TOWN OF MARION

Marion Town Hall - N1279 County Road Z, Wautoma, WI 54982

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 – 7pm

1. Call Meeting to Order / Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Garrel Walejko opened the board meeting at 659pm on Thursday, September 10, 2026. Present were Chairman Garrel Walejko, Supervisor Bill Behnke, Clerk Tonya Nigh, Treasurer Karen Savignac, Deputy Adam Spitler, Chief Paul Mott, Bob Savignac, Edward Kissinger, Bonnie Kissinger, Barb Bartel, Marc Pindel, Greg Pansch, and Jeff Anderson. Supervisor Dave Chase was not present.
2. Approval of Minutes
   a. August 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting – Behnke made a motion to approve the August 13, 2026 minutes. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.
3. Reports
   a. Deputy Sheriff Spitler – Town Patrol Update – Deputy Spitler gave a citation to a Hwy 73 Resident for a whole bunch of garbage everywhere. Spitler has been going back to follow up and to get more cleanup done. The last time he stopped to tell the resident that the cleanup was better and satisfactory now, the resident was unhappy with the repeated contact and said he's going to sue the Town. – Neighbor disputes on South Oak Circle and they might file restraining orders. – Yesterday Spitler stopped someone with open intoxicant and a pot pipe in the vehicle. – A lot of trees down from the storm. Spitler said he chopped up trees with an axe. He wondered if the Town would buy him a chainsaw. – On October 6 there is a free Security Election Training in Wausau that Spitler said he would be happy to go to. The Board is ok with him going.
   b. Wautoma Police Chief Mott – Boat Patrol Update – Tentative 2026 numbers show a 199% Increase in citations since 2024…24 violations this month. – Mark's Marine has not been following the rental laws so 2 citations were given. – Monday the boat ran out of gas. – Locator would be nice on the new boat if there is a man overboard so they can mark the location. – Waiting to hear back from the DNR if the new boat is ok for reimbursement and if the DNR purchased the old Irogami boat.
4. Public Comments - None
5. Treasurer's Report – Since Treasurer Savignac had missed a few board meetings, she handed out copies of the last three months (June, July, Aug) tonight. She read August's Treasurer's Report. Walejko offered for audit.

Financial Accounts
Town of Marion
Treasurer, Karen Savignac

06/01/2026 - 06/30/2026

Bank First ACCOUNT	BEGINNING	DEPOSIT	DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING
User Fee	9,183.21	2,005.17	0.00	11,188.38
Interest Rate $3.45%				
Property Tax Savings Acct	1,945.15	16.81	0.00	1,961.96
Interest Rate 3.45%				
Checking Account	641,809.59	35,363.45	46,644.71	630,528.34
Interest Rate 3.38%				
BANK ONE TOTALS	652,937.95	37,385.43	46,644.70	643,678.68
LGIP				
General Acct - Squad Car	953.84	2.88	0.00	956.72
Interest Rate 3.63%				
GRAND TOTALS	**653,891.79**	**37,388.31**	**46,644.70**	**$ 644,635.40**

Financial Accounts
Town of Marion
Treasurer, Karen Savignac

07/01/2026 - 07/31/2026

Bank First ACCOUNT	BEGINNING	DEPOSIT	DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING
User Fee *Interest Rate $3.45%*	11,188.38	1,518.00	0.00	12,706.38
Property Tax Savings Acct *Interest Rate 3.45%*	1,961.96	0.00	0.00	1,961.96
Checking Account *Interest Rate 3.42%*	630,528.34	75,308.54	58,016.33	647,820.55
BANK ONE TOTALS	643,678.68	76,826.54	58,016.33	662,488.89
LGIP				
General Acct - Squad Car *interest Rate 3.68%*	956.72	2.99	0.00	959.71
GRAND TOTALS	**644,635.40**	**76,829.53**	**58,016.33**	**$ 663,448.60**

Financial Accounts
Town of Marion
Treasurer, Karen Savignac

08/01/2026 - 08/31/2026

Bank First ACCOUNT	BEGINNING	DEPOSIT	DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING
User Fee *Interest Rate $3.45%*	12,706.38	831.00	0.00	13,537.38
Property Tax Savings Acct *Interest Rate 3.45%*	1,961.96	0.00	0.00	1,961.96
Checking Account *Interest Rate 3.42%*	647,820.55	171,036.37	51,254.69	767,602.23
BANK ONE TOTALS	662,488.89	171,867.37	51,254.69	783,101.57
LGIP				
General Acct - Squad Car *Interest Rate 3.70%*	959.71	3.01	0.00	962.72
GRAND TOTALS	**663,448.60**	**171,870.38**	**51,254.69**	**$ 784,064.29**

6. Clerk's Report – Clerk Nigh stated she filed the EMS Program Population Verification Report for the RAFD to apply for the FAP Grant. – Rural Mutual Insurance premium not received by the 8/15 due date so 8/24 Victor Magnus called, as the Town's insurance really wasn't in force. Nigh made an $850 (1 month premium) payment on the credit card to get the policy paid with a $23.38 processing fee. There will be a $15 late fee. Walejko had to sign a "Statement of No known loss or losses". 9/1 the Town received an $850 refund check, as Rural received the annual premium check that was mail. – 9/8 Redgranite Fire Inspection done at the Town Hall and there were no violations observed. – Nigh stated that the Town needs to get a Certificate of Insurance and W9 from every business/individual (non-employee) when hire to do a job. We need to receive them before they get a payment, as the Town will have to pay Worker's Comp wages on the work done without the Certificate of Insurance. – N971 23rd Road property owner was upset because there was gravel on "his property". Walejko said he told the County to inspect it, as they should have known better to

leave that much gravel. A lot of new County employees are not experienced in their work. Walejko said the residents could dump the gravel at the old Town land fill if need be. – Discussed what information should be on the Attorney's bill so that the Town knows what they are being billed for…Case number, name and Water Patrol or Police.

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

a. Ed Kissinger, Silver Lake Management District – Enhanced Wake Boating Resolution – Kissinger handed out the Resolution that the Silver Lake Management District adopted on 8/29/26 wanting the Town to pass an Ordinance to restrict wake-sports to the Eastern Bay (500' from shore and in water depths of 30' or greater) marked area, as the Western Bay is pretty shallow. Kissinger stated that the brochures they had seemed to help. Kissinger would like the Town to work on this over the winter to do an Ordinance to start in 2027. He also stated there are some non-profits available to help with writing the Ordinance. Mott stated a range finder would determine the 500' from shore, as they're already using one to put locations on other tickets they write. Kissinger said he would look into buoys also. Mott said they would try to educate people on social media, videos and in different areas. Barb Bartel stated that they don't want wake-sports in the Eastern Bay either. Walejko said the Town will look into this over the next months.

b. IPS Confirmation of Mutual Transition Terms – The Board reviewed the Terms paperwork From IPS. Behnke made a motion to accept the IPS Confirmation of Mutual Transition Terms. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried. Walejko signed the paperwork.

c. Tax Bill Certified Payments – Online Payment Options for Municipalities – Savignac stated that Certified Payments will integrate with Ascent Land Records (T-Tech) to allow taxpayers to pay taxes online using Credit/Debit cards or E-checks. The cost to the Town is an additional $350. The taxpayers would be charged $2 for an E-check and 2.29% for a credit/debit card transaction. The payments would be sent directly to our bank account in 2 days. Can set up a link on our website or taxpayers can use the County's website to make the payment. Savignac said she is in favor of this. Behnke made a motion to accept the Tax Bill Certified Payments – Online Payment Options for Municipalities. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

d. Tax Bill Printing Options – Savignac said that the Waushara County Treasurer is proposing a change for the 2027 tax season. They ae looking for feedback from municipalities on which option the board would approve. Option #1 is for the County to print the tax bills and charge the Municipality .32 per bill. The Municipality would then print their insert and mail out their own tax bills. At current rates, Savignac said this would cost the Town $3858. Option #2 is to have ABT Mailcom print the tax bills and the double-sided insert, stuff and mail the bills. Savignac said this would cost the Town $3125. Savignac said that Option 2 is cheaper so she thinks we should go with Option 2. Behnke made a motion to accept the Tax Bill Printing Option #2 using ABT Mailcom starting with the 2027 tax season. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

e. 2024 Property Tax Issues that need Bills sent out – Savignac stated that when the Audit was done the end of last year, there were 2 property tax payment issues found. She said that tax money came in and was applied to the wrong landowner. She sent a letter about the mix up. There was also a duplicate payment, and money didn't get back into the escrow account. Savignac said she's not having any luck with Corelogic. Walejko told Savignac to see what you can do.

f. Payment Settlement from AMG Payment Solutions – There are about $535 worth of Payments that were made on the credit card machine a few months ago that the Town has never received payment from AMG. Savignac said that AMG said that the Town owes them and they're not paying until the Town pays them. She said she's called several people, but everyone says it's not them she needs to talk to. Savignac said it a work in progress. Walejko told Savignac to do the best you can.

g. WTA Convention & Banquet – Clerk Nigh would like to attend the WTA Convention on October 4-6 in Stevens Point. Nigh said since it's not too far from where she lives, she would just drive back and forth, therefore she wouldn't need a hotel room. Behnke made a motion for Nigh to attend the WTA Convention & Banquet on October 4-6. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

h. Clerk's Office Closed on Thursdays All Year – Nigh stated she would like to have the office closed on Thursday all year long so she can get needed work done with interruptions. Also Thursday is a good day for her and Treasurer Savignac to work together when that is needed. Behnke made a motion to table until the October meeting. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

i. Holiday Lane Boat Ramp Update – Walejko said that ramp update was ok'd be the DNR. The cement was poured last week. They will let it cure until the 1st of October, when the County will come and move the cement to the boat landing and it will be finished. The Boat landing will have to be closed the 1st of October for this work to be done.

j. 1994 Alumacraft Competitor 170 Boat Purchase – This was a boat for sale in Oshkosh by a private person. Brian Ronspies thought it was a really good deal, as the price was lowered to $4,900, to include the motor, trailer and locator. This boat will fit in the existing lift on Irogami Lake. Walejko said we already purchased it and now we're making the motion; that he talked to the two board members and they agreed on it for the $4,900. Behnke made a motion to purchase the 1994 Alumacraft Competitor 170 Boat for $4,900. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

k. Sale of Accessories on the 1994 Alumacraft Competitor 170 Boat – Behnke made a motion to sell the trolling motor for whatever amount that Brian can get for it. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried. Mott said that the Town might have to report accessories sold to the DNR.

l. Sale of MS3 Multi-Space Pay Station Credit Card Machine - Behnke made a motion to Table until the Town gets paid for the machine from IPS. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

m. Waushara County Fairgrounds Winter Storage Lease for Boats - Behnke made a motion to Accept the Waushara County Fairgrounds Winter Storage Lease for 2 Boats for $656. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

n. FiveStar Infrastructure Services ROW Permission – 19th Rd & Chicago Pt Rd – It was stated that the Town doesn't have any rules. Behnke made a motion to grant permission for the work that needs to be done, but that they must clean up after themselves. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

o. Estimates to fix/replace the Town Hall Doors – Nigh stated that one place came and looked at the doors, but she hasn't received any estimates yet.

8. Correspondence – Nigh and Walejko shared the correspondence they have received.

9. Complaints – Behnke said there were complaints about the cold pack that Brian was putting down on the roads, as it wasn't packed down. Time will take care of it.

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

11. Announcements:

a. Next Monthly Board Meeting, Thursday, October 8, 2026 – 7:00pm

12. Adjournment - Behnke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. Motion was seconded by Walejko. All favored the motion, so the motion carried.

Minutes were taken by:
T. Nigh, Town Clerk