

**MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Sorenson

ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

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

Audience: Mark Piechowski, Mike Getchius, Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Jerry Bailey, Gary Lawrence, Elizabeth Page, Karen Syverson, Brier Golz, Mary Schmidt, Gail Timm, Carter Timm, Gary Rodencal

APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AND AUGUST 29, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Motion by Heise, seconded by Sorenson to approve amended August 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes and amended August 29, 2022 Special Board Meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Groskreutz gave the treasurer's report from August, 2022

General Fund: Starting balance=\$106,932.02; Ending balance=\$42,782.08; August interest=\$44.91

Cemetery Fund balance=\$4487.50

Dam Fund balance=\$2,314.06

Pine River Community Park balance=\$15,495.03

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=\$151,478.74

ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$100.00

Road Work Expenses=\$198,157.64

Library=\$16,428.28

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Karen Syverson suggested additional messaging that could be attached to the new ATV/UTV signage. It was also noted that a window at the top of the town hall is in need of repair.

ROAD REPORT – FOLLOW-UP ON ROAD COSTS AND DISCUSS REGARDING MOWING OF ROADS THIS FALL

Discussion was had regarding mowing areas that needed it the most and brush areas that are starting to lean in, Chris will talk with Brad and may need to ride with Gabe to see where brush still needs to be cleaned up. Liz Page brought up an issue with a culvert.

NEW BUSINESS

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE POLICY TO DETERMINE CALCULATION AND PAYMENT OF 2% FIRE DUES TO POY SIPPI AND REDGRANITE FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Motion by Heise, seconded by Sorenson to use the Total Assessed Value to calculate the 2% Fire Due payments to the Poy Sippi and Redgranite Fire Departments. Payments will be made in October. All Ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE REPORTING OF COSTS AND WAUSHARA COUNTY EMERGENCY FUNDING AS A RESULT OF STORM DAMAGE FROM JUNE 15, 2022

The request for an extension has been filed. It is possible that the town could be reimbursed up to 70% of the cleanup costs.

b. COMPLETE WAUSHARA COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS & MITIGATION QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY – FROM ALLEN LUCHINI, WAUSHARA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Survey has been completed and sent in.

c. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT

Becky Horvath presented update on the community park progress. No variance was needed and the engineering firm has offered a donation to the project. The slab is poured and sidewalk is finished. The cost of the sidewalk will be covered by the Library. It was noted that they would like to finish landscaping this fall and requested consideration for funding to aid in the completion of the landscaping.

c.1. DISCUSS/APPROVE BUILDING MATERIALS ACCOUNT WITH NOFFKE LUMBER

Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Heise to approve \$8,000.00 for a material's account with Noffke Lumber. All ayes, motion passed.

REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

Heise reported on the August meeting. Two fire fighters completed training and three sets of fire fighter uniforms were purchased. A new truck chassis was purchased for \$43,644.00, a \$2000.00 grant was received from WE Energies for gas meters and area fire inspections have been completed.

ZONING LETTERS

Timber permits were reviewed

CORRESPONDENCE

Reviewed notices of updated shared revenue

DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

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

PAID TO:		CHECK #	AMOUNT
Adams-Columbia Electric	Utilities	9998	\$61.26
Alliant Energy	Utilities	9999	\$195.01
Associated Appraisals	Prof Serv	10000	\$694.17
Gary Lawrence	Park Reserve	10001	\$565.00
Postmaster	Postage	10002	\$60.00
Waushara Argus	Publication Fees	10003	\$78.00
WE Energies	Utilities	10004	\$9.57
Waushara County Highway Dept	Roadsides	10005	\$3,210.58
Gabe's Top It or Drop It	Storm cleanup	10006	\$3,750.00
Poy Sippi Volunteer Fire Dept.	Storm cleanup	10007	\$3,450.00
Redgranite Area Fire District	Storm cleanup	10008	\$800.00
Cindi Gotthart	Expense	10009	\$18.75
Cindi Gotthart	August Wage	10010	\$615.67
Noffke Lumber	Park Reserve	10011	\$8,000.00
		TOTAL	\$21,508.01

REGULAR MEETING CONCLUDES; CONTINUE DISCUSSION/APPROVALS WITH ATV/UTV COMMITTEE, REVIEW

The Town has received legal approval of Ordinance 2022-05, and the Ordinance will be published in the Waushara Argus and posted to the Town website. A copy will also be sent to the County Sheriff's Office. It was noted that Waushara County has the ATV/UTV Operation issue on their upcoming agenda and if the use of ATV/UTV's on County Roads is approved it will possibly change the signage needed for town roads. Discussion was had regarding costs and installation of signs. Lewis McBriar suggested the town wait to see what the County does before moving forward with signs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heise, seconded by Sorenson to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by Clerk, Lois Jewell