

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

1. Call Meeting to Order / Pledge of Allegiance - Supervisor Dave Chase opened the board meeting at 7pm on Thursday, March 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, Jeffrey Mihor, Ken Forsell, Eric Gulbranson, Marc Pindel, Dave Rennert, Rita Rennert, John Manion, Sherri Manion, Mark VandeCastle and Adam Blader. Chairman Garrel Walejko was not present.

2. Approval of Minutes -

a. February 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting - Behnke made a motion to approve the February 12, 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 stated that the new squad has more visibility, lights are better and a lot more pickup & head room. - Spitler said there were a lot of trees down. – Several neighbors upset with a dog getting out on Oakwood. – Resident stopped for operating with a revoked license. – People hunting on dump land and someone had a camera stolen.

4. Public Comments – Rita Rennert questioned why there is no speed limit signs on YY. Chase stated that we have no jurisdiction on County Roads but if they are not posted, then it's 55. Rennert's other concern was that she picked up a lot of lottery tickets on YY. Spitler told her there's not much we can do if we don't know who did it. – Mark VandeCastle attended the meeting to represent Tourism Committee. Tourism Committee will be marketing with Discover WI for 4 years and be featured on Discover WI on April 11 & 12. VandeCastle invited the Board to attend the Premier Party on March 27. – John Manion attended the meeting to represent Lake Alpine and thank the Board for the \$1000 donation towards the Silt Trap Project, as they needed community support to get the \$10,000 planning grant they received. They are wanting to buy 2 slivers of land to put the silt trap on and hope to have it done this year if they can. – Ken Forsell stated that it would be less than \$20,000 for the silt trap itself, but all the other expenses are unknown.

5. Treasurer's Report

Financial Accounts
Town of Marion
Treasurer, Karen Savignac

02/01/2026 - 02/28/2026

<u>Bank First</u> <u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
User Fee <i>Interest Rate 3.49%</i>	8,189.55	0.00	0.00	8,189.55
Property Tax Savings Acct <i>Interest Rate 3.50%</i>	1,927.40	1.35	0.00	1,928.75
Checking Account <i>Interest Rate 3.77%</i>	3,621,339.05	541,926.83	3,485,321.77	677,944.11
BANK ONE TOTALS	<u>3,631,456.00</u>	<u>541,928.18</u>	<u>3,485,321.77</u>	<u>688,062.41</u>
<u>LGIP</u>				
General Acct - Squad Car <i>Interest Rate 3.69%</i>	<u>43,725.99</u>	<u>123.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>43,849.82</u>
GRAND TOTALS	<u>3,675,181.99</u>	<u>542,052.01</u>	<u>3,485,321.77</u>	<u>\$ 731,912.23</u>

Chase offered the Treasurer's Report for audit.

6. Clerk's Report – Nigh stated she sent an email to Senator Cabral-Guevara telling her that the Board opposed SB-1025. – 2025 Injury & Illness Report filed. – Clerks office will be closed for Election Training on 3/19 and closed on 3/30, as the office will be opened on Friday 4/3 for people to register to vote. – Nigh stated she ordered a Curbside Voting sign for the parking lot. – Nigh stated she has gotten 2 additional poll workers. – Nigh said that on 3/31 the Clerk for the Town of Hancock is coming over to help with the Election Prelat and Public Test of the voting machine. – DNR has approved the Patrol Audit. – Belco invoice was more that quoted, as additional things were needed that Spitler explained. – Redgranite Fire Department 2% Fire Dues Audit confirmed compliance.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE TOWN BOARD:

a. Parking on the Road by people renting homes for Lodging/Airbnb – Eric Gulbranson discussed that he lives on Silver Lake Road and it's only 17' wide. People are upset because people are parking on the edge of road which makes it impossible for bigger items to pass through, so he'd like the Town to pass an Ordinance. Chase stated there would need to be more research and discussion done. Spitler stated he thinks the speed limit needs to be lowered on this road.

b. Sunrise Telecom Consent Form – Alpine Dr – Nigh presented the paperwork that Sunrise Telecom sent, which did not have a lot of information. Behnke a motion to table until we get more information. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

c. Brush/Tree Limbs from Storm Damage – Nigh stated calls have been coming in wondering if the Town was going to pick up the brush from the storm. It was discussed and Chase stated he thinks the Town should only pick up the brush if it's a major storm. Adam Blader stated that Walejko told him to pickup the storm damage brush. Chase stated to let's see what this weekend

storm brings. Blader stated he talked with the County and Walejko told him to cut the trees on Sunset and Czech.

d. Disposal of Old Police Department Assets – Chase said he’s going to get the value from Lauritzen’s for the Glock, ammo and taser. Talked about having Brian sell some of the items and donating items to Wautoma Police Department and Waushara County Sheriff. Behnke made a motion to donate the vehicle entry kit to Wautoma Police Department and donate the old light bar & laser to Waushara County Sheriff Department. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

e. Wording on New Squad Vehicle – It was discussed that a wrong website was put on the new squad and if it was alright to have the Town of Marion Police on the new squad where the Town of Marion no longer has a Police Department. Nigh is waiting for a response from Waushara County Corporate Council on this. Behnke made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

f. Old Squad Vehicle – Auction – Spilner stated that his boss Stacey suggested using Auction place in Ripon so the Town didn’t have to show the vehicle to potential buyers. Chase made a motion to use the Auction place in Ripon to sell the old squad. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

g. Board of Review Training – Chase stated that he talked to Walejko and he stated that he would do the training.

h. Board of Review Vacant Spot (Clerk) – More discussion. Savignac stated she really didn’t want to do it. Chase stated he will see if he can find someone.

i. When to issue Stop Payments on checks not received/lost in mail – The discussion was that it would need to be a situation by situation determination. Chase made a motion that the Treasurer will make the decision. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

j. Hall doors not sealing & need to be fixed – Nigh stated that the 3 doors that go to the outside are not sealing good and leaking a lot of heat. Also there are holes by all the door handles. Chase stated that he would try and get some quotes. Chase made a motion to get the quotes and get the doors fixed. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

k. Emma Chase – 8/7/26-8/8/26 Hall Rental – Emma Chase has put in an application to rent the hall on 8/8/26 from 8am-5pm but would like to come in on 8/7/26 from 5pm-8pm to set up for the party. Nigh stated that the hall is not rented on 8/7/26. Behnke made a motion to allow Emma Chase to rent the hall with no additional charge for the setup usage on 8/7/26. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

l. Board of Review Date – The Board discussed the available dates and time. Chase made a motion to have Board of Review on Monday, May 4, 2026 from 3:30pm-5:30pm, with an alternate date of May 5, 2026 from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

8. Correspondence

- a. Neshkoro Area Fire Protection District – Fireworks Donation
- b. Proposed Waushara County Code Amendments
- c. Waushara Tourism SL-304 Report to Department of Revenue

Nigh shared the correspondence listed with the Board.

9. Complaints – Marc Pindel stated that when brush trimming on the roads was done, they made a

big pile and burned it on his land. It was stated that it was burnt in the right of way. Pindel thinks it should have been hauled away instead of burnt there. Adam Blader stated that he will clean up the ashes.

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

11. Announcements:

- a. Next Monthly Board Meeting, Thursday, April 9, 2026 – 7:00P.M.
- b. Annual Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 10:00A.M.

12. Adjournment - Chase made a motion to adjourn at 8:28pm. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

Minutes taken by:

T. Nigh, Town Clerk