

TOWN OF MARION
THURSDAY JULY 9, 2026 – 7pm

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chairman Garrel Walejko opened the board meeting at 659pm on Thursday, July 9, 2026. Present were Chairman Garrel Walejko, Supervisor Dave Chase, Supervisor Bill Behnke, Clerk Tonya Nigh, Bob Savignac, Edward Kissinger, Jordyn VanMetre and Reid Peot.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. June 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting - Chase made a motion to approve the June 11, 2026 minutes. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

b. June 23, 2026 Special Meeting - Behnke made a motion to approve the June 23, 2026 minutes. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

3. Reports

a. Deputy Sheriff Spitler – Town Patrol Update – Deputy Spitler was not present.

b. Wautoma Police Chief Mott – Boat Patrol Update – Chief Mott was not present.

4. Public Comments – Ed Kissinger stated that the 4th of July fireworks were spectacular. There were Complaints about coverage on the lake, especially on weekends where they'd like varied hours & later hours. Chase stated that people should contact the City of Wautoma Sheriff Department when problems are happening. Kissinger stated they put the Wake Surfing signs up & pamphlets out at the Silver Lake Boat Landings. – Reid Peot questioned about the flags that were put on 21st Ave, as Adam Kelly told his neighbor they were changing the grading of the road and the runoff. Walejko stated they were doing this because the water is running into yards and washing out some driveways...trying to make the water go both ways as there is no really good answer to this. Walejko said he would talk to Kelly and tell him to get ahold of Peot before he does the work.

5. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Savignac was not present.

6. Clerk's Report – Clerk Nigh has completed the following reports: Survey for 2027 Annual Local Road Certification, 2026 Maintenance of Effort Report, 2026 Taxation district Exemption Summary Report and 2026 Municipal Official Contact Information. – Nigh stated she wrote the Notice of Breach of Contract and Demand for Cure Letter to IPS & AMG on 6/28/26. She mailed and emailed the letter. – Town received \$5850 for the old squad that sold at auction. – Nigh has started getting some of the Lake Districts to file new hall Rental Agreements. – Nigh talked with Gail at WAFD and Gail said she didn't think that Redgranite Fire District should be charging for the EMS calls, as she thinks it should be part of the Town's contract. Chase said they're doing it with all of the municipalities.

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE TOWN BOARD:**

a. Credit Card Machine at Silverlake / IPS response to Notice of Breach & Demand to Cure letter – More discussion on the issues with the credit card machine. Discussed that IPS offered a \$4,000 credit towards the kiosk purchase. Behnke made a motion to take the credit card machine out and to see if IPS gets back to us in the next 2 weeks and then we'll accept their letter. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

b. Standing Desk for the Clerk's Office – Nigh asked the Board about getting a Standing Desk for the office. Chase made a motion to approve a \$500 or under desk. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

c. Hire New Cleaning Person to Clean the Town Hall – Nigh only had one person, Dave Ripp, interested in the cleaning job at the Town Hall. Ripp wants \$20/hr and wants to be able to start at 6am. Chase made a motion to hire Dave Ripp at \$20/hr for 2 cleaning a month at up to 5 hours a month. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

d. \$2,000 check to Wautoma Area Fire District for Fireworks – Nigh received an email that the fireworks were secured by a single sponsor this year. Chase made a motion to have the check sent back to the Town and they would look at possibly donating next year. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

e. Fireworks Permit - Behnke made a motion to take out the bold print "NO LATER THAN 1 WEEK BEFORE THE FIREWORKS DATE. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

f. Different Patrol Boat & Lift – Walejko stated that the boat on Irogami is not repairable and he's thinking about moving the Silver Lake Boat to Irogami and purchasing a newer bigger boat for Silver Lake. Chase stated that they don't want to rush into it right now. Think that research with the patrol officers needs to be done. Behnke made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

g. Old Lake Irogami Boat – Brian Ronspies is interested in purchasing the boat. It was discussed that the Board needed to get a list from Brian of the items on the boat & trailer. Chase made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

8. Correspondence – Nigh & Walejko shared the correspondence they had:

9. Complaints – Walejko stated a tree here and there ...and that Blader is going to start brush and tree removal. – Chase said that on 22nd Ave that the trees are touching the cars when you drive through. So this should be a winter project. – Walejko said Marion Cemetery has brush, limbs and trees all over and that the cemetery has not been mowed.

10. Approval of payment of current bills - Behnke made a motion to approve payment of the current bills. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried. Chase signed the checks, as the Treasurer Savignac was not at the meeting.

11. Announcements:

a. Partisan Primary Election, Tuesday, August 11, 2026 – 7:00am–8:00pm

b. Next Monthly Board Meeting, Thursday, August 13, 2026 – 7:00pm

12. Adjournment - Behnke made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

Minutes taken by:

T. Nigh, Town Clerk