

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER, WI  
7:00 PM, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT**

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

Audience Present: Lewis McBriar, Jane McBriar, Adell Jewell, Gail Timm, Cassidy Wilson, Brier Golz, Gary Lawrence, Liz Page, Karen Syverson, Michael Getchius, Mark Piechowski, Becky Horvath, Joe Horvath, Bert McClard, John Engel, Brian Petit

**3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2022 BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve amended minutes of the November 9, 2022 Board Meeting and the November 9, 2022 Public Hearing. All ayes, motion carried.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

General Fund: Starting balance=\$28,936.64; Ending balance=\$33,279.49;

November interest=\$30.88

Cemetery Fund balance=\$3,570.00 Dam Fund balance=\$2,751.08

Pine River Community Park balance=\$3,277.03 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=\$600.00 Road Work Expenses=\$205,163.68

Storm Damage=\$11,800.00 Library=\$6,408.07

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to move general fund monies to reserve funds for Poy Sippi Fire Department Retirement Fund and Poy Sippi Truck Fund and pay out a donation to the Saxeville Fire Department. All ayes, motion carried.

**5. PUBLIC INPUT**

Lewis McBriar questioned if gravel work was completed and Liz Page inquired about the status of work by the power company on underground line on Badger. Becky Horvath reported that there was an unanticipated need for excavation for the new shelter at the community park. Fundraising for park expenses is ongoing but currently the park fund is short of the total needed to cover this excavation bill. It was requested that the board consider moving funds from the Pine River Restoration Fund to cover the balance of the bill and then as monies are raised the monies would be returned to the Pine River Restoration Fund. Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to move \$1100.00 from the Pine River Restoration Fund to the Community Park Fund, to be repaid as fund raising allows. All ayes, motion carried. Mike Getchius commented on the new fire signs looking good and also being a great help to the fire departments. Approximately 900 signs were made. Discussion was had regarding fire signs that are missing on Brown Deer Bend as well as Buttercup and Cty EE.

**6. ROAD REPORT – FOLLOW-UP AVT/UTV ROUTE SIGNAGE**

Signs for ATV/UTV routes were ordered on 11/24/22 and it is anticipated that they will be made on 12/15/22. Chris and Gary toured the township to mark where the signs need to be installed. Brush cutting will be contracted with the County but Bighorn has already been done by the power company. The Town was notified by letter that Lind Excavating will no longer be mowing roadsides.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Discuss/Approve joining WTA Town Advocacy Council**

Discussion regarding joining was tabled until the January meeting

### **b. Set date for 2023 Town Caucus**

The date for the 2023 Town Caucus was set for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 to precede the regular board meeting.

### **c. Discuss/Approve amending ATV/UTV Ordinance to correspond with County ATV/UTV Ordinance.**

Joe Horvath strongly suggests that the town mirror the ordinance that was recently adopted by the county. Discussion regarding amending the current ordinance was tabled until a draft of an updated ordinance is created. Liz Page volunteered to draft the update and Brier Golz will notify his contacts of the possible changes.

### **d. Discussion with Poy Sippi Fire Chief and President**

Brian Petit & John Engel from the Poy Sippi Fire Department addressed the board regarding the truck fund and possible payout of funds at this time. The town has requested to review the financial statement for the fire department. The previous truck has been paid off and the department is saving for a new one, Orders for trucks are about two years out.

## **8. REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT REPORT**

Heise reported on the Fire District. Lights were replaced on several trucks and bathroom cabinets were also replaced. Ice rescue gear was purchased and a new website and .gov email was set up. In 2022 the town of Leon has had three fire calls and twenty five EMS calls.

## **9. ZONING LETTERS**

Timber Permits were reviewed

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification of 2 areas of the Wild Rose school district that are up for election in the spring.

Notification from the Tri-County Animal Shelter that they will no longer be accepting strays from outside Green Lake County.

## **11. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES**

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

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. All ayes, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Clerk, Lois Jewell