

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 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: Carol Grunewald, Katie Grunewald, Rick Briske, Dotty Nolan, Cindy Graper, PJ Courchaine, Joe Loesl, Vernon Kratzke, Greg Reeck, Roy Kleisch, Sue Canales, Jack Kucksdorf and Scott Engelhardt.

The Clerk read the agenda that had been posted in three public places and published in the Marion Advertiser. The minutes were read from the September 14, 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 County had approved borrowing the “first” 29 million dollars for the courthouse building project, the projected cost to taxpayers is now at \$12 per \$100,000 of assessment, up \$1 from what was reported in the September minutes....this due to an increase in the interest rate at the time of the loan. Capacity for holding inmates would be 258 beds. After construction is completed, the current Huber facility would not be used....and probably be put up for sale. Construction of the new courthouse is slated for some time in early 2027. The County is still reviewing options for a library location, nothing suitable has been found to date. The next County Board meeting is Oct. 28th at 3PM in the courthouse.

Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to set the date for the Town of Pella Budget Hearing for Monday, November 9, 2026, 7PM, with the Special Town Meeting of Electors to follow. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Motion was made by Genskow/Shumaker to approve the agenda for the special town meeting as presented. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Shumaker reported that we are still waiting on the DNR for confirmation about repairs to the breach area by the mill pond. Chairman Thomack will call the DNR and express our urgency to get the repairs done.

The Clerk reviewed information that was available about the agreement that was sent from the Shawano Humane Society and about information that was received at the meeting with the municipalities. **Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to not go with either Option A or Option B of the agreement but to take the offer of them**

keeping a stray that was brought in for up to 24 hours at no charge....they would contact a town representative from our list to pick up the animal..... we would be charged a \$30 fee per day up to five days **after** the 24-hour time period. **Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. This offer would be for one year.

Zoning: Motion was made by Thomack/Shumaker to approve the Zoning Committee recommendation to change the town zoning for the Pella Insurance building property from commercial to residential. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.....Building permits are in progress for three sheds and an addition to a basement. One owner on North Branch Road built a shed without a permit, fines will be incurred for that action.

Motion was made Thomack/Shumaker to reimburse Roy Kleisch \$2500 towards the \$3100 invoice that he presented the Town for building a new deck at the hydroelectric building on the Mill Pond. Motion carried by voice vote....

Thomack, yes.....Genskow, no....Shumaker, yes. *Be it noted that the invoice was from 2023 and the meeting that had taken place about the project was not indicated in any board meeting minutes from 2021 to 2023.*

Motion was made by Thomack/Shumaker to approve an operator license for Larissa Gassert-Deboer for Hopper's Bar. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Roads: The highway department will be grading the gravel roads before it freezes up. Farhner has not completed the listed roads for crack filling to date. *The Board will be meeting with the highway department on Tuesday, Oct. 13th for repair work to be done on Angle Road.*

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

With no further business, motion was made by Shumaker/Thomack to adjourn the meeting. **The next meeting will be Monday, November 9, 2026, 7:00PM in the Pella Town Hall beginning with the Town of Pella Budget Hearing, followed by the Special Town Meeting of Electors followed immediately by the regular monthly board meeting.**

As the meeting was being adjourned Mr.Kleisch made a request of the Clerk for all meeting minutes concerning the dam and "demanded" receipt of them within 30 days of this meeting.