

**MINUTES TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022, AT 7:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT**

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

**3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2022**

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

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the following report.

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

Cemetery Fund balance = \$3,287.50

Dam Fund balance = \$24,916.91

Pine River Community Park balance = \$12,483.03

Pearl Lake Enhancement Fund balance = \$2,000.00

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

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

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance = \$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance = \$75,989.37.

Road Work Expenses = none for Janaury

Library \$23,498.69

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

**5. PUBLIC INPUT**

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

**6. ROAD REPORT**

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

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

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

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

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

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**9. NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

**11. REPORT ON REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT**

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

**12. ZONING LETTERS**

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

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Gotthart presented a list of correspondences.

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

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

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

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

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

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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