

MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2026

In the absence of the Clerk, the treasurer took notes of the meeting for the Clerk. The treasurer has reviewed these minutes to be an accurate account of the meeting.

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

Board members: Chairman Gary Thomack, Supervisor Ken Genskow, Supervisor Sean Shumaker, and Treasurer Tammy Adams. ***Clerk Karen Habeck was not present in the room.***

Public included: Brian Westfahl, Bill Korth, Darla House, Larry & Dawn Bretzel, Cindy Graper, Lynn Tober-Steinke, Joe Loesl, Dan Lohrentz, Bernie Hintz, Roy Kleisch, Susan Canales and A. Hoffmann of the Sheriff Dept.

Motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow to have the Clerk record the meetings starting in May of 2026, also included in the motion, a mic system *will not* be set up for speakers at meetings. Motion carried by voice vote, with three in favor zero against. The recorder will be set up on the Clerk's table....*note by the Clerk*, these recordings can be destroyed after 90 days upon approval of the minutes of a meeting.

Public Input: A resident expressed concerns that the Town of Pella have something in Zoning concerning AI data centers, solar panels and wind farms. "There was concern expressed on how these would affect property values and if they would be taxed as business." *The Town Zoning Committee has a meeting set to discuss these issues and will report to the board.* **County Supervisor Lynn Tober-Steinke** thanked the voters for their support in her re-election to the county board. The County approved the courthouse building project with the jail being attached to the Courthouse, the cost of project to be 121 million dollars. All twenty-seven members in attendance voted yes.

Roy Kleisch was happy with the tree cutting that was done by his hydroelectric building on the mill pond. Chairman Thomack presented a paper which had revisions to the agreement that was signed at the March 9, 2026, board meeting between the Town of Pella and Mr. Kleisch. **Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the revisions. Thomack and Genskow voted yes and Shumaker voted no.** *To date the Clerk has not been given the signed copy to be attached to the original agreement. The signatures were not attested by the Clerk on the form.*

Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve the license for the Pella Park Committee to sell Fermented beverages at the one-day event of Pella Daze on May 16th. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow to approve hiring Tracy Laude to do the lawn care of the town hall and the Pella Park for the summer of 2026. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Dan Lohrentz, representing the Pella Park Committee, reported that he was not aware of the timing of the roof replacement for the large shelter in the Park. The first reservation for the Park is May 3rd. The Clerk will make the committee aware of the reservations to date, as they will have to schedule the work around those times.

Zoning: One permit was issued for a deck.

Roads: The Town Board will be doing the annual road inventory on Friday, April 24th, beginning at 8:30AM. The Clerk will post the meeting. They will be taking inventory of what needs to be done concerning filling potholes, tree trimming, road repairs and what roads are in the direst need of resurfacing for this year. The intersection of Swamp Road and West Rangeline Road will be done when the Town of Grant does their end of Swamp Road. Town of Pella's projected cost of the project to be around \$18,000. That work is being done by MCC construction.

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

Motion was made by Thomack/Genksow to approve the application for Town of Pella firefighter for Nick Kleczka. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. Nick has already completed fire training "1", as is currently also responding with the Town of Belle Plaine and Shawano Fire as needed.

Note: *Following two and a half weeks of threatening harassment after the March 9th, 2026, board meeting by Mr. Kleisch to the Clerk, she had turned in her resignation as Clerk to be effective Wednesday, April 8th at 1PM, following the delivery of all election results from the April 7th election. That was an extremely stressful time. The Chairman, and one of the supervisors and the treasurer have asked her to reconsider her resignation and stay on. At this meeting, one of the residents stated that she should not have to deal with harassment.*

With no further business, motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to adjourn the meeting. **The next meeting will be Mon., May 11, 2026, 7:00PM in the Pella town hall.**

Annual Town meeting is Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, 7PM in the Pella town hall.