

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
OCTOBER 6, 2025**

1. Call to Order: Jerrod Waterman, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of October to order at XXXX p.m.

2. Roll Call: Present at the meeting were: Jerrod Waterman, Chairman; Tom Haile, Supervisor; Jonathan Knowles, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk; Laurie King, Treasurer.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Laurayne Fischer, Raymond and Mary Kirschbaum.

3. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Tom to leave the agenda items in the order posted. Jonathan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice: Notice of the October 6, 2025, board meeting was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, September 25 and Thursday, October 2. Notice of the October board meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on October 2, 2025.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the September 8, 2025, board meeting were distributed to all who were present and, after everyone had a chance to review the minutes, a motion was made by Jonathan to approve them. The motion was seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

People's State Bank Accounts:

Checking	\$	43,892.34
Equipment fund savings		101.88
Red school house restoration		305.06
People's Money Market		<u>37,931.64</u>
Total People's State Bank Accounts:	\$	82,230.92

Local Government Investment Pool Account:

General	\$	11,645.48
LGIP Equipment		654.11
LGIP Red School		5,025.07
LGIP Building		<u>26.42</u>
LGIP Accounts Total	\$	17,351.08

Total Monetary Assets	\$	99,582.00
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Expected Revenue for remainder of 2025:

Mid-November (Wisconsin Shared Revenue)	\$	70,134.75
Peer Rd LRIP Project #16979 (Approved Reimb.)	\$	30,443.66
<i>(Timeframe for Reimbursement for Peer Rd Unknown)</i>		

Laurie explained \$11,000 was moved out of the LGIP equipment fund into the LGIP general fund for purchase of the skid steer. She did not transfer any money from the LGIP to PSB to avoid transfer fees as there is currently enough in the PSB account to cover the equipment purchase and in mid-November shared revenue will be coming in in the amount of \$70,134.75.

7. Citizen Input: None.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on Cameras:** Jerrod said the cameras have been installed and the one by the upper shed has already been stolen. Discussed whether to get a new replacement. No decision was made on this.
- **Update on Tube by Brad Wetter on Pine Knob Road:** This project has been marked out and waiting for Jordan Mulrooney to do.
- **Dry Hollow Road Tubes Update:** This project is also waiting for Jordan Mulrooney to have time to work on.
- **Sand Hill Road Tube Update:** Grant County is putting the tubes in on Sand Hill tomorrow.
- **Wheeled Excavator:** Jerrod stated he does not think a new excavator is an option right now. He saw one on Facebook marketplace for \$25,000 in Holcombe, Wisconsin with 5,000 hours and thinks we should take a look at it. Jerrod also wants to look at a used mower for the skid loader. He also found a Baumalight brand that looks new for \$9,200 on Facebook marketplace. Jerrod would like to look at it tomorrow. The mower is in Adams and thought they could take a trip to look at both of them. Jonathan said they would be unable to purchase as the mower is not an agenda item and has to be placed on the agenda in order to be approved to purchase. They will go ahead and take a look at the equipment and if interested can hold a special meeting to approve purchase.
- **Update on FEMA or Wisconsin Disaster Funding in Relation to August 10 Flooding:** Jerrod said he has not heard anything from Jason Wagner of Grant County Emergency Management, and no one has come to look at the damages sustained in the township; however, there is currently a federal shutdown.
- **Line of Credit with People's State Bank:** Tom said he thinks a line of credit is something we need and should probably take one out so we have it if we need it. Jerrod says we will have a use for it. Jerrod said the loan would have a variable rate. Tom thinks we should get it open and get going. Jerrod asked if we wanted to wait until the bills come in related to repairs from the flood damage. Jonathan thinks there might be enough money and we won't need the loan.

Jerrod advised the board that he received a call from Joel from the DNR regarding the township's salt shed. The salinity in the soil is too high according to the DNR. He said they have been taking soil samples for the last 10 years and it has gotten worse over time. If they condemn the salt shed, they will charge us and tear down the building. Proximity of the salt shed is too close to the

creek. We have the okay to put a salt shed on the property on Tower Road. Jerrod said, short-term, we can tarp the sand and salt. The DNR does not want us to put any more salt in the current shed and we will need to move what is already there from last year. If not, we will be fined \$200 per day and removal by them of the shed at our cost, plus lose the building. It is considered a point source contamination.

Jerrod thinks a new salt shed with bin blocks can be built for around \$50,000, labor included -- \$13,000 for big blocks, \$2,300 for small blocks. After that would be the cost of the roof, etc. Jerrod discussed using rebar or cable between the blocks to keep them from shifting. The walls would be 16'. Jerrod said the DNR will be sending a letter. If we get the salt out, they will not condemn the building. Discussed getting the salt out and then we will not have the cost of them dismantling everything and taking the salt that is already there. Discussed piling and tarping product this year most likely. Jerrod thinks with his plan they can build a shed this fall. Would have a cement floor and overhang so water can't get in. Jonathan wants a price on concrete walls. Jerrod will get a price on poured walls and bunkers. Jerrod doesn't know if someone will be able to work on the salt shed this fall or not. Jonathan will contact Brad Bay for a cement estimate. Board will call around to find someone to pour cement. Jonathan wants to wait to decide at November 18 meeting and add to taxes.

- **Fall Cleanup Update:** Laurayne said fall cleanup was really slow. No tires or TVs collected.
- **Potential Funding for a Town Hall/Salt Shed:** Jerrod said there is a steel building for \$131,000 , 60 x 140, but that is not anything to do with freight (this is a building someone else let go, so would have to get it now). You have to do all of the concrete separately and any insulation is separate. Cleary gave a bid of \$370,000 – concrete, building, firewall between town hall and shop. That did not involve the insulation. Spray foam estimated at \$400 a square, roughly \$60,000. Jonathan said something like that would have to go through a referendum in April to get approved.
- **Update on Storage Options/Rental for Town Records and Miscellaneous:** Judi said a 10 x 15 unit opened up October 3 at Boscobel Mini Storage. She wrote out a check for a \$60 refundable deposit plus \$60 for the month of October. She also purchased a paddle lock at Gasser's with a combination. Judi wrote out a check included in this month's bills for the November and December rent and recommended paying a few months at a time instead of every month. Tom recommended paying by the quarter. The board opted to pay quarterly starting in January.

9. New Business:

- **Tires for 2014 Dodge Ram:** Jerrod called Tri-County Tire and they gave a quote of \$220 each; Terry's Tire \$245 each and Don's Tire \$248 each. A motion was made by Jonathan to put 6 new tires on the Dodge Ram truck purchased from Tri-County. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried and the tires will be purchased at Tri-County Tire.
- **Winter Salt and Chips:** Discussed how much salt and chips we will need and who to get it from. We usually get road salt from Grant County. This year it is 98.04 per ton plus freight. Summit Landscaping out of Madison charges \$112.09/ton delivered and has a Blue Thunder that works down to -25. Discussed having to make more trips to county due to smaller size of loads. Board will talk to Bob and see if he is interested in mixing salt with chips in his quarry. After discussing options, the Board would like to get salt from the county and haul with the town truck in order to get it when we need it.

- **WTA Interpretation of Statutory Limit of \$15,000 Earnings for Board Member:** Judi contacted the WTA via email regarding a supervisor being elected to office in April that also works as a patrolman and the \$15,000 limit mandated by statute. The question was, does the calculation begin January 1 of 2025 or April 15, 2025 when he began serving on the board and, if it begins April 15, 2025, does it run to April 14, 2026 or only January 1, 2026 and then start over for the year through December. The answer from WTA was that the statutes are not completely clear, but WTA feels the \$15,000 should start with work performed after taking office in April and interpret the statute as applying to the amount earned per calendar year as it says “each year” and not per year of their term or something else. So, the earnings clock would reset each January.
- **2026 Budget Discussion:** Discussed needing to get the budget close to final by the budget meeting in November. Discussed budget categories and what the board wishes to spend in each of those categories; specifically, Highway and Street Maintenance, which includes amounts to be spent on fuel, cold patch, re-seal coating, equipment replacement and also highway construction. Discussed income balancing with expenditures and the levy limit imposed by the state. Discussed needing a resolution to be voted on at the budget meeting if wanting to go above the levy limit.

Election expense will be higher next year due to more elections. Laurie said we may want to add funds for the website, which falls under the building category. According to federal law, the current website is not compliant and needs to be assessable to everyone and has to be a .gov website. The website will have to be in compliance by April of 2027. We have a choice of updating the website or taking it away. The cost for building a new website under federal requirements is approximately \$1500 and hosting cost will be around \$720 per year. Laurie said we are ADA noncompliant and deadline for a .gov website is April of 2027. Laurie will get a 2nd quote. Jerrod is shooting for \$145,000 for seal coating and \$85,000 for equipment fund. The website falls under the building category and anticipate an increase of \$2,000 for building altogether.

- **Recycling Attendant Employee(s):** Lonny Fischer was wondering if he could work as the recycling attendant for one Saturday out of the month. Laurayne Fischer said she is willing to give up a Saturday per month to Lonny. Tom made a motion that Lonny Fischer can work as recycling attendant one Saturday per month. Jonathan seconded the motion.

- 10. Future Agenda Items:** Update on Excavator, update on mower, salt shed, town hall/shop, line of credit, update on Sand Hill, update on Pine Knob, update on Dry Hollow.
- 11. Patrolman’s Report:** Ray Kirschbaum was at the meeting and said they are still dealing with flood cleanup. They have been hauling fill from next to shop, Pine Knob, built fence on Steve Peer’s to work on Sand Hill Road, laying gravel, doing patchwork and a little bit of mowing.
- 12. Correspondence:** Judi provided board with an aerial map of town property and survey of town property on Tower Road to get a better idea of the lot lines; 2026 recycling grant application complete and shared with board.
- 13. Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Jonathan to approve the invoices. This includes expected bills that will be coming in after the meeting such as BFI, SREC, Bumper to Bumper and Hennessey, along with a bill from Laurayne for reimbursement of lunches for fall cleanup in the amount of \$37.00. Tom seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the October 2025 board meeting and before the November 2025 board meeting are:

- 10/7/2025, #15546, BFI Waste Services, \$435.00.
- 10/12/2025, #15547, Jennifer Turner, \$550.00.
- 10/12/2025, #15548, SREC, \$49.00.
- 10/14/2025, #15549, Laurayne Fischer, \$37.00
- 10/14/2025, #15550, Rural Mutual, \$363.00.
- 10/14/2025, #15551, New Horizons, \$1,280.10.
- 11/02/2025, #15552, Hennessey Imp, \$11,000.00.
- 11/03/2025, electronic, IRS, \$707.60.
- 11/10/2025, #15553, Wolf's Grantland Graphics, \$100.40.
- 11/10/2025, #15554, Jennifer Turner, \$550.00.
- 11/13/2025, #15555, Thomas Haile, \$90.05.
- 11/13/2025, #15556, Thomas Haile, \$1,675.07.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom. Jonathan seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m. The budget meeting and November board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk