Present: Michael Getchius, Becky Horvath, Mark Piechowski, Judy Newland, Lewis McBriar, William and Cheryl Luzinski, Andra Mory, Jerry Bailey, Karen Syverson, Matt LaSure, Brian Petit, Doug and Jen Rodencal

Approval of September 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report for September 2023

General Fund Balance: \$144,058.40;

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

Other Fund Balances: Cemetery Fund=\$1770.00; Dam Fund=\$13,615.85;

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

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

American Rescue Fund=\$120,135.82;

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

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

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

Road Report

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

Old Business

a. Discuss Future Legal Council Options

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

b. Discuss AED Purchase and Placement

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

New Business

a. Review Library Budget for 2024

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

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

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

c. Review Poy Sippi Volunteer Fire Department 2024 Budget Request

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

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

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

Zoning Letters

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

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

Correspondence

Nothing to note

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

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

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfull Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 7:00 PM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:23 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call, Audience Present

Board Members Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Gordon Engel, Supervisor Russell Heise, Treasurer Lisa Sorenson and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience Present: Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Deb Sattler, Judy Newland, Leah Hansen, William and Cheryl Luzinski, Andra Mory, Karen Syverson, Gary Lawrence, Greg and Michelle Ganzel

Approval of October 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting. All Ayes, motion carried

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report for October 2023

General Fund Balance: \$53,037.84;

October interest=\$35.57; October Income=\$1855.99; October Payments=\$113016.11

Other Fund Balances: Cemetery Fund=\$2570.00; Dam Fund=\$14426.84;

Pine River Community Park Mowing Fund=\$175.00; Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27;

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,000.00; American Rescue Fund=\$120,135.82;

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

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Mike Getchius asked about an update on fire number installs and the locator markings around Pearl Lake.

Road Report

There are potholes on Buttercup and Big Horn that still need to be fixed. Matt LaSure has been informed. The culvert on Badger Drive is visible and needs repair and there is a hole in the culvert by Mary Malnory's farm as well as a pothole on Elizabeth's road. Shouldering is done on 29th.

Old Business

a. Discuss Purchase of Marge Municipal Account Program

Motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Heise to approve the purchase of Marge Municipal Account Program software. All ayes, motion carried.

b. Discuss/Approve AED Placement

After much discussion, motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Engel to table discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

a. Approve Tax Levy and 2024 Town Budget

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Sorenson to approve the Tax Levy and 2024 Town Budget.

b. Review Library Budget for 2024

The board reviewed a reworked budget for the Leon-Saxeville library. Judy appreciated that Chris took the time to sit down with them. Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve this updated 2024 budget request. All ayes, motion carried.

c. Review Town Fee Schedule

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to increase rental of the Town Hall to \$75 per day for private groups. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Heise to increase the title search fee to \$50. All ayes, motion carried.

d. Approve Donation to Saxeville Fire Department

No action was taken

e. Approve Payment to Wild Rose School District for Town Hall Rental

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve payment of rental for Town Hall from the Wild Rose School District. Payment will be made in December

f. Approve Resolution 2023-01, Adoption of Posting vs Publishing Notices

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to adopt Resolution2023-01 regarding the posting of Town notices.

g. Other New Business

Chairman Sorenson had received an inquiry regarding the possible set up of a sanitary district within the township.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the meeting from October where a budget increase of \$5000 was approved. There were 413 calls for Fire/EMS through the end of October. A \$20,000 DNR grant was applied for and the new chasis in Marshfield was hit by a hail storm.

Zoning Letters

Nothing to review

Correspondence

Letter from WTA Advocacy Council regarding membership renewal schedule. Will be reviewed at the December meeting.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to move \$50,000 from the ARPA fund to the General fund to pay road expenses. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Heise to adjourn meeting at 8:24 pm, All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfull Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 7:00 PM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call, Audience Present

Board Members Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Gordon Engel, Supervisor Russell Heise, Treasurer Lisa Sorenson and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience Present: Mark Piechowski, Brian Petit

Approval of November 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report for November 2023 and noted that tax bills are halfway complete.

General Fund Balance: \$17,793.42

November interest=\$22.70; November Income=\$12,663.55; November Payments=\$97,930.67

Other Fund Balances: Cemetery Fund=\$652.50; Dam Fund=\$14426.84;

Pine River Community Park Mowing Fund=\$175.00; Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27;

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,000.00; American Rescue Fund=\$69,939.97;

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

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

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Brian Petit reported that the Poy Sippi Fire Department had completed the installation of airboat comm's and will be practicing next week on Lake Poygan. Town of Leon had a couple of fire calls and a couple of car fires. The department is also looking for first responders.

Road Report

Roads have been plowed and sanded once so far. Gabe called Chris asking about mixing their own sand/salt mixture. Russell said that east of 30th and Cty SS will need to have some tree trimming done. Chris will put a list together of areas that need trimming.

Old Business

a. Discuss/Approve Year End Donation to Saxeville-Sprinwater Fire Department

Motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to donate \$3000 to the Saxeville-Springwater Fire Department. All ayes, motion carried.

b. Discuss WTA Dues Payment Schedule

Motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to approve a payment for WTA/TAC for 18 months at \$573.38. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

a. Review/Approve List of Election Poll Workers for 2024-2025 Election Cycle

Motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to approve the proposed list of Election Poll workers. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the meeting from November. A new generator has been installed at the fire house and there is no report on who will be covering the hail damage to the new chasis. The auxillary will be sending out donation letters and the UTV tracks had to be changed. Two firefighters will be attending a class in Poy Sippi and there will be an officers class in January. There were 470 calls to this point and the Town of Leon had 9 fire calls and 36 EMS calls.

Zoning Letters

Reviewed zoning letters for Nitz regarding a travel trailer and Hanson for a timber permit in sec 14.

Correspondence

Reviewed card from S & G Excavating.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm, All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfull Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk