

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

1. **Call to Order:** Jerrod Waterman, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of February to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Jerrod Waterman, Chairman; Tom Haile, Supervisor; Jonathan Knowles, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer.

Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Ray and Mary Kirschbaum, Tiffany Waterman, Laurayne Fischer, Theresa Hollinger.

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 February board meeting was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, February 6, 2026. Notice of the February board meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on February 6, 2026.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the January 12, 2026, 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	\$ 315,242.03
Equipment fund savings	101.91
Red school house restoration	707.20
People’s Money Market	<u>95,919.92</u>
Total People’s State Bank Accounts:	\$ 411,971.06

Local Government Investment Pool Account:

General	\$ 11,800.92
LGIP Equipment	662.84
LGIP Red School	5,092.14
LGIP Building	<u>26.77</u>
LGIP Accounts Total	\$ 17,582.67
Total Monetary Assets	\$ 429,553.73

The amount of \$12,143.33 was deposited in the PSB Money Market for Grant County Bridge Aid on the Sand Hill project for tube reimbursement. The PSB Red School savings includes donations from Brechler, Dombeck and Uselman along with 2 small overpayments on taxes.

7. **Citizen Input:** None.

8. **Old Business:**

- **Update on WDF for August Flooding:** Jerrod said the flooding does not qualify for FEMA and said Jason Wagner is working on getting Wisconsin Disaster Funds through sometime in March or April and that will pay up to 70%.
- **Fire Board Update:** Tom attended the last Fire Board meeting and said he asked them if they had any drawings of the plans for the new fire/EMS station. The fire board explained they are trying to acquire the money to get these drawn up. Tom said so far in grants, they only have \$20,000. Jerrod asked what their plan is for us. James Ralph is the new fire chief.
- **Letter From Boscobel Fire Department Asking for Financial Support from the Town for the Cost of Work Necessary to Complete the State-Approved Plans for a New Boscobel Rural Fire/EMS Station:** Tabled to next meeting.
- **Salt Shed Update:** Jerrod has received no new estimates. Cleary is the only one who has put in an estimate so far.
- **Assessment of Town Ordinances:** Judi provided a list of all the ordinances she has in the Town's Book of Ordinances to the board. The board discussed identifying issues we have and if we want to make an ordinance. Judi will contact the county and see if they can give her a list of any ordinances they have that our township would fall under. Will look at websites to see what other townships have. The following may be things to take into consideration for various reasons: Wind mills, solar panels, rock quarries, mobile home parks, multiple units in the township.
- **Marion Bridge Town Hall Road/ARIP Program:** Jerrod is looking into the LSSIP program, which will pay 90% and we pay 10%. The ARIP program is 70/30. This is for construction of a new structure. If the bridge is torn out, it can be replaced with 2 tubes or a box culvert. The LSSIP program he thinks is better than the ARIP program and just came out last week. Based solely on poor condition of bridge but no guarantee. ARIP program has been applied for through the county. Travis Kramer is no longer there as county engineer and they are doing away with that position. Jerrod received a letter from Travis Kramer stating the DOT rated the condition of the bridge as a 3, which is serious condition. The letter references state and local funding. The size of the structure is determined by the drainage basin upstream of the site. He anticipates a reinforced concrete flat slab bridge or a reinforced concrete box culvert as the preferred replacement. His letter dated January 7 says this project falls in line with the next round of the Wis DOT ARIP program scheduled for roll-out sometime this spring.

9. New Business:

- **Follow Up on Citizen's Input From Last Meeting Where Theresa Hollinger Requested the Town to Submit a Written Plan for Diverting Flood Waters Away From Their Buildings on Dry Hollow Road:** Jerrod Waterman drew up a written proposal and distributed it to the involved parties for a drainage plan on Dry Hollow Road. This was read out loud at the meeting and is included in the clerk's records.

Theresa Hollinger was present at the meeting and stated that this plan sounds really expensive and wonders if the township would want to pass this because of the cost. She stated her proposal would be to mirror the ditch above her property with the rest of the ditch line and put a ditch back along Ward's property. The issue would be the driveway that needs to be solved. There needs to be a tube under the driveway. Jerrod said we would have to move the ditch back anyway to put the tube where it needs to be. Theresa said she wants to keep the proposal simpler, keep cost down and do something reasonably effective that all parties agree on. Jerrod said if we change the road, the width will have to go up to 24' wide consistent with width requirements. Discussed it could be dug out with a skid steer and needs to be sloped out to make it gradual. Theresa says if we all come to an agreement with ditch digging, it would be a lot cheaper but may have to move his driveway. She wants plans drawn up and looked at prior to meeting so as not to lose time and then can adopt the plans at the meeting. Theresa wants Jerrod to talk to Travis Ward and then get back to her to get it figured out.

- **Review Wages for Election Workers – Chief Inspector and Poll Workers:** Judi said the election workers are currently getting \$8.25/hour and went ahead and called a couple other townships to see what they pay their poll workers. The Town of Boscobel is paying \$15/hour to all election inspectors. Patch Grove inspectors get \$15/hour and the chief inspector gets \$20. The Village of Woodman election inspectors get \$14/hour and the chief inspector gets \$16/hour and they do not offer lunches. Training is also paid per hour. Jonathan made a motion to pay our election inspectors \$12.50 per hour and the chief inspectors \$15 per hour. Tom seconded the motion.
- **Update on Liquor License Requirements for Event Venues:** Bob and Julie Frey have asked Jerrod what forms they need for a liquor license for their barn venue. Jerrod said we can only issue 1 liquor license for 500 people. Jerrod had forms he will give to the Freys.
- **Discuss Damage on Town Hall Road by Log Skidder:** Jerrod said about a week ago Trever Wetter called him and said there was a log skidder going up Town Hall Road with chains on. Jerrod found out it was Darren Johnson. Darren admitted he drove up the road on a couple of spots because there was no access to logging because of the hillside. This has caused damage and when the roads clear again, we can assess the damage and he agreed to compensate for that. Tom said they also went up on Pine Knob. They were logging on the property that used to be Brian Wetter's.

Jonathan said Bob's dump trucks are wrecking the roads also --around the curve on Pine Knob. Jonathan brought up running trucks on hot roads and if we want an ordinance addressing this. We can add this to the list of potential ordinances.

- 10. Future Agenda Items:** Ordinances, publication for bids for gravel and seal coat, Theresa Hollinger update, WDF update, fire board update, fire department letter asking for funds (representative present at meeting), liquor license, Marion bridge ARIP or LSSIP, transportation resolution, salt shed update, log skidder update (road damage).
- 11. Patrolman's Report:** Other than plowing snow and sanding, started cutting brush on Riley Road as tree branches are hanging close to road.
- 12. Correspondence:** ARIP program information.
- 13. Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Tom to approve the invoices. Jonathan seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the February 2026 board meeting and before the March 2026 board meeting are:

- 2/27/2026, #15671, SREC, \$375.00.

- 14. Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom. Jonathan seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. The March meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk