

MINUTES—TOWN OF MARION—BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 10, 2024

The October 10, 2024 meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Marion was called to order by Chairman Walejko at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Town Hall.

Present: Chairman Garrel Walejko, Supervisor Dave Chase, Supervisor Bill Behnke, Deputy Sheriff Adam Spitler, Clerk Vicki Snyder, Wautoma Police Chief Paul Mott, Sgt. Joey Rosin, Marc Pindel, Mary Kunasch, Adam Kelley, Jim Morganroth, Barb Bartel, Bob Savignac.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024 meeting was made by Supervisor Chase and seconded by Supervisor Behnke. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Bob Savignac gave the following financial report: The beginning balance in the User Fee account on September 1, 2024 was \$6,022.31; a \$1,291.11 deposit was made, \$0 was disbursed, leaving an ending balance of \$7,313.42. The beginning balance in the checking account was \$726,901.55; deposits of \$163,564.58 were made, \$130,114.70 was disbursed, leaving an ending balance of \$760,351.43. The beginning balance in the American Rescue Plan account (ARPA) was \$5,344.36; a \$32.21 deposit was made, \$10.00 was disbursed, leaving an ending balance of \$5,366.57. Interest on the User Fee account was 5.26%; checking was 5.15%, the ARPA account was 5.29%, and the LGIP 01 account was 5.29%. There was a \$26,585.61 balance in the LGIP 01 account on September 1; a deposit of \$114.02 was made, \$0 was disbursed, leaving an ending balance of \$26,699.63. The Property Tax 02 account had a \$0 fund balance at the beginning and end of September. Chairman Walejko offered the Treasurer's Report for audit.

Deputy Sheriff's Report

An elderly man who was reported lost for at least 20 hours this past month was located and returned to his family. Deputy Spitler visited the UMO'S school with the Waushara County canine unit and the children were excited to see the dog and flashing squad car lights. With regard to swimming at Flynn's Quarry, Chairman Walejko indicated the land around it is owned by Waushara County. Deputy Sheriff Spitler informed the town board the county will be acquiring body cameras and is replacing the computer systems and cameras in the squads. Nothing will be purchased until the end of the year. The cost will be around \$16,000.00. Proposals for video storage, which would need to be supplied, are included. It is recommended we have the same equipment in our squad as the county squads.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Kunash, representing the McComb Bruchs Performing Arts Center Foundation board which was formed to raise funds for the PAC when fixtures within the facility fail, spoke to the town board about a campaign to replace the lighting in the PAC. If the lights fail to work, there are no longer parts available for the lighting system installed in 1991. It is a \$400,000.00 project and \$337,000.00 has been already raised. She is traveling to the townships in the area to ask for a \$5,000.00 donation from each township. The City of Wautoma will match donations 3 to 1, up to \$30,000.00. The board indicated they would discuss the topic and put it on next month's agenda.

Wautoma Police Chief Paul Mott spoke to the board about operating the 2025 water patrol for the town. Chairman Walejko indicated there may also be a few Waushara County Sheriff Deputies

who would be interested in working for the water patrol as well. Chief Mott stated their contract would be comparable to the contract with Waushara County and he will give the contract to the attorney to review.

Chairman Walejko has also spoken with the attorney regarding the possibility of a “no powerloading” ordinance for our boat launches.

SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE TOWN BOARD:

- a. A motion was made by Supervisor Behnke to approve the 2025 Water Patrol contract with the City of Wautoma Police Department. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chase. Motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Supervisor Behnke to approve the snow plowing bid with Kelley Sand & Gravel for three years beginning in fall 2024 through 2027. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chase. Motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Supervisor Chase to approve the Sheriff’s Contract for 2025. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Behnke. Motion carried.
- d. A motion was made by Supervisor Behnke to approve the Bowmar Appraisal contract for 2025-2027. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chase. Motion carried.
- e. A motion was made by Supervisor Chase to approve the purchase of a new dock for the Hwy. 21 & 73 landing, and to repair and sell the existing dock. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Behnke. Motion carried.
- f. A discussion occurred regarding the elimination of the proposed road at Lake Lucerne.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS was motioned by Supervisor Behnke and seconded by Supervisor Chase. Motion carried.

Supervisor Chase made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Behnke. Motion carried.

Vicki Snyder, Clerk