

**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 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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