

TOWN OF MARION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026 – 7 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order / Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Garrel Walejko opened the board meeting at 7:04pm on Thursday, January 8, 2026. The Pledge was cited. Present were Chairman Garrel Walejko, Supervisor Bill Behnke, Clerk Tonya Nigh, Treasurer Karen Savignac, Deputy Adam Spitler, Bob Savignac, Adam Kelley, Adam Blader & Tarin Vincy. Supervisor Dave Chase arrived at 7:10pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. December 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting - Behnke made a motion to approve the December 11, 2025 minutes. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

3. Reports

a. Deputy Sheriff – Town Patrol Update – Deputy Spitler said really great job on the snow removal. – Two Arrests...high speed chase...warrants out of the Marquette Co. – Oakhaven property has been cleaned up and the citation was revoked.

4. Public Comments

– Walejko stated there was a complaint on Oakhaven so he had Kelley's put sand down on the ice today.

– Adam Blader said the tree work is going good. One lady complained about it, so Blader talked to her. He said they are being gentle in people's yards & most people are happy about it. Walejko mentioned that the work is being done in the road right-a-way and to check out Chicago & 20th on Irogami.

– Spitler stated that the intersection of Sunset Ct & Czech Dr there are a lot of trees and it's hard to see. Blader will check it out.

5. Treasurer's Report

12/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

<u>Bank First</u> <u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
User Fee <i>Interest Rate 3.88%</i>	8,109.87	79.68	0.00	8,189.55
Property Tax Savings Acct <i>Interest Rate .11%</i>	0.00	1,927.40	0.00	1,927.40
Checking Account <i>Interest Rate 3.77%</i>	673,290.81	3,004,952.38	86,147.61	3,592,095.58
BANK ONE TOTALS	<u>681,400.68</u>	<u>3,006,959.46</u>	<u>86,147.61</u>	<u>3,602,212.53</u>
LGIP				
General Acct - Squad Car <i>Interest Rate 4.02%</i>	<u>38,471.55</u>	<u>124.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>38,596.53</u>
GRAND TOTALS	719,872.23	3,007,084.44	86,147.61	\$ 3,640,809.06

Savignac stated she's having trouble with the Property Tax Savings account...Can't remotely deposit into it and the interest rate is wrong. She is in contact with the Bank trying to straighten out. – Savignac stated she ordered a new remote deposit machine, as the old machine was jamming. It was delivered today. Thinks it's about \$800. – Walejko offered the Treasurer's Report for Audit.

6. Clerk's Report – Nigh said cipher lock installed and 2 safes opened. Since the locksmith said he thought the older safe was worth about \$200, Walejko will take it to the farm with his loader and if someone wants to buy it, they can look at it there. Chase will list the safe for sale online for a couple of weeks. – PILT Report filed. – AutoValue account setup. – Neshkoro Area Fire District having a 2% Fire Dues Audit. – Election workers have signed their Oath of Office, except one worker. Four of us will be going to Election training this month at the County. – Jeff Anderson added a third shelf in the evidence room. – Emailed UMOS the 2026 Parking Contract. They signed it and emailed it back. – Nigh asked if she could put up a cork board on the wall by her desk. She was told...Do whatever you need. – Nigh told the Board that the US Cellular monthly bill is more that she was quoted when she signed the contract. She was told the Town wouldn't be charged the fees/taxes (\$12.86), but we are. Was given the wrong info when she signed up. Not being charged sales tax.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE TOWN BOARD:

a. 2024 Property Tax Issues that need Bills sent out – Savignac stated she needed more time to get this info ready. Walejko said should give her a couple months to work on after tax season. Behnke made a motion to table the 2024 Property Tax Issues that need Bills sent out. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

b. 2022-2025 Financial Audit Findings – Audit Findings from Waushara Tax were given to each board member. Nigh and Savignac will meet next week Thursday to try and figure more out and work on the old checks that weren't cashed that need to be voided. Walejko said to then give a report.

c. 2026 Clerk's Contract – Behnke made a motion to accept the 2026 Clerk's Contract as presented. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

d. Adams Columbia Electric Coop Billing Cycle - Chase made a motion to pay Adams Columbia Electric Coop Bills on the Clerk's credit card on the 1st of the month. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

e. Amazon / Walmart Accounts - Behnke made a motion to allow the Clerk to open Amazon and Walmart account. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

f. Purchase of New Squad Car – Walejko stated it will take some time. He will talk with the County to see what can be purchased. Spitler said he was ok with the same type of vehicle the Town has now, but he would prefer a different light bar or windshield because he is so tall. Chase made a motion to have a discussion with the County about purchasing a vehicle. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

g. NSF Fee – It was discussed that time is money and it takes the clerk and treasurer time to process these returned checks and that it should be a returned check fee, as some of the checks are being returned for other reasons than NSF. Behnke made a motion to charge a \$30 Return Check Fee on any returned check. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

h. Front Door not Shutting – Nigh stated that Jeff Anderson said he was willing to come look at fixing the front door. Chase made a motion to move forward with fixing the front door. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

i. April 2026 Board Meeting Dates – Nigh stated that last year the Town Board had set the 2026 Annual meeting for April 16, and the Annual meeting has to be no earlier than the 3rd Tuesday of month, which is April 21. Since a date was picked too early, the Annual meeting now has to be scheduled for April 21. The Town is able to convene into the meeting, and then postpone the meeting to a future date by a vote from the electors. The Regular April Town Board Meeting will be held on April 9 at 7pm and the Annual meeting will be held on April 21 at 10am.

8. Correspondence

9. Complaints – Some complaints that Savignac is not staying late enough on the days she collects taxes in the office. She agreed she would stay until 5pm on January 30, 2026.

10. Approval of payment of current bills - Behnke made a motion to approve the payment of the current bills. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

11. Announcements:

a. Next Monthly Board Meeting, Thursday, February 12, 2026 – 7:00P.M.

12. Adjournment - Behnke made a motion to adjourn at 8:02pm. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

Minutes were taken by:

T. Nigh, Town Clerk