

**MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 FOLLOWING BUDGET HEARING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Chairman Sorenson

2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT

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

Audience: Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Gail Timm, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Collette Ross, Gary Lawrence, Karen Syverson, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Becky Horvath, Joe Horvath

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Engle, seconded by Heise to approve the amended October 12, 2022 regular board meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$29,494.97; Ending balance=\$28,936.64; October interest=\$35.24

Cemetery Fund balance=\$4,470.00 Dam Fund balance=\$2,751.08

Pine River Community Park balance=\$1185.03 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=\$151,028.74

ATV/UTV Project Fund balance=\$500.00 Road Work Expenses=\$201,185.68

Storm Damage=\$11,800.00 Library=\$12,242.99

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the amended treasurer's report reflecting the move of a payment to Brothers Concrete from the General Fund to the Community Park Fund. All ayes, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Gray Lawrence noted to the board that a voter at the November 8th election was happy with the road work that was done this year. Gary also requested that the Pledge of Allegiance be added to the Monthly Board Meeting.

Joe Horvath requested that more poll workers be enlisted for future elections. Becky Horvath reported that the November 8th election went smoothly with no problems with the voting machine. Town of Leon has also been selected as one of four municipalities to take part in the WEC Post Election Equipment Audit,

Joe Horvath also would like the board to consider adopting the county ordinance for ATV/UTV usage as the town ordinance.

6. ROAD REPORT – FOLLOW-UP ON STORM DAMAGE COSTS AND AVT/UTV ROUTE SIGNAGE

Mowing is completed and a good job was done. The replacement of fire signs has begun. Storm cleanup on Badger Road and Badger Drive is complete as well as work has been done on Buttercup to the West of County EE.

Costs for ATV/UTV signs was \$10 per sign less from Rent a Flash. Posts and signs have been ordered from them. Brier Golz has been in touch with Brian Freimark regarding sign placement on the north side of the township. Chris Sorenson and Gary Lawrence will do a driving tour to locate and mark sign spots so Diggers Hotline can then check the locations, after which a crew will assemble to install the signs.

Discussion was had regarding gravel and shoulder work to be done as well as stump grinding by the county.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review Town's Fee Schedule

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to increase the rental for the Town Hall to \$50. All ayes, motion carried.

b. Approve Tax Levy and 2023 Town Budget

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the Tax Levy of \$252,158. All ayes, motion carried

Motion by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the 2023 Town Budget of \$455,284. All ayes, motion carried.

c. Discuss/Approve Change of Day for Monthly Town Board Meeting

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to change the day of the monthly Town Board Meeting to the second Tuesday of the month starting in January, 2023

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Community Park Project

Becky Horvath reported that the roof of the pavilion is scheduled to be put on this weekend. Landscaping needs to be finished so the site will be ready to be seeded in the Spring. People have really stepped up to share both talents and funds to complete this project. Chris Sorenson reported that he has heard lots of compliments regarding the project.

9. REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

Heise reported on the fire district which is looking for a replacement for a pumper truck and wondered if the Town would want to set up a truck fund. Annual payroll for the firemen was paid and additional hose was purchased. The setup of a website was discussed.

10. ZONING LETTERS

Zoning letters and timber permits were reviewed. Notice of a Mobile home needing to be removed.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Reviewed Letter from WTA regarding the Town Advocacy Council. Discussion for this will be added to the December Meeting agenda.

12. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES

Discussion was had regarding various repairs to the Town Hall that need to be done and it was noted that the Homemaker group would like to donate towards the cleaning of the Hall carpets.

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve payment of bills as presented.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk, Lois Jewell