

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
July 13, 2026**

1. **Call to Order:** Jerrod Waterman, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of July to order at 6:36 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, Randy Dombeck, Laurayne Fischer, Galen and Peggy Freymiller.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Jonathan to leave the agenda items in the order they were posted. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** Notice of the July board meeting was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, July 9, 2026. Notice of the July board meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the website on July 10, 2026.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the June 8, 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	\$ 7,816.32
Equipment fund savings	100.04
Red school house restoration	464.05
People's Money Market	<u>39,051.05</u>
Total People's State Bank Accounts:	\$ 47,431.46

Local Government Investment Pool Account:

General	\$ 55,415.87
LGIP Equipment	674.85
LGIP Red School	5,784.49
LGIP Building	<u>27.17</u>
Total LGIP Accounts	\$ 61,902.38

Total Monetary Assets **\$ 109,333.84**

Regarding the town website, Laurie said she called the WTA and spoke with an attorney to see where statutes are as far as the ADA compliance piece of it. They changed the date to be in compliance to April of 2028, and a .gov website is still only a strong suggestion but nothing in statutes. She said this may likely be changed for clerks soon but not necessarily for everyone else. The other two situations we are having with the current website is storage of documents and running into issues uploading documents. Current website will not hold a lot of ordinances, so if we want them posted it will not work for that. Current website is not mobile read, which is an issue and does not have a certificate of security. The attorney said that would not be an issue if we are not collecting money. Laurie wants to know if we want it on the agenda in order to get quotes for the next meeting. It is in the budget for this year to make the change. Jerrod does not see a reason not to get quotes ahead. Laurie said she will get a package and see what it costs.

The county uses the Catalis tax system (the tax system is used for local tax administration, assessments and digital payment processing). All of the tax bills get uploaded into the software and Laurie will be able to log into the system and take payments. She will have to submit a form giving them our bank information and property owners can pay with a credit card on the portal or can pay with a check deposit online. Discussed and it was agreed to have a separate account for these deposits. Discussed opening a checking or savings account. Tom made a motion to open a separate account at Peoples State Bank for tax deposits to keep it separate from other banking. Jonathan seconded the motion, and Laurie will handle.

7. Citizen Input: None.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on Wisconsin Disaster Funds for August 2025 Flooding:** Jerrod has not received any emails from them since May. Judi had received a call from someone at the State for Jerrod to complete something on the WDF website. Jerrod attempted to go online but was unable to find the request of information needed and will follow through.
- **Fire Board Update:** Nothing new to report as there has not been a new meeting.
- **Review Budget and Discuss and/or Make a Decision on Request 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 and Rural Fire/EMS Station:** The Boscobel Fire Department needs \$250,000 for state-approved plans for their building project. The City of Boscobel is paying half (\$125,000), leaving half for the other 10 municipalities to split. They are planning on the municipal assessment percentage from each town ($\$125,000 \times .2010231$ (Marion's percentage of municipal assessment from 2025) = \$25,127.89, or \$12,563.95 if divided into 2 years). The township is allowed to pay the total over two years. Judi provided a summary of categorized expenditures spent so far this year. Additionally, we are estimated to receive \$21,000 to \$25,000 in WDF once work is completed and submitted to the state but unsure if it will be yet this year. The board discussed we should be able to pay the amount the fire department is requesting if we only do 3.7 miles at \$85,710.50. This will be tabled to the next meeting for further discussion.

- **Salt Shed Update:** Jerrod said it will be about \$16,000 difference if using K blocks over poured cement for the salt shed. The roof doesn't change much between either build. Some of the cost savings comes from rebar as there is no rebar in the blocks but still need something tying it together. Priced included putting a bond cap on the top so once blocks are set, they will pour a bond across the top. Jonathan still wants documentation from DNR why we cannot be using the old salt shed. Jerrod discussed he received a call from Joel from the DNR. Jerrod will call the DNR to get more information and ask them for documentation in writing that we are ordered to move our salt shed.
- **Update on Marion Bridge Town Hall Road/ARIP Program, LSSIP Program:** Jerrod is still waiting to hear on the LSSIP awards that were supposed to be in June and there have not been any grants given out yet that we know of. Travis Kramer said we should know by the 25th of June, but Jerrod has not heard anything. Galen Freymiller was present at the meeting and said they are resetting the electric pole by Marion Church this week.
- **Update on Sale of Sterling Truck:** Jerrod has listed the truck for sale and has had a couple of people call and ask questions about it but no one solidly interested in it. Same thing with the truck he has, a few interested but not anyone serious yet.
- **Adopt Dog License Ordinance:** Judi presented a Dog License Regulation Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2026-003 to the board for review and possible adoption. The statutory scheduled tax of \$8 for unneutered male and female dogs was raised to \$9 per dog; and the statutory tax for neutered and spayed dogs was raised from \$3 to \$4. Tom made a motion to adopt the dog license ordinance. Jonathan seconded the motion.

9. New Business:

- **Discuss Funding for Seal Coating. Discussed what we want to do for seal coating:**
Discussed 2026 seal coating plans. Tom thinks we should definitely seal coat Crown Hill. Jonathan thinks we should at least do 4 miles. Crown Hill and Boebel together are 3.7 miles Jerrod said. Single seal is \$23,165.00 for 3.7 miles, totaling \$85,710.50. There is currently \$137,000 budgeted for this year. The edges will need to be cut down first. Tom made a motion to re-seal coat Boebel and Crown Hill. Jonathan seconded the motion. Randy Dombeck was present at the meeting and mentioned the tubes on Dry Hollow Road. Someone will call in for a relocate on Dry Hollow and plan on putting the tubes in next week.
- **Discuss Funding for Salt Shed:** This will be tabled until we can get information first. Jerrod will check on estimates.
- **Adopt Fee Schedule:** Judi presented a fee schedule, which includes permits and licenses, cemetery plots and miscellaneous fees (publication and background fees). A motion was made by Jonathan to adopt the fee schedule. Tom seconded the motion.
- **Problems with Republic Picking Up Garbage:** Tom said Republic has been pretty good picking up the garbage lately. They pick up every week. Jerrod said we will keep a watch on the price and see if it stays stable.
- **2027 Grant County Road Aid Petition for Appropriation for the Improvement of a Highway:** Tom made a motion for the 2027 grant county road aid improvements be put

toward Crown Hill spots that have been washed out under seal coat that need repair and reconstruction. Jonathan seconded the motion and the board signed the 2027 Grant County Road Aid Petition for Appropriation for the Improvement of a Highway.

- **Allegiant Propane Contract:** For 2025/2026, the township contracted 600 gallons propane prepaid and used 615.40. Judi proposed contracting for 2026/2027, 700 gallons prepaid at \$1.64 per gallon for a total of \$1,148.00. A motion was made by Tom to approve the contract at 700 gallons prepaid and Jonathan seconded the motion.
- 10. Future Agenda Items:** Jerrod said Grant County Zoning wants us to talk about the AEA Ag improvement program. Website information from Laurie. Sterling truck update. Most everything on old business. Salaries/Wages schedule. Catalis tax system by Laurie for online payment. Data centers as Grant County moratorium might not stand. They offer limited zoning; look into that. Patrolman hours.
- 11. Patrolman's Report:** Ray Kirschbaum said they are mowing grass, cutting down trees, roads washed out he has been finding, switching out faded out signs; did work on old 61 this morning as it has washed out across road from the quarry again. First swipe of mowing is done. Galen Freymiller commented he is still looking at patrolmen hours and we are still 40 hours past a full-time employee. Jerrod stated every Monday morning they come up with a plan for the week on what needs to get done and Tom and Tiger keep Jerrod abreast as to what is going on and what needs to be done.
- 12. Correspondence:** Building permit for Walter Kowal. T-Mobile plans. Thank you note from Boscobel Rescue Squad.
- 13. Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Tom to approve the invoices. Jonathan seconded the motion. Additional checks written out after the July 2026 board meeting and before the August 2026 board meeting are:
- None.
- 14. Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom. Jonathan seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The August meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk