

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER, 8, 2021

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

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Cemetery Fund balance = \$3,287.50

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

Pine River Community Park balance = \$11,983.03

Pearl Lake Enhancement Fund balance = \$2,000.00

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

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

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

American Rescue Fund balance = \$75,989.37.

Road Work Expenses to date \$255,130.07

Library \$1,200.63

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

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

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

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

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

5. PUBLIC INPUT

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

6. ROAD REPORT

Discussion/Approve Roads for Tree Trimming in 2022

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

The top three prioritized roads are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. NEW BUSINESS - POY SIPPI RESCUE SERVICE AGREEMENT

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

10. OLD BUSINESS

None

11. REPORT ON REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT

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

12. ZONING LETTERS

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

13. CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Paid after 12/8/2021 Meeting

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

Paid at 01/12/8/2022 Meeting

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

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

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Next Meeting: February 9, 2022

Cindi Gotthart, Town Clerk
920-622-3934