

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
MAY 11, 2026**

1. **Call to Order:** Jerrod Waterman, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of May 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: Laurie Fischer, Galen and Peggy Freymiller, Ray and Mary Kirschbam, Julie and Bob Frey, Randy Dombeck and Herschel Marks, Todd Fischer, Carol Roth and Jamie Ralph.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Tom to move the fire department agenda item ahead of the rest of the agenda items as posted. Jonathan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** Notice of the May board meeting was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Notice of the May board meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on May 8, 2026.

The following agenda item was moved ahead of all other agenda items by the above motion - Representative From Fire Department/EMS At Meeting to Discuss 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: Herschel Marks, Todd Fischer, Carol Roth and Jamie Ralph were present at the meeting as representatives for the Boscobel Rural and Fire Department in support of the new Boscobel and Rural Fire/EMS station. They stated currently they still need around \$250,000 to get state-approved drawings and plans for a ready-to-build fire station. They are in the process of trying to get government funding through Senator Tammy Baldwin's office. Carol Roth said once they hear from her, they will pull the trigger and get the plans done. The total cost of the building is over \$10 million and the proposed Baldwin funding is \$5.75 million. They would then try to get USDA community funds and other funds. The plan is to build space for not only today but something that would also serve the community down the road in the future. The fire department answers over 100 calls a year and the EMS over 800 a year. They are expecting contributions from the townships for financing the state-approved plans. Carol Roth stated if something would happen and the funds do not get used for the plans, those funds have to go back to the townships by law and there is a specific building fund set up through the fire department for deposit of these funds.

The funds are appropriated for 2027. They are looking to get the money for the state-approved plans by the end of this year from the townships. Carol said it can be divided up into 2 fiscal years if making a commitment to do that.

Jerrod asked how much other municipalities have committed. Carol said almost everyone has said yes and pledged an amount but the City of Boscobel is the only one putting cash into the account currently.

The City of Boscobel will be contributing \$125,000 and the rest divided among the remaining 10 municipalities. The Town of Marion is expected to contribute 17% based on assessed value of the portion of the township serviced by Boscobel Fire Department, which amounts to \$21,250. Roth said there is no way they can guarantee there will not be a tax increase but that that is the goal. Turnout gear is a big cost Todd Fischer said.

When asked what will happen to the old fire station, it was explained the City of Boscobel gets first right of refusal. They have looked at multiple locations and the industrial park location option is the best they could find. They have 8 acres and the estimated bid for the project is a little over \$10 million.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the April 21, 2026, annual meeting and April 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 Jonathan. 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	\$	4,312.70
Equipment fund savings		100.02
Red school house restoration		282.08
People's Money Market		<u>16,497.46</u>
Total People's State Bank Accounts:	\$	21,192.26

Local Government Investment Pool Account:

General	\$	84,966.54
LGIP Equipment		670.75
LGIP Red School		57,49.39
LGIP Building		<u>27.01</u>
Total LGIP Accounts	\$	91,413.69

Total Monetary Assets **\$ 112,605.95**

7. **Citizen Input:** None.

8. **Old Business:**

- **Update on Wisconsin Disaster Funds for August 2025 Flooding:** Jerrod said he is still working on whenever they need an update or signature. He signed an affidavit of the work to be completed and the work we have done – Affidavit of Assurances.
- **Fire Board Update:** Tom attended the last meeting for the fire board and said they discussed what needs to be done with the fire trucks, turnout gear they need to purchase, if they hire new firemen, the background checks, etc. They will be putting tires on 2 trucks this year. They do 2 trucks a year. Bob Frey was present and said the tires have to come off every so many years.
- **Representative From Fire Department/EMS At Meeting to Discuss 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 agenda item was moved ahead of all other agenda items. Please see above.
- **Salt Shed Update:** No new bids or estimates for construction of a salt shed. Jonathan said we need documentation on why we cannot use the old salt shed as we have only received verbal instruction and nothing on paper. Jerrod said he has no letter but said he received a call from Joel (probably from the DNR). Randy Dombeck asked if we got a bid for concrete, and he thinks we will have a hard time finding someone to pour a 16-foot wall. Jerrod discussed using blocks and tying those together with rebar – pour floor between two sets of blocks. Bob said blocks vary in size and whether they are completely level. The building would be 30' x 60' and 2 interior walls with bays on the end. Galen asked about using Lego blocks (interlocking concrete blocks. The corners are tied together every other row. He said they are probably more expense but better to go with something that would tie it together but cannot buy the blocks locally and Jerrod said trucking would be a nightmare.
- **Update on Marion Bridge Town Hall Road/ARIP Program, LSSIP Program:** Right now, Jerrod said we are locked into the LSSIP and grants are not awarded until June. Travis Kramer said what we want to do will not work out hydrologically. He put in \$630,000 for a bridge through the LSSIP program and got the application in on April 30, 2026 right at the deadline. Bob said you can get square box concrete comes in sections and you bolt together.
- **Amend “Ordinance No. 2026-002 An Ordinance Regulating the Authorization of Alcohol Beverage Licenses and Permits in the Town of Marion, Grant County, Wisconsin” to section on Operator’s License 4(a):** Judi brought to the board’s attention that the ordinance states at section (4)(a) Operator’s licenses may be granted to individuals by the Town Board for the purpose of complying with Sections 125.32(2) and 125.68(2), Stats. Motion was made and carried at the last meeting for the clerk to issue operator’s (bartender’s) licenses and the language was amended to state this in

Ordinance No. 2026-002. A motion was made by Tom to amend Ordinance No. 2026-002, section (4)(a) stating that operator's licenses may be granted by the town clerk. Jonathan seconded the motion.

- **Adopt Resolution for Schedule of Fees for the Town of Marion (Resolution 2026-001):** This will be tabled to a future meeting as a dog license ordinance needs to be drafted due to a change in fees.
- **Follow up on Spring Cleanup:** Laurayne said spring cleanup on Saturday was a good day but long. Tom ordered tubs in February from Republic Services and called to confirm and they said they did not have us down. He told them the cleanup was the next day and it was their mistake. They ended up sending 30-yard dumpsters instead of 40. After the cleanup they had patch material coming and the dumpsters were in the way. The dumpsters were packed as hard as they could pack them. Other than that, everything went decent. Laurayne collected \$245 off of 45 tires. One was a tractor tire. There were TVs but no charge this time for them as Jerrod took them.
- **2026 Recycling Program Accomplishments and Actual Costs Annual Report:** In 2024, per capita collection was 30.91 with standard collection of 82.40. In 2025, per capita collection was 47.02 pounds/person/year. Republic Services had to be contacted to send a tonnage report for recycling, but the recycling grant was filed on time. The amount of the grant is \$1,079.55.

9. Old Business:

- **2006 Sterling Dump Truck (Jerrod):** Jerrod stated everyone who has driven the 2006 Sterling since we purchased it says it is too big. Jerrod thinks we should sell it and buy a different truck that gets around better. Jerrod purchased a truck himself for \$12,000 at auction, paid for sales tax. Everything is ready to go for licensing. He is offering to sell it to the township and will ride the money on it until we sell the other truck and, if the board agrees, they can purchase it from him. Some of the reasons for selling the Sterling are it breaks up the side of the road, was the best option they had at the time and not a lot of room when turning around. We paid \$60,000 for it. The truck Jerrod purchased is a 2010, has 202,000 miles on it but has a brand new motor. Jerrod says it is in good shape but rusty on the outside so he painted the frame with salt water rust inhibitor. It is an additive to regular rust-control paint. Jerrod's thought is the bigger truck may be more valuable since it is a bigger truck. It is a 2006. Jerrod thought we could put the extra money back when we come up short in July and August that Laurie pointed out. Jerrod was thinking of selling through Wisconsin Surplus since they do not charge a seller's fee and only a buyer's fee and put it on auction with a minimum purchase amount. Galen said until it is sold you shouldn't buy something else. The Sterling has about 180,000 miles on it. The truck Jerrod bought is from Grant County. Galen said he doesn't think Jerrod should be buying equipment and then asking the township to buy it. Doesn't think it is good business for the president to be buying stuff. He should look ahead and plan. Galen was offering his opinion as a tax payer. Jerrod said we are trying to find more options for things we need. Judi said they could not

make a decision on this at this meeting since it was not a specific agenda item to sell the truck and purchase a different one.

- **Cozy Acres Mobile Home Park License Renewal:** Michelle Gillette, owner of Cozy Acres, paid the \$100 license fee for renewal. Jerrod made a motion to approve the mobile home park license. Jonathan seconded the motion.
- **Approve \$500 donation to Boscobel Rescue Squad:** Tom made a motion to approve a donation to Boscobel Rescue Squad for \$500. Jonathan seconded the motion.
- **Approve \$250 donation to Woodman First Responders:** Tom made a motion to approve a donation to Woodman First Responders for \$250. Jonathan seconded the motion.

10. Future Agenda Items: Liquor license for Memories on Maple. Sale of Sterling truck and consideration of 2020 Peterbilt single axle with plows and sander, Wisconsin Disaster Fund update, discuss fire department funds for state-approved plan, salt shed update (look at running hammers for salt shed). Bob said it costs \$1,500 dollars a day plus insurance to run hammers. Jerrod knows someone close that has one for a skid loader.

11. Patrolman's Report: Ray Kirschbaum said other than patching roads and cutting road edges back and washouts, been kept busy. Most of roads are patched but did run out of patch. Randy Dombeck asked Dry Hollow Road by Bill Waterman's. Jerrod said we are putting a tube in front of Bill Waterman's that carries water diagonally and one replacing one already west of his place. In that curve, there was never one there or it has been buried.

12. Correspondence: None.

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

- Check #15743 disbursed to Jennifer Turner in advance of meeting, \$550.00.

14. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom. Jonathan seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The June meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk