

MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2026

Chairman Gary Thomack called the monthly meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members: Chairman Gary Thomack, Supervisor Ken Genskow, Supervisor Sean Shumaker, Treasurer Tammy Adams and Clerk Karen Habeck.

Public included: Brian Westfahl, Larry & Dawn Bretzel, Michelle & Chad Olson, Allen Heling, Pat Trinko, Arlyn Tober, Greg Reeck, Rick Briske, Dotty Nolan, Scott Thomack, Bill Wissmann, Candy Golen, Rhiannon Riley, Bob Loesl, Sue & Joe Loesl, Darla House, Steve Coutts, Duane & Jamie Buettner, Dan Lohrentz, PJ Courchaine, Peggy & Ron Wolf, Bernie Hintz, Lynn Tober-Steinke, Laurie Thomack-Finger, Kathryn Westfahl, Tracy Laude, Julie & John Lohrentz, Katie Grunewald, Carol Grunewald, Marv Finger, Kerrie Marquardt, Vernon Kratzke and Dennis Zahn.

The Clerk read the agenda that had been posted in three places and published in the Marion Advertiser.

Pat Trinko gave an overview of Shawano Ambulance Services and what factors into where patients are transported to. If a patient requests to be transported to a hospital other than Shawano, the medics must determine how critical the needs of the patient are at that moment.....if it is determined that they must get to the nearest trauma center for treatment, that would be to Shawano and then be transferred out as needed. **Motion was then made by Genskow/Shumaker to approve the MOE Agreement with Shawano Ambulance Services for one year, beginning on January 1, 2027. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

The minutes were read from the May 11, 2026, board meeting. Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Public Input: County Supervisor Lynn Tober-Steinke reported that the County Board had met with the City of Shawano officials, all agreed about the plan for the new Courthouse building project. The Board will be voting to enact a moratorium on data centers at their June 24th meeting.....a town resident left copies of a couple of newspaper clippings concerning solar that he had read.

Motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow to reappoint the current town clerk as clerk of the Town of Pella to April 2027. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against

Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve the liquor license for the Corner Bar & Grill, The Corral, Hopper's Bar and Hurricane Dawn's **and to approve operator licenses for:** Joanne Kemp, Sally Burmeister, Sylvia Zimdars, Katherine Bartz, Cynthia Schneider, Abby Schmallenberg, Libby Skiba, Brittnay Schmallenberg, Emma Schmallenberg, Nicole Beyersdorf, Jake Zimmerman, Perry Rueckert, Marcus Lendved, Kimberly Petrich, Heather Zimmerman, Jessica Kust, Brooke Breitrick, Morgan Weinig, Kyle Miller, Ashley Steenbock, McKenzie Laude, Jenny Bloedow, Melony Westphal, Alex Zimmerman, Tiffany Doehling, Gabrielle LeNoble, Wendy Schultz, Roger Peterson, Brian Westfahl, Amy Olson, Jeannette Troedel and Tammy Adams. **Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Supervisor Shumaker reported that he is working with the DNR moving forward in the process to repair the breach near the mill pond. ***He has been given guidelines as to what the water level of the Pella Pond must be kept at until the repairs are complete, they are posted by the dam.***

Zoning: The following permits were issued from March to date: one for a house deck, one for a chicken coop, four for sheds (note that two of these had to pay a double fee as the permits were not requested prior to building), one permit for an addition to a shop and one permit for a new calf barn.....Compensation for the zoning meeting presenter will be taken care of at the July board meeting.....**Note: There will be an informational zoning meeting to review adding “Section 11 #10A - #10N” to the Pella Zoning Ordinance. The public is invited to attend, the meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 29th, at 6PM in the town hall**

Motion was made by Shumaker/Thomack to approve the purchase of a wall mount tv to be put up in the town hall. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. When the town hall was renovated, a receptacle was put in on the south wall for that purpose.....and on another note about the renovation, there are numerous areas on each wall that need to be repaired due to cracking, screws popping through, etc. This will be taken care of in the next couple of weeks.

Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve the May financial report and pay the June bills. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow to appoint Kerrie Marquardt as alternate to the Town of Pella Planning & Zoning committee to fill a vacancy. The term runs to April of 2028. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Motion was made by Shumaker/Thomack to rescind the invalid motion that was done at the April board meeting to amend the Hydroelectric Agreement that was approved at the March board meeting. Motion carried by chairman and each supervisor voting “yes”. **The Agreement that was signed in March stands.**

The Board reviewed a CSM for Richard & Candy Golen property for a “Lot 2” which is two acres and approve the easement access that had been the town road years ago. **Motion was made by Genskow/Shumaker to approve both.....motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

The Board was given an overview of the proposal from Becher Hopper for engineering services for the work that needs to be done by the mill pond to repair the breach from the April flooding. Motion was made by Genskow/Shumaker to accept the proposal. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. Shumaker will deliver the proposal to Becher Hoppe.

With no further business, the Chair then asked for a **motion to go into “Closed Session”** to meet with the officers of the Pella Fire Department to discuss conduct violations by a current fire dept. member pursuant to State Statutes 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85(1)(c). **Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow, motion carried by roll call vote: Chairman votes yes, Genskow votes yes, Shumaker votes yes.**

The Board went into closed session at 8:10PM. At 8:30PM motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow to adjourn the meeting.

The next town board meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2026, 7:00PM in the Pella Town Hall.