

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
JANUARY 12, 2026**

1. **Call to Order:** Jerrod Waterman, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of January to order at 6:36 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Jerrod Waterman, Chairman; Tom Haile, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk. Jonathan Knowles, Supervisor and Laurie King, Treasurer were absent from the meeting.

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. Jerrod seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** Notice of the January 12, 2026, board meeting was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, January 8, 2026. Notice of the January board meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on January 8, 2026.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the December 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 Tom to approve them. The motion was seconded by Jerrod. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Judi Boughton as follows:

People’s State Bank Accounts:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Checking | \$ 433,568.73 |
| Equipment fund savings | 101.91 |
| Red school house restoration | 470.82 |
| People’s Money Market | <u>83,590.06</u> |
| Total People’s State Bank Accounts: | \$ 517,731.52 |

Local Government Investment Pool Account:

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| General | \$ 11,763.93 |
| LGIP Equipment | 660.76 |
| LGIP Red School | 5,076.18 |
| LGIP Building | <u>26.69</u> |
| LGIP Accounts Total | \$ 17,527.56 |
| Total Monetary Assets | \$ 535,259.08 |

The 1st quarter of the DOT transportation aid in the amount of \$29,241.40 and \$18,178.00 from the LRIP program for the 2020/2021 Peer Road project have been deposited in the Peoples State Bank money market account and reflected in the above balance.

7. **Citizen Input:** Theresa Hollinger was present at the meeting. She stated she lives at 15859 Dry Hollow Road. She has attended prior meetings where she, Nick Hollis, Travis Ward and the board discussed the flooding issues they are having with stormwater runoff crossing the road and damaging their property. She has now sought legal counsel to see what options there are regarding this property and the flooding from runoff they have been experiencing. She is here asking the town board for a resolution so she has something in writing on what steps the town will be taking as discussed at prior meetings to help the water runoff go to the dry bed. She is asking for a resolution to be on record identifying a timeline or she will pursue an injunction to push forward some sort of action. She said she has no interest in causing more issues but wants a plan going forward. She said there are issues with the side of the road heading north on Ward's side of Dry Hollow, that the whole line of road has a ditch except his property. Jerrod says we need to carve out the road and put in a tube to deepen the road. There are spots where the ditch has filled in over time. She is worried a tube will cause flat spots. Jerrod said we are going to try to manage the water flow and explained the plan. Travis Ward will be included in the plan and Jerrod will have a written plan by the next meeting. Discussed having the county engineer look at the situation for just the road portion as they know the water flow. She is requesting a written plan, and Jerrod will get it to her by the next meeting so she can look it over and also let Travis Ward look it over so all are in agreement.

8. **Old Business:**

- **Update on WDF for August Flooding:** Jerrod said the state is putting through an appeal with FEMA for the August flooding. Jason from Grant County Emergency Management said if that goes through, FEMA will reimburse 82.5%. If not, it will go back to WDF and the reimbursement there is 70%. Waiting to hear from state office now.

9. **New Business:**

- **Review and Discussion of Proposed Ballot Language for a Binding or Advisory Referendum Regarding the Construction of a New Town Hall/Shop/Salt Shed to be Placed on the August 2026 Ballot Including Size of Construction and Cost Associated with Construction:** The Board discussed just going with a salt shed and board needs to find out the cost of a salt shed. Will likely not need to have a referendum. Table to next meeting.

- **Address Issue of Vibrator for Pickup Truck Sander:** The vibrator for the sander has been installed and works well.
- **Fire Board Update:** The next fire board meeting is on January 14 and Tom will come to the February meeting with a summary.
- **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.** The township received a letter from the Boscobel Fire Department asking for a contribution to support the cost of work necessary to complete state-approved plans for a new Boscobel Rural Fire/EMS station. They need to raise \$62,500 from 10 municipalities and are asking the township's contribution to be the same percentage as the municipal assessment, which is 20.10231%, making the town's portion \$12,563.94. This was discussed by the board and will be tabled to February's meeting when Jonathan is able to attend the meeting.
- **Assessment of Town Ordinances:** Judi will make a list of ordinances and bring to next meeting.
- **Marion Bridge on Town Hall Road and ARIP Program:** Travis Kramer said the Marion bridge falls under the ARIP program and we will need to apply through this program for the bridge project.

10. Future Agenda Items: Fire board update, ordinances, Marion bridge and ARIP program, written plan requested by Theresa Hollinger.

11. Patrolman's Report: The patrolmen have been blading snow, sanding, maintenance of both trucks – new snow plow lights, discussed light on cab, can get flat LED light for cab. Salt pile is holding out well. Discussed addressing shrub trees on Riley Road. Red truck has a crack in window that needs replaced.

12. Correspondence: Received a thank you note from Troy Brechler for Tom helping him when he was stuck in the snow by plowing and sanding his drive. Troy donated \$100 to the red school house.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Tom to approve the invoices. Jerrod seconded the motion.

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

- 1/13/2026, #15641 Safelite \$422.47.
- 1/20/2026, Electronic, Wisconsin DOR, \$713.20.
- 1/21/2026, Electronic, Wisconsin DOR, \$10.00.
- 1/20/2026, 15642, Catalis, \$437.70

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk