

MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2026

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, Treasurer Tammy Adams and Clerk Karen Habeck.

Public included: Larry & Dawn Bretzel, Chad & Michele Olson, Scott Thomack, Vernon Kratzke, Bob Loesl, Arlyn Tober, Bernie Hintz, Guy Buch, Joe Loesl, Allen Heling, Cindy Graper and Lynn Tober-Steinke.

The Clerk read the agenda that had been posted in three public places, put on the website and published in the Marion Advertiser. The minutes were read from the April 13, 2026, board meeting. Motion was made by Genskow/Shumaker 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 oath of office had been administered to all elected county supervisors at their last meeting. There will be a meeting of the County Supervisors and the City of Shawano officials for transparency as the courthouse building project moves forward. She also reported that a letter had been sent to the Town of Belle Plaine board from the Republican Party, they were voicing their opinion that the jail should be built out on County B and not be located by the courthouse. Their board was not in favor of that....A resident asked if the vote that was taken at the April 13th meeting to amend the approved hydroelectric agreement was done properly, the comment from the Clerk was "it was not specifically stated on the agenda for review/approval".

Supervisor Shumaker reviewed the details of an email received from the DNR to the Town concerning the property that the mill pond is part of.....by June 1st, the Town is to give the DNR their decision on whether to **repair the breach around the mill pond,** caused by the April 13th flooding **or abandon it and to sell that property.** Apparently, an unnamed party has approached the DNR to have them inquire of us if we would sell. A show of hands was asked for by those in attendance as to their feeling of a sale, all but one stated that there should be NO sale of land to anyone. **Shumaker will make the DNR aware of our intent to make the repairs according to their recommendations.** A motion camera has been installed near the breach.....anyone seeing someone around that area should contact Shumaker; **that area is off limits until the repairs are made for liability reasons.....**Concerning the meeting that was held with the DNR and the

Town Board by the dam; all protocol was followed during the crisis according to the EAP that is in place for the Town of Pella and the operation of the dam area.

The Clerk had not received a quote from Rural Insurance. **Motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow to stay with our current insurance carrier, Horton Insurance. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. The Clerk has talked to a claims adjuster from Horton concerning the damage done by the Mill Pond if there may be some coverage at some point for repair.

The town does not have a policy to reimburse residents for costs incurred to get rid of hazardous waste materials; those costs are the responsibility of the residents.

Zoning: One building permit was issued for a shed.

Roads: Quotes are being sought from Scott Construction and the County for various issues that need to be addressed with town roads. They will be reviewed at the June meeting. A number of road signs need to be ordered....they will be replaced in June and July.

Motion was made by Shumaker/Thomack to adopt the amended Shawano County ATV/UTV ordinance as Ordinance 2026-1, “Amending Town of Pella Ordinance 2017-3 to conform with Shawano County Amended Ordinance No. 17-25”. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. *The adopted ordinance will take effect on May 21, 2026, when it is published in the Marion Advertiser. This ordinance gives the Sheriff Dept. the right to enforce the ordinance contents and violators can be fined for non-compliance.*

The Ambulance Service Agreement was reviewed; it does not have a section stating that whomever they are picking up can designate which hospital they want to go to. The Clerk will contact Pat Trinko and bring the agreement back to the June meeting for review and approval.

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

There is another E-cycling event scheduled here on Sat. October 10th, 2026, from 9AM-Noon.....those in attendance were reminded of the public Town of Pella Planning and Zoning informational meeting on Tuesday, May 12th 6PM in the town hall. There will be information about solar power and AI data centers.

With no further business, motion was made by Genskow/Shumaker to adjourn the meeting. **The next meeting will be on Monday, June 8, 2026 7:00PM in the Pella Town Hall.**