

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 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: Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Lewis & Jane McBrair, Bill & Cheryl Luzinski

Approval of December 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from January 2024..

Checking Account: Starting Balance=\$779,043.74; Taxes Received/Deposits=\$1,724,238.80; Payables=\$638,934.99 January Interest=\$191.55 Checks Not Cleared=\$10,471.12; Ending Balance=\$1,873,861.84;

Cemetery Fund=\$652.50 Dam Fund=\$15,212.54 Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$12,451.42 American Rescue Fund=\$69,939.97

Library=\$28,762.30

CD's: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,374.42 Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$21,984.79

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 reported that the roads around Pearl Lake were plowed and taken care of well after the recent storm.

Road Report

Tree trimming needs to be done on Blackhawk Court and 26th by the old scout camp. That will mostly be chainsaw work. There were no complaints from the plow drivers regarding trees but there was some plow damage to a driveway on Twin Lane.

Old Business

No Old Business to address

New Business

a. Review & Sign 2024 Annual Blanket Permit Consent for Adams Columbia Electric Co-op

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the Blanket Permit Consent for Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative. All ayes, motion carried and form was signed by Board members.

b. Review CD's Coming Due - Restoration Fund and Fire Truck Fund

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to cash out the Fire Truck Fund CD and renew the Restoration Fund CD. All ayes, motion carried. Chris will check with bank regarding the interest rate for the CD that is being renewed.

c. Approve Storm Siren Maintenance

It was agreed that the Pearl Lake Siren would be maintained and the other sirens would be on a per spend basis.

d. Review/Approve Poy Sippi Fire Department Rescue Contract

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the 2024 Rescue Contract.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported that the fire district had an ending balance of \$14,845.32. The new fire engine should be here this fall 2024. Two firefighters attended Class 1 and two attended officers class. For the year, the Town of Leon had 9 fire calls and 36 EMS calls.

Zoning Letters

Timber permits and zoning change letters were reviewed.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Saxeville-Springwater Fire Department was reviewed as well as a letter from Delmar Consulting regarding the culvert inventory and a Managed Forest Lands notice for Lucht on Aspen Avenue.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses – January & February

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to adjourn meeting at 7:55 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, MARCH 12, 2024 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: Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Adell Jewell

Approval of February 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from February 2024..

Checking Account Balance=\$417,766.42; February Interest=\$181.48

Cemetery Fund=\$652.50 Dam Fund=\$1,579.49 Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$14,000.00 American Rescue Fund=\$69,714.06

Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$25,984.79 (closed CD)

CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,374.42

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

Mike Getchius reported that Pearl Lake Days will have a larger tent this year and wondered about trimming along the north side of the lot. Also, there is interest in painting of the Pearl Lake road signs.

Road Report

The County did brush cutting in a number of areas. Mike Henke will trim on Blackhawk and Brown Deer and also trees by Thompsons. Gravel roads will need to be graded as soon as possible.

Old Business

No Old Business to address

New Business

a. Culvert Inventory

The County will do the 2nd phase of the inventory regardless of who does the 1st phase. Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to have the County do the 1st phase of the culvert inventory. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported that there was no meeting in February.

Zoning Letters

Timber permits and zoning change letters were reviewed.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills/Expenses – January & February

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 7:40 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, APRIL 16, 2024 7:00 PM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:20 pm.

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, Adell Jewell, Linda Forseth, Bill & Cheryl Luzinski, Andra Mory, Karen Syverson, John & Gail Bush, Judy Newland, Brian Petit, Doug & Jennifer Rodencal, Tyler & Mekenzie Scheidecker

Approval of March 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the amended minutes of the March 12, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from March 2024..

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$169,046.57 Ending Balance: \$156,223.27 March Interest=\$35.37

Cemetery Fund=\$652.50 Dam Fund=\$1,579.49 Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$14,000.00 American Rescue Fund=\$44,919.87

Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$25,984.79 (closed CD)

CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,374.42

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to transfer \$4000.00 from the general fund to the cemetery fund and to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes, motion carried.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Doug Rodencal addressed the board regarding the recent Coyote Club Banquet, where funds were raised to purchase seven AED's that will be donated. One of those is designated for the Leon Town Hall.

Adell Jewell noted that the Cross Country 4-H Club had a work day to clean up at the cemetery.

Mark Piechowski informed the board that there is a pothole on 29th and the east side of the shoulder is starting to breakoff.

Road Report

The town has approximately \$25,603 in TRIP funds and Chris will contact Brian at the county for advise regarding the bid process.

Sorenson and Heise met with Scott Construction and received a quote for a base price of \$23,742 per mile for proposed road work.

Motion made by Heise, seconded by Engel to chip seal 25th Lane-Hwy H to Termini (.53 miles); chip seal Pine St-Hwy E to gravel intersection (.08 miles) and chip seal Beechnut Road between curves (.22 miles). All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business

No Old Business to address

New Business

a. Discuss/Approve Library Trustee Appointment

Motion was made by Heise and seconded by Engel to approve the appointment of Shari Bahr as a Trustee for the Library. All ayes, motion carried.

b. Review Ripon Truck Repair Email

It was noted that there was no pricing on the email, just a summary of the services offered. Chris reported that he had spoken with Brian at the County who had said that cost of mowing would be \$138/hour and also that Gabe's is still looking into purchasing a mower. Discussion was tabled until the May meeting.

c. PSFD Annual Fire Contract

Annual contract with the PSFD was previously approved and needed to be signed by the board.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the March 27, 2024 meeting. A new battery operated chop saw was purchased. There have have 91 calls so far this year. 75 were EMS related and 16 fire calls. A new radio repeated was installed at the station. Officer class was completed by two people and the UTV had a breakdown that was repaired.

Zoning Letters

Timber permits and a zoning violation letter were all reviewed.

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 meeting at 7:55 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, MAY 14, 2024 7:00 PM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:00 pm.

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, Linda Forseth, Bill & Cheryl Luzinski, Karen Syverson, Judy Newland, Brian Petit, Joe Horvath, Gary Lawrence, Elizabeth Page

Approval of April 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from April 2024..

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$156,223.27 Ending Balance: \$126,599.44 April Interest=\$35.96

Cemetery Fund=\$4652.50 Dam Fund=\$2,156.22 Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$14,000.00 American Rescue Fund=\$44,919.87

Poy Sippi Truck Fund=\$0 – paid out to PSFD

CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,374.42

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 shared concerns regarding potholes that are developing on S. Pearl Lake Road and also about the use of golf carts on the roads around Pearl Lake. Linda Forseth mentioned a pothole on Middleton Street. Gary Lawrence presented a proposal from the park fence committee, with three quotes for a six foot tall shadow box design fence made of red cedar. Posts would be eight feet apart and the bottom two to four inches above the ground. The board voiced concerns about a solid privacy fence and inquired if there had been a conversation with the neighbors.

Road Report

There was discussion regarding the bid process for road work involving the TRIP funds. A motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Heise to move forward with the bid process for work on ¾ mile on Bighorn and 2600 feet on Beechnut Lane. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business

a. Discuss Options for Roadside Mowing for the 2024 Season

Chris will do more checking regarding hourly rates for mowing.

New Business

No New Business to Discuss.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the April 2024 Annual Meeting at which time officers for the year were elected. There have been 118 total calls so far this year, 94 EMS calls and 24 fire calls. The body for the rescue truck should be complete by year end.

Zoning Letters

A zoning letter for Chris Worden was reviewed.

Correspondence

Notice was received regarding the next County Unit WTA meeting on May 28th in Wautoma.

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 meeting at 8:15 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, JUNE 11, 2024**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:00 pm.

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: Karen Syverson, Adell Jewell, Mark Piechowski, Jane & Lewis McBair

Approval of May 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from May 2024..

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$126,599.44 Ending Balance: \$119,471.69 May Interest=\$25.60

Cemetery Fund=\$4652.50 Dam Fund=\$2,156.22 Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund=\$0 – Paid Out to PSFD American Rescue Fund=\$44,881.17

CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,476.74

Road Work to date \$51,448.45

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

Road Report

Following several emails and calls from property owners, Sorenson volunteered to check into the town's options for billing property owners who leave debris on the roadside. Chris also talked with Brian at the county and when the county does road work this summer they will generate some screening materials which would be available for the town to utilize. Possible locations would be Shepard's Subdivision or Beechnut Lane. There is also a pothole on 29th.

Old Business

a. Discuss options for roadside mowing for the 2024 season

The town has a 2 year agreement with Ripon Truck Repair for mowing the roadsides. They should be here the first week of July.

b. Park fence project update

Chris talked with April Jenks regarding dogs barking when people are in the park and noticed at the Memorial weekend brat fry that the dogs were not barking.

New Business

a. Approve renewal of liquor licenses

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the renewal of licenses for the Golden Nugget and Pearl Lake RV Resort.

b. Request by Pearl Lake PRD to waive the No-Wake Hours for water ski show

No action was taken.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported that there was no May meeting. Mark Piechowski advised that the new engine should be completed in 8 to 9 weeks.

Zoning Letters

Reviewed zoning letter to Ron Koenig, Pine River Court, regarding chickens roaming freely.

Correspondence

Reviewed letters regarding TRIP funding approval, a land transfer of MF Crop for Mike Biese and a flyer for the grand opening of the new Government Center.

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 Engel, seconded by Heise to adjourn meeting at 7:30 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 9, 2024**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:00 pm.

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: Karen Syverson, Mark Piechowski, Mike Getchius, Bill & Cheryl Luzinski

Approval of June 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from June 2024.

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$119,471.69 Ending Balance: \$148,028.93 May Interest=\$20.74

Cemetery Fund=\$3,752.50 Dam Fund=\$2,156.22 Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27

American Rescue Fund=\$44,881.17

CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,476.74

Road Work to date \$59,759.28

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

Opening of Bids for TRIP Program

A bid from Scott Construction was opened and reviewed by the board for Bighorn Drive, east towards 26th, one half mile long and twenty feet wide for 660 ton. The bid differed from previous discussions with Scott Construction so Chris called and was told that Scott would redo the bid. A motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Engel to approve the bid from Scott with an open dollar amount while Scott refigures their bid. All ayes, motion carried.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Karen Syverson expressed appreciation for the mowing of the roadsides.

Mike Getchius thanked Chris for attending the Lake Association meeting and shared that they would like the sign for the boat landing to be replaced. Chris asked them to put together a proposal for the cost of a new sign.

Road Report

Roadside mowing is not completed as some roads were missed. A list is being put together for the mowers to come back and finish. Trees on Badger Road have been cut and there are two trees on Pearl Lake Road that will need to be cut soon.

A motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the proposed road work for 660 feet on Bighorn after the LRIP portion is completed and the full width wedge from Cty Hwy E to curve on Beechnut Lane of 2600 ft x 20 ft. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business

a. Kayak lift

The kayak lift has been installed at the mill pond and is available for public use.

b. Cemetary repair issues

There are some holes in the back corner at the cemetary that will need to be filled in. It was suggested by Heise that excess fill from possible future graves be used to fill these holes. Engel also suggested that the cemetary driveway would be a possible spot to utilize any ground up asphalt from the county project that we may receive.

New Business

a. Discuss change of date for August Board Meeting

Due to the election on the second Tuesday of August, it was agreed to move the August Board Meeting to Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

b. Approve picnic licenses and additional operator licenses

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the proposed picnic licenses, temporary operator licenses and annual operator licenses for the Golden Nugget and Pine River Winery, pending completion of classes. All ayes, motion carried.

c. Review/approve service contract from Associated Appraisal Consultants

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the service contract. The board answered "No" to posting of assessment information to their website. All ayes, motion carried.

d. Pearl Lake request for change in wake times

Current wake times are 11 AM to 4 PM and they would like to extend the hours till 7 pm for the single day of August 3rd, 2024 for a ski show. Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the extension of the wake time to 7 pm for the date of August 3rd. All ayes, motion carried.

e. Approve additions to the list of election poll workers

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the proposed additional four names to the list of election poll workers.

f. Discuss purchase of the new truck for Redgranite Fire District

The new truck should be delivered possibly by the end of July. A payment of \$97,364.90 will need to be made. Sorenson reported that he has checked into the Board of Commissioners site and their current interest rate is 6%. A motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to proceed with application for a loan from the Board of Commissioners. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the recent Fire District meeting. The new engine will be completed shortly and the Auxiliary approved the usage of funds for additional equipment for the fire trucks.

Zoning Letters

One timber permit was reviewed for the Joe Bird Revocable Trust.

Correspondence

Chairman Sorenson shared that he has reached out the the Wild Rose Tech Ed teacher regarding a proposal for the construction of new picnic tables for the town hall.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn meeting at 8:02 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:00 pm.

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, Mike Getchius, Bill & Cheryl Luzinski, Lewis & Jane McBair, Mark Griese

Approval of July 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 Board Meeting with changes noted. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from July 2024.

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$148,028.93 Ending Balance: \$141,910.78 July Interest=\$27.62

Cemetery Fund=\$2852.50 Dam Fund=\$2,156.22 Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27

American Rescue Fund=\$44,881.17 CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,476.74

Road Work to date \$60,649.38

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

Mark Griese had questions regarding public access and also if it would be possible to have sand/salt barrels at the intersections of County Highway EE and North and South Pearl Lake Roads for the winter. Chris said that he will talk with the plow drivers when it gets closer to plow time about making sure those areas are well covered. Jane McBair requested that copies of the treasurers report be furnished for the public for future meetings and also inquired about possible grant applications for road improvements and other projects.

Road Report

Scott Construction revised their bid for the TRIP program work down to \$93.91 per ton. Chip seal work should be done on or around September 1st and the asphalt work should be done by the third week of September.

Old Business

a. Review updated loan request for towns portion of new fire truck for RAFD

Chairman Sorenson read the resolutions for the proposed loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

A motion to approve the resolution to authorize the application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State of Wisconsin, for a loan of Ninety Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$98,000.00) from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for the purpose of financing purchase of fire truck was made by Heise, seconded by Engel. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to approve the resolution levying upon all the taxable property of the Town, a direct annual tax sufficient in amount to pay the annual installments of principal and interest, as they fall due over the next five years was made by Engel, seconded by Heise. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to approve the resolution that no money obtained by the Town of Leon by such loan from the state be applied or paid out for any purpose except financing purchase of fire truck without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands was made by Heise, seconded by Engel, All ayes, motion carried.

New Business**a. Review request for tree trimming of right of way by Pearl Lake for gas service**

We Energies has requested tree trimming be done on a right of way for possible gas service to be installed. Discussion also included a driveway issue on the Beese property. Chris and Russell have both viewed the properties in question. A motion to deny both requests was made by Sorenson, seconded by Heise. All ayes, motion carried. Chris will contact both parties to advise them of possible solutions.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported there was no July meeting.

Zoning Letters

Zoning letters were reviewed: Robert Meinen, Deer Run, in violation of running a campground. Jason Young on Cty Q has possible issues with a drainfield. Richard Okon on Cty E, in violation, multiple inoperable vehicles and running a salvage yard.

Correspondence

Reviewed letters from State Representative Kevin Peterson and also from North East Asphalt, regarding the opening a Springwater aggregate site.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to adjourn meeting 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, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:00 pm.

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, Mike Getchius, Tammy Chier, Linda Forseth, Karen Syverson, Chuck Dolphin, Jerry Bailey

Approval of August 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from August 2024.

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$141,910.78 Ending Balance: \$107,321.26 August Interest=\$21.59

Cemetery Fund=\$1952.50 Dam Fund=\$2,807.11 Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,937.27

American Rescue Fund=\$44,881.17 CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,582.37

Road Work to date \$66,059.80

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

Lisa also updated the Board regarding new tax software that will be used for the 2025 tax collections.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Mike Getchius inquired about in-person absentee voting opportunities. Lois will contact with those dates.

Road Report

Scott Construction has prepped for chip sealing and should start as early as tomorrow. They anticipate the asphalt work to begin next week. Discussion was had concerning obstructions in the right of way. There is more pothole patching to be done yet this fall, with a couple of holes on 26th Lane.

Old Business – There was no old business to address

New Business – There was no new business to address

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the August meeting. Money was received from Adams-Columbia Electric to update lights on an engine and from Alliant Energy to update storage units. The auxiliary held two fund raisers. The budget for 2025 will have a municipality cost share of \$148,500.00

Zoning Letters

Zoning letters were reviewed: Ron Koenig in violation with a rooster on property. Paul Nichols on Blackhawk will need a new septic system and a variance was approved for Josh Sommers.

Correspondence

Reviewed letter from County unit of WTA regarding the September meeting in Wautoma and a letter from Leon-Saxeville Library with their proposed 2025 budget.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn meeting at 7:35 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, 2024**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:00 pm.

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: Mike Getchius, Cheryl Luzinski, Lewis & Jane McBrair, Gail Timm, Matt Lasure, Brian Petit, Gary Lawrence, Elizabeth Page, Carly Terry, Andra Mory, Jennifer Johnson, Doug Beattie

Approval of September 10, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from September 2024.

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$107,321.26 Ending Balance: \$69,553.20 September Interest=\$20.65

Cemetery Fund=\$1,952.50 Dam Fund=\$2,807.11 Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9937.27

American Rescue Fund=\$43,997.59 CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,582.37

Road Work to date \$72,977.39

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

Road Report

Chip Sealing and Asphalt work is completed. There are potholes on 26th and 29th that will need to be repaired. Chairman Sorenson has talked with the county and we are on the list for grading and also all qualifying culverts are located on county highways which total five culverts. He will also contact the dairy to inquire about reimbursement for the intersection of Beechnut Lane.

Old Business

a. Review updated loan request for towns portion of new fire truck for RAFD

Chairman Sorenson read the resolutions for the proposed loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

A motion to approve the resolution to authorize the application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State of Wisconsin, for a loan of Ninety Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$98,000.00) from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for the purpose of financing purchase of fire truck was made by Heise, seconded by Engel. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to approve the resolution levying upon all the taxable property of the Town, a direct annual tax sufficient in amount to pay the annual installments of principal and interest, as they fall due over the next five years was made by Engel, seconded by Heise. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to approve the resolution that no money obtained by the Town of Leon by such loan from the state be applied or paid out for any purpose except financing purchase of fire truck without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands was made by Heise, seconded by Engel. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

a. WASD Capital Referendum Project

Jennifer Johnson and Doug Beattie addressed the meeting with information regarding the proposed Wautoma Area School District capital referendum project and answered questions from the group.

b. Review 2025 Leon-Saxeville Library Budget Request

Gary Lawrence addressed the board regarding the requested increase to the budget for the 2025 year. A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Heise, seconded by Engel. All ayes, motion carried.

c. Review 2025 Poy Sippi Volunteer Fire Department Budget Request

Brian Petit addressed the board regarding the proposed 2025 budget with an increase of 2% for fire protection and truck fund as well as a 5% increase to the LOSA (retirement fund). Brian also presented the board with the P/L statement for the department and shared that they had trained five new fire fighters this year. A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Engel, seconded by Heise. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported that the cost share for the municipality for 2025 will not change from 2024. It is fire prevention week and the department is going to the area schools for visits as well as there was an open house at the station on October 6th. The new engine has electrical problems and is still in Eau Claire.

Zoning Letters

Zoning letters were reviewed. Dan Hieptas, Dan Gretchman and F. Rebarchek were all cited for accessory structure without a land use permit.

Carol Schliepp and Andy Schliepp were issued a wood cutting permit

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to move \$10,000 from the ARPA fund to the general fund. All ayes, motion carried. Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the payment of the bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn meeting at 8:19 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, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Public Hearing and Special Meeting of Electors the meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:25 pm.

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: Bill & Cheryl Luzinski, Mark Piechowski

Approval of October 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from October 2024.

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$69,553.20; Ending Balance: \$1,014.75; October Interest=\$15.78

Cemetery Fund=\$1,052.50; Dam Fund=\$3,497.92; Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,937.27;

American Rescue Fund=\$33,901.59; CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,582.37

Road Work to date \$146,953.93; 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

Mark Piechowski noted that the edge of road by his residence was marked for repair but nothing has been done at this point.

Road Report

WASD bus garage called regarding trees over the road that hit bus antenna's. Roads will need to be reviewed for tree cutting. The County Highway Department has a meeting on Thursday evening.

Supervisor Heise has found two 6 foot culverts on township roads that will need to be inventoried for inspection.

Old Business

a. Update on BOCPL Loan Application

The loan application to BOCPL has been approved and the request for disbursement will be returned 11/13/24.

New Business

a. Approve Tax Levy

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the tax levy of \$253,625.00. All ayes, motion carried.

b. Approve 2025 Town Budget

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the 2025 town budget of \$501,778.00. All ayes, motion carried.

c. Approve Donation to Saxeville Fire Department

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve a donation of \$3000.00 to the Saxeville Fire Department. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the annual rent payment to the WRSD for \$1. All ayes, motion carried.

e. Discuss Assignment of Remaining ARPA Funds

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to move remaining ARPA balance of \$33901.59 to the road fund, All ayes, motion carried.

f. Request from Pearl Lake PRD to Pursue Funds for Study of Sewage Program

Chairman Sorenson will draft and send letter of support.

g. Review/Approve Resolution to Adopt Waushara County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution 2024-01 to adopt the Waushara County Hazard Mitigation Plan. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the October meeting where they approved the payroll and received information that the new engine was in Mosinee. Mark Piechowski stated that the engine is now in Redgranite.

Zoning Letters

Zoning violations for multiple travel trailers were reviewed.

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 8:05 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, DECEMBER 10, 2024**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:00 pm.

Roll Call, Audience Present

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

Audience Present: Tony Terrell, Mike Getchius, Steve & Lori Gabrielson, Bill & Cheryl Luzinski, Jerry Bailey, Doug & Jennifer Rodencal, Mark Piechowski

Approval of November 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from November 2024.

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$1,104.75; Ending Balance: \$96,968.91; November Interest=\$11.64 Cemetery Fund=\$1,052.50; Dam Fund=\$3,497.92; Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,937.27;

American Rescue Fund=\$0; CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,689.06

Road Work to date \$234,062.20; Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes, motion carried.

a. Discussion of Year End Finances

Discussion was had regarding year end finance allocations. There are still several bills to come in for payment.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Tony Terrell questioned when the bridge on Cty E was scheduled for replacement.

Road Report

Sorenson contacted the highway department to discuss the culvert inventory project. The two culverts that Heise indicated last month as needing to be inventoried do not meet the inventory project criteria and therefore do not qualify. It was found that the bottom of the culvert on 28th is gone and will need to be replaced in the near future. The LRIP project has been submitted for reimbursement. Sanding was done after the storm on December 4th.

Old Business

a. Update on BOCPL Loan Application

Funds have been received.

New Business

a. Set Date for 2025 Town Caucus

Town Caucus will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @ 7 pm prior to the regular board meeting.

b. Review County Zone Change Approval For Gabrielson Property

Board reviewed the County zone change approval. The old building will revert to commercial space and a new building will also be commercial. Motion to approve the County zone change was made by Heise, seconded by Engel. All ayes, motion carried. Clerk will check with county regarding necessary paperwork.

c. Kayak Lift

The kayak lift that was installed at the millpond has been removed.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported that the new engine has arrived and hoses and ladders are being added to it. The new rescue truck has not arrived yet. Auxillary is sending out donation request letters and several firefighters are currently taking classes and a FEMA grant has been applied for.

Zoning Letters

Received notification that Mark Neimuth has a mound system that is leaking and Paul Nichols has an issue with a tank outlet baffle on his septic system.

Correspondence

Reviewed letter from John Blader, an assessor looking for work.

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 Engel, seconded by Heise to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk