

TOWN OF MARION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 – 7 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order / Pledge of Allegiance – Supervisor Dave Chase opened the board meeting at 7pm on Thursday, February 12, 2026. The Pledge was cited. Present were Supervisor Dave Chase, Supervisor Bill Behnke, Clerk Tonya Nigh, Treasurer Karen Savignac, Deputy Adam Spitler, Bob Savignac, Adam Kelley, Tarin Vincy & Marc Pindel. Chairman Garrel Walejko was not present.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. January 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting - Behnke made a motion to approve the January 8, 2026 minutes. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

3. Reports

a. Deputy Sheriff – Town Patrol Update – Deputy Spitler said it was a busy month. Two arrests with one being a warrant pickup. Spitler cleaned out the old Police office and got rid of a lot of junk stuff that wasn't needed and made a list of items the Town could potentially sell.

4. Public Comments - None

5. Treasurer's Report

Financial Accounts

Town of Marion

Treasurer, Karen Savignac

01/01/2026 - 01/31/2026

<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>	8,189.55	0.00	0.00	8,189.55
Property Tax Savings Acct <i>Interest Rate .11%</i>	1,927.40	0.00	0.00	1,927.40
Checking Account <i>Interest Rate 3.77%</i>	3,592,095.58	2,974,603.62	2,945,360.15	3,621,339.05
BANK ONE TOTALS	<u>3,602,212.53</u>	<u>2,974,603.62</u>	<u>2,945,360.15</u>	<u>3,631,456.00</u>
LGIP				
General Acct - Squad Car <i>Interest Rate 3.70%</i>	38,596.53	5,129.46	0.00	43,725.99
GRAND TOTALS	3,640,809.06	2,979,733.08	2,945,360.15	\$ 3,675,181.99

Savignac stated she is still working on getting the Tax Savings Account straightened out with the bank. Chase offered the Treasurer's Report for audit.

6. Clerk's Report – Town received a \$320.12 check for 8/4/25 accident on 21st. – 2/3/26 There was a WE Energies gas leak at the Town Hall and they temporarily fixed it until Spring. The WE Crew was Awesome and helped get the septic lid open, as the septic froze that day too. Fire & Safety inspected fire extinguishers and they are good. – Nigh said the Town received an \$816 refund check that she requested from the State of WI for 2022-2025 TIME Payments for the police dept that shouldn't have been paid. – Nigh stated she received information from DOR & WTA that we don't have to charge sales tax on the hall rental since we meet the "Occasional Sales" exemption. – Notice of Intent to Patrol has been received by the DNR. – W2s, 1099s & end of month, quarter & year reports have been filed. -

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE TOWN BOARD:

a. Purchase of New Squad Vehicle – 2025 Police Interceptor Utility AWD - Behnke made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2025 Police Interceptor Utility AWD from Kayser Ford Inc. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

b. Disposal of Old Police Department Assets – The Board was given a list of items that Deputy Spitler had made. Nigh stated she was interested in purchasing the gun. Chase will contact Brian Ronspies about selling the items on the list. – See if the City of Wautoma wants the vehicle entry kit.

c. Estimate from Belco for Changeover of Police Vehicle – Belco had provided an Estimate of \$6,620.19. The appointment is set for February 23, 2026. The estimate has a thinner light bar on it than was on the old vehicle. Waushara County would like to purchase the old light bar. Chase made a motion to approve the estimate from Belco. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

d. Board of Review Training – It was discussed that a Board member would need to do the Board of Review Training this year and that Walejko did it last year. Chase will ask Walejko what he did last year for training.

e. Board of Review Vacant Spot (Clerk) – Nigh stated since she is not a resident of the Town of Marion, that leaves the Clerk spot vacant for Board of Review (BOR) Board. Nigh will still do the other clerk jobs for BOR, but that the spot on the Board will need to be filled by a resident. Put on next month's agenda.

f. WE Energies Budget Billing – Nigh asked the Board if the billing for WE Energies could go to regular billing instead of Budget billing. Behnke made a motion to remove budget billing. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

g. Thomas Skogstad Hall Rental on 2/21/2026 – Chase made a motion to approve the Thomas Skogstad Hall Rental on 2/21/2026. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

h. Door Code for Non-Profit Rentals – Nigh asked about giving door codes to the non-profit rentals, incase one of the board members can't attend their meetings. Behnke made a motion to give a door code to the Non-Profit Rentals. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

i. Town Hall Rental Guidelines – Nigh stated that residents are reluctant to rent the town hall when they can't know right away if they can rent it. The having to wait weeks to find out almost made one applicant not apply. There are a few other items on the rental contract that the wording should be updated. – Make the changes and put on the next month's agenda for approval.

j. ACEC 2026 Town Board Consent Form – Chase made a motion to approve the Annual "Blanket" Permit. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

k. Recruiting More Poll Workers – Nigh informed the board that a few more poll workers would be needed as the approved list from December 2025 is down to 7 workers. Mid-term poll workers are chosen by the Clerk.

8. Correspondence

a. Alpine Lake Silt Trap Project – Email from Kenneth Forsell states: Good news that the WIS DNR has awarded a planning grant of \$10,000 for project work in 2026.

9. Complaints – The top of Lake Lucerne launch landing was slippery, so Blader went out and sanded it. – There was another accident at the corner of Hwy 73 & County F. The Board talked about a flashing stop sign.

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

11. Announcements:

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

12. Adjournment – 7:56PM Behnke made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

Minutes taken & drafted by:

T. Nigh, Town Clerk