

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

1. **Call to Order:** Jerrod Waterman, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of March to order at 6:34 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: Carl Thorsen representing Scott Construction; Amy Northouse representing Prairie Sand & Gravel; Jake Yager from J&N Stone; Michael Pittsley representing Fahrner; Laurayne Fischer, Bob Frey of Frey's Trucking and Stone, Theresa Hollinger and Nick Hollis, Ray and Mary Kirschbaum.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Jonathan to move the gravel and seal coat bids ahead of the other agenda items. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** Notice of the March board meeting was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, March 5, 2026. Notice of the March board meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on March 5, 2026.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the February 9, 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	\$ 9,851.79
Equipment fund savings	100.00
Red school house restoration	100.00
People's Money Market	<u>20,037.31</u>
Total People's State Bank Accounts:	\$ 30,089.10

Local Government Investment Pool Account:		
General	\$	129,304.91
LGIP Equipment		666.63
LGIP Red School		5,714.13
LGIP Building		<u>26.85</u>
 Total LGIP Accounts	\$	 135,712.52
 Total Monetary Assets	 \$	 165,801.62

7. Citizen Input: None.

New Business agenda items 1 and 2 were moved ahead of all other old and new business agenda items as follows:

- **Open Sealed Gravel Bids and Award to Contractor:** There are two gravel bids. Jerrod opened the bids and read them as follows:

Prairie Sand & Gravel:

\$7.00/Ton picked up ¾" road gravel
 \$8.36/Ton delivered ¾" road gravel.
 \$7.00/Ton picked up 3" breaker rock
 \$8.36/Ton delivered 3" breaker rock

Frey Trucking:

\$8.95/Ton delivered ¾" road rock.
 \$7.00/Ton picked up ¾" road gravel

The Board discussed Prairie Sand & Gravel is \$0.60 cheaper for gravel delivered than Frey. This was advertised for the season. Pickup price is the same for each business. Since Prairie Sand & Gravel is the lowest, they want to accept the lowest bid for delivered. Tom made a motion to accept Prairie Sand & Gravel. Jerrod seconded the motion.

- **Open Sealed Seal Coat Bids and Award to Contractor:** There are three seal coat bids submitted as follows:

Fahrner Asphalt Sealers:

20' top single seal per mile \$21,158.00; double seal \$42,066.00.
 22' top single seal per mile \$23,273.00; double seal \$46,296.00.

J&N Stone LLC:

- 24' wide single seal \$23,232.00.
- 22' wide single seal \$21,296 (given verbally at meeting).
- 3/8" limestone -- \$1.65/square yard.

Scott Construction:

- 20' single seal over hard surface \$21,060.00
- 20' wide double seal over gravel surface \$42,120.
- 20' wide single heavy seal over gravel surface \$33,900.
- 22' wide single seal over hard surface \$23,165.
- 22' wide double seal over gravel surface \$46,330.
- 22' wide single heavy seal over gravel surface \$37,325.

All use 3/8" limestone chips. Fahrner's does not say this on their bid, but this was confirmed by Michael Pittsley.

Discussed hot oil versus emulsion. Discussed quality of product for hot oil versus emulsion. Carl Thorsen from Scott explained most of the towns prefer hot oil in this area for greater longevity. Cities with more traffic prefer emulsion with stopping and starting at stop signs. The emulsion is more brittle but you pay less for it. The board chooses to go with the hot oil product that Scott and Fahrner offer for the projects in mind. The price differences are \$23,165 per Scott and \$23,273 per Fahrner for a single seal over hard surface. Tom made a motion to accept Scott's bid. The motion was seconded by Jonathan.

Jerrod discussed Tower Road needs to be seal coated again (within a couple of years). If not Tower Road, then Town Hall from Pine Knob up needs to be done. Jonathan said Judi mentioned O'Shadow Lane has not been done since 2012 and Laurie said Boebel Road also needs to be done.

8. Old Business:

- **Update on WDF for August Flooding:** Jerrod will be attending a meeting Wednesday night at 6:30 with Jason Wagner and Kelsy Brown in Lancaster. Judi provided copies of invoices, time cards and cancelled check records related to the August flooding. The plan is for Jerrod to attend the meeting, and Tom may ride along.
- **Fire Board Update:** Tom reported there have been no meetings with the Fire Board.
- **Follow Up on 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 and Rural Fire/EMS Station: This will be tabled to the next meeting and a representative from the fire department and/or EMS has been invited to attend the meeting in April to give the board a chance to ask relevant questions. Jamie Ralph is the new fire chief and has been contacted.

- **Salt Shed Update:** Jerrod has 3 bids that are supposed to be coming in. Tom added if he has to deal with what he had to this year with the salt sticking in the box, he will not spread salt next year. The salt does not drop out of the truck and sticks even though there is a vibrator, which helped at first but not always and it is due to the way the salt is being stored. The board discussed that by the May meeting we should have a good idea who we can get to build the salt shed. Discussed the size they are looking at and its use. The town needs a place to keep salt and product dry.
- **Update on Assessment of Town Ordinances:** Table to next meeting.
- **Update on Marion Bridge Town Hall Road/ARIP Program, LSSIP Program:** Jerrod is still waiting to hear back on the Local Small Structure Improvement Program (LSSIP). Need to facilitate someone to get these grants. So far, Cedar Corporation is the only one that reached out that can write a grant and do the engineering services. Theresa Hollinger was present and recommended we check out how much we will be stuck for if the grant does not go through. Jerrod said we are signed up for ARIP as far as what he thinks. There was a letter that went out from Travis Kramer that sounded like we were already signed up for the Agriculture Road Improvement Program (ARIP). Larry McCabe will be getting back to Jerrod on an estimate for the cement work. The letter from Cedar Corporation was read out loud. They have a team of grant writers and planners as well as a team of transportation and structural engineers. The letter from Travis Kramer was also shared to the board regarding the Marion Church bridge. Jerrod will contact Cedar Corporation to see what our obligations would be.
- **Follow up on Plan to Control Water Flow Across Dry Hollow Road Affecting Hollinger/Hollis Property:** Jerrod said he is going to keep the same recommendations as before, based on if the tube requires replacement or road needs re-engineering. The first step is the creation of the northside ditch being deeper and wider. Raise road 8 inches and change diagonal of tube. Will not change tube until it is no longer functional. Nick Hollis says it is working pretty good right now. Nick said he put a couple rocks out. Jerrod said idea was to cut ditch wider and deeper. If road falls into disrepair they will change it up. If tube rots out, we will change direction for better water flow. Jerrod said ditches fill in and they need to be dug out. Tom made a motion to work on it when it dries out to go wider and deeper on the north side of the road, Dry Hollow. The motion was seconded by Jonathan.
- **Follow Up to Log Skidder Damage on Town Hall Road:** Jerrod did not see a lot of damage where Darren Johnson took the skidder off the trailer On Town Hall where he pulled the logs across the road, there is not a lot of damage. Jerrod said he wants to ask him for \$500 to fill the holes in at the intersection of Pine Knob

and Town Hall if he is willing to pay. Tom made a motion to charge the logger, Darren Johnson, \$500 for road damage. Jonathan seconded the motion.

- **Liquor License Application:** Bob Frey was present at the meeting and said they are working on completing their application for a liquor license. Julie is talking to someone at the state tonight. The state legislature is working on modifying the law regarding permits. Bob said they still have the paperwork in their hands but will be sending it out but not sure if they will need it or not. If modification passes, they will not need a liquor license and they are not looking for a full-fledged bar.

9. New Business:

- **Open Sealed Seal Coat Bids and Award to Contractor:** This agenda item was moved before all other agenda items and is listed above.
- **Open Sealed Gravel Bids and Award to Contractor:** This agenda item was moved to before all other agenda items and is listed above.
- **Coordinate Workers, Schedule Dumpsters and Verify Recycling Charges for Spring Cleanup, Saturday, May 2:** Judi is looking for verification on all charges for certain items that cannot be thrown in the dumpster at spring cleanup. The board verified a \$25 disposal fee will be charged for TVs and computers. Tires are \$5 each for car tires, truck tires \$10 each, tractor tires \$20 each. Laurayne will coordinate spring cleanup workers. Henry and Tom usually help. Tom will schedule two 40-yard dumpsters. A motion was made by Tom to keep disposal fee charges the same. Jonathan seconded the motion.

10. Future Agenda Items: Salt shed update. Update on Marion Bridge. Liquor license update. All of the same agenda items as the March meeting except for the Dry Hollow Road issue.

11. Patrolman's Report: They have been cutting brush, plowing snow and cleaning up the stormwater mess on old 61. They have had to do this twice. Discussed billing Dillman for labor and equipment, skid steer, 2 trucks, flatbed and road signs. Another camera is missing from the side of the lower shop. The board discussed and decided to get a replacement camera.

12. Correspondence: Log cutting notice for James and Jamie Birchman.

13. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jonathan to approve the invoices. Tom seconded the motion. Additional checks written out after the March 2026 board meeting and before the April 2026 board meeting are:

- 4/6/2026 #15691 SREC \$246.64.
- 4/6/2026 #15692 Boscobel Senior Dining \$20.00.
- 4/14/2026 Electronic IRS \$463.29.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom. Jonathan seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. The Annual Meeting and April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk