MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
September 14, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Jerrod Waterman, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of September 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, Laurayne Fischer, Tiffany Waterman, Peggy and Galen Freymiller, Randy Dombeck.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Tom to leave the agenda items in the order they were posted. Jonathan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** Notice of the September board meeting was published in the Boscobel Dial on Thursday, September 10, 2026. Notice of the September board meeting and agenda were posted at the town shop and on the town website on September 11, 2026.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the August 10, 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	$ 24,875.77
Equipment fund savings	100.04
Red school house restoration	564.05
Tax Revenue	100.00
Money Market	395.68
Total People's State Bank Accounts:	$ 26,035.54
Local Government Investment Pool Account:	
General	$ 35,763.45
LGIP Equipment	679.09
LGIP Red School	5,820.77
LGIP Building	27.34
Total LGIP Accounts	$ 42,290.65
Total Monetary Assets	**$ 68,326.19**

The 3rd quarter DOT road aid will go into the money market account around October 2nd in the amount of $29,241.40.

7. **Citizen Input:** Todd King wanted Laurie to bring up the tubes by their place. The tube below their house has been full for 3 or 4 years and last year in August the big tube on Cellar Way became full.
8. **Old Business:**
   - **Update on Wisconsin Disaster Funds for August 2025 Flooding:** Jerrod said the WDF application is advanced in the system and now waiting on the state to pay out whatever they are going to do on that.
   - **Fire Board Update:** Tom Haile was at the last fire board meeting in Boscobel and said the fire department is waiting to see if any grants come through for them for the new fire station building. Other than that, they are talking about how much to spend on tires, etc. The main thing they are talking about is purchasing new turnout gear and things like that and waiting to see if any grants come through for the new building.
   - **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:** Jerrod said the board is waiting until November to know where we stand financially and opted out of signing the pledge card at this time.
   - **Salt Shed Update:** Jerrod corresponded through email to Jacob Dickman of the DNR and he stated he did not think the salt shed matter fell under the DNR purview and sent Jerrod over to the DOT. Jerrod said we are not allowed to use the salt shed and can relocate it to the area we are planning on putting it on Tower Road. We will have to install berms. The current salt shed can be used for anything except road products. We also cannot continue to put cold patch where it is currently being stored.
   - **Update on Marion Bridge Town Hall Road/ARIP Program, LSSIP Program:** LSSIP funds fell through for the Marion bridge on Town Hall Road project. We will now seek funding through the ARIP program, which is 70/30 reimbursement and will have to pay out-of-pocket until then as we cannot apply until 2027. Galen Freymiller was present and states he thinks the bridge needs to be moved somewhat to the west away from the church.
   - **Update on Sale of Sterling Truck:** Nothing new there. No interested parties in the purchase of the Sterling truck. Galen mentioned the Hickory Grove truck up by Fennimore that is for sale that we might be interested in. Jerrod wondered if anyone was interested and he will get information on it.
   - **Discuss Funding for Salt Shed.** Jerrod thinks we will have to borrow money if we are going to build a salt shed this year and that we will have to focus on either the bridge or the salt shed. Jerrod thinks the bridge shouldn't be pushed back and asked if we want to look at loan options. Tom said having the salt outside doesn't work well for the patrolmen as the salt sticks together. Jerrod mentioned doing a salt shed in stages. The board wants to check out information on a loan. Estimates are $45,000 for K-block avenue and $100,000 for poured concrete. Jerrod will check on loan options.
   - **Website Update:** Nothing new on this yet.

9. **New Business:**
    - **Discuss Draft Wage Schedule of All Employees:** Judi suggested passing a resolution for a fee schedule for wages so all the wages are documented in one location and handed out a draft resolution to the board for discussion. This can be finalized at the November meeting.
    - **Look into Information on Preventing Data Centers in Township:** Nothing has been done on this.
    - **Establish Refund Policy by Resolution for Handling Nominal Property Tax Overpayments:** Laurie said she is proposing we set an amount that is less than $4 for property tax overpayments that will not be refunded. This amount will work out well so that dog tax in the amount of $4 can be refunded if necessary. These nominal overpayments will be kept in the general fund. The resolution will be finalized for the October meeting.
    - **Brechler Cemetery Entrance and Fence:** Jerrod said they took the gate out at the Brechler cemetery because the post it is holding onto is tipping over. Two of the 4 fences need to be replaced also. He also stated we need to take some trees out on the west or south side and do cleanup work around the other two sides.
    - **Address Problem with Town Tube Near Sazama Residence:** Jerrod stated we need to address the problem with the township's tube near the Sazama residence on Wisconsin Valley Road. The tube located near the Sazama property is falling in and not passing water anymore. They want to put it on the downhill side of his drive way. A 24" x 70' tube is $1,815.80. Need 2 bands, which are 31.87 a piece for a total of $1,879.54. A 36" x 70' tube is $3,374. Two bands come to $192.78 for a total of $3,566.78. The board is also talking about putting a pan on the existing tube down below and the pan is $572.00. County pays half, starting at 36". Jerrod asked when we should put it in and the board decided to put it in next year. They want to go with the 36" tube totaling 3,566.78. This will be put in the budget for next year.

10. **Future Agenda Items:** Resolution for refund policy on taxes, salt and gravel, town cleanup update, cemetery fence.
11. **Patrolman's Report:** Ray Kirschbaum said they have been working on Smokey Hollow, odd jobs fixing roads, cutting edges back, mowing. Galen Freymiller was at the meeting and was asking why we are paying more in worker's comp and how the extra patrolmen hours are affecting it.
12. **Correspondence:** Laurie received a check for $100 from Dana Bodenbender in honor of her mother, Vereen Fritz, as a donation to the red school house thanking the township for allowing her mother's ashes to be spread. Building permit for Gary Gebhard was reviewed by the board.
13. **Approval of Invoices:** A motion was made by Jonathan to approve the invoices. Tom seconded the motion. Additional checks written out after the September 2026 board meeting and before the October 2026 board meeting are: None.
14. **Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jonathan. Tom seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm. The October meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith A. Boughton, Clerk