

TOWN OF MARION
Marion Town Hall - N1279 County Road Z, Wautoma, WI 54982
THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 2026 – 7pm

1. Call Meeting to Order / Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Garrel Walejko opened the board meeting at 659pm on Thursday, August 13, 2026. Present were Chairman Garrel Walejko, Supervisor Dave Chase, Supervisor Bill Behnke, Clerk Tonya Nigh, Deputy Adam Spitler, Chief Paul Mott, Ken Forsell, Bob Savignac, Edward Kissinger, Bonnie Kissinger, Barb Bartel and Adam Kelley. Treasurer Karen Savignac was not present.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. July 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting - Chase made a motion to approve the July 9, 2026 minutes. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

3. Reports

a. Deputy Sheriff Spitler – Town Patrol Update – Spitler said he spent most of the last month working on the big investigation of the homicide last month with tons of interviews. The full hearing won't be for a couple of years. State DOJ was called in and most of the department was involved some way or another. He said is back on the road now.

b. Wautoma Police Chief Mott – Boat Patrol Update – Mott said they have trained 2 new officers. Events included Social Media Videos with the Animal Shelter & Milo dog in a life jacket and Wake Violations. They have been putting in extra night hours and have had some night violations. They average 1 ticket every 2 hours. The Silver Lake Lift is broken. The Board discussed with Mott about the new boat needed for Lake Irogami. Mott said a similar size boat is his recommendation. Mott also said that the voluntary West Bay Wake Zone is not being followed.

4. Public Comments – Ed Kissinger said he wants to have the Town pass an ordinance for the Silver Lake Wake Zone. – Ken Forsell from Lake Alpine gave a Silt Trap update. The DNR has given a verbal ok to proceed, so they are moving forward. They have spent about \$6,400, spending another \$23,000 the rest of the year. They received a \$10,000 planning grant and are writing a new grant request with the DNR for \$79,000 for next year. Negotiating with County Zoning on who owns the land. Forsell gave Walejko a Design Document Book on the updates.

5. Treasurer's Report – None given as Treasurer Savignac not present.

6. Clerk's Report – Nigh has completed the following reports: 2026 Muni Retail License Report, IRS 941 Quarterly, Quarterly Unemployment Report and 2026 Video Service Provider Report. – Nigh gave a "heads up" for the elected officials to be thinking if they are re-running for another term in April, as paperwork will to be filled out later this year. – Nigh asked the Board to think about the Clerk's Office being closed on Thursday all year long. Nigh would still be working on Thursday September-May, but this would give her time to her work done without be interrupted. – 8/11/26 Election *768 voters *142 Absentee ballots issued with 104 returned, *38 EDR and *94 write-in votes.

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 – Nigh stated that there was no progress with getting a better deal from IPS. Chase made a motion to move forward and accept IPS's offer. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

b. Tax Bill Certified Payments – Online Payment Options for Municipalities – Treasurer Savignac was not present to discuss. Chase made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

c. Tax Bill Printing Options - Treasurer Savignac was not present to discuss. Chase made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

d. Contract for Employment for Dave Ripp, Cleaning Personnel - Behnke made a motion to approve the Contract for Employment for Dave Ripp. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

e. Old Lake Irogami Boat, Motor & Trailer Sale - Behnke made a motion to just let Brian Ronspies take the garbage. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

f. Menards – Government Account Authorized Users Update - Behnke made a motion to close the Menards account. Motion was seconded by Chase. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

g. Holiday Lane Boat Ramp Update – Walejko said its very encouraging from the County that the DNR will approve it.

h. Right-a-Way Permission on Town Roads – Walejko stated that they use to give Blanket Permission. Chase stated to ask the WTA what we should do and what other Towns are doing.

8. Correspondence – Walejko and Nigh shared their correspondence.

9. Complaints - None

10. Approval of payment of current bills - - Behnke made a motion to approve payment of the current bills, except the IPS Invoice. 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. Next Monthly Board Meeting, Thursday, September 10, 2026 – 7:00pm ---Chase stated that he would not be at the next meeting as he will not be in town.

12. Adjournment - Chase made a motion to adjourn at 7:59pm. Motion was seconded by Behnke. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

Minutes taken by:
T. Nigh, Town Clerk

Minutes approved:
September 10, 2026