

## MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2025

Chairman Gary Thomack called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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

Public included: Brian Westfahl, Greg Reeck, Vernon Kratzke, Dan Lohrentz, Joe Loesl, Dohn Laude, Eldon Heling, Allen Heling, Bernie Hintz, Cindy Graper, 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 14, 2025, Board meeting. Motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow 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 hired Nicole Zueh as **County Finance Director**, and Kyle Waelchli as **County Planning & Zoning Administrator**. The clay was replaced on the track of the Speedway on the fairgrounds. Donations are being accepted to cover the cost.

Zahn had talked to **Roy Kleisch** about renewing the contract for hydro power with the coffer dam in the mill pond. **Mr. Kleisch offered a 7% return on a 35-year contract.** It was suggested that the Town could consider hiring a consulting company for guidance if the town considered taking over ownership of the plant. More information will be brought to the June meeting for consideration.

**Zoning:** The owner on Estate Lane, with the tire accumulation, was sent a letter by the DNR to remove the tires from the property. The DNR was contacted by the Clerk stating that nothing has been done about cleanup, they will be taking further action and keeping the Town informed. The Zoning Administrator and Chairman will be contacted to review the conditional use permit that was granted to Zach Bussian on Elm Grove Road, as there is an accumulation of tires in sight.....Zahn will be issuing two building permits for new homes, one for an addition to a house and one driveway permit.

**Motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow to remove the mailbox from the town hall and have the mail forwarded to the Clerk's address for delivery.** There have been l occasions that checks and invoices for payment have been in the box and overdue for payment, as the mail is not picked up on a regular basis from that box. **Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

**Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to continue using the current ICX Touch Screen voting machine and hand count paper ballots and NOT purchase the offered ICX machine. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

**Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the Clerk registrations to attend the WEC Conference in September and the WTA Convention in October. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

**Roads:** The Board did the inventory of the town roads on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. At this time, blacktopping about a mile on Willow Creek Road and a short area of Valley View are under consideration. Gravel/limerock is needed by the dry hydrant building.

The Treasurer reported that the April bills totaled \$89,133.27, leaving a balance of \$2,616.32 in the checking account and \$477,811.17 in the Premier Savings Account. Motion was made by Shumaker/Thomack to approve the April report and pay the May bills. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

**Motion was made by Genskow/Shumaker to raise the surety bond insurance coverage from the current \$10,000 to \$50,000.00 at an additional premium cost of \$320.00. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

**Information from the County Newsletter:** The County Park opened prior to the NFL draft in Green Bay, they had camping reservations for the event.....**Shawano County Brunch on the Farm is Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at the Olson Dairy on Butternut Road in Birnamwood....**The Mielke Theater is NOT being sold, the Foundation is looking to get better usage of the facility.....The County Hwy. Dept. will be working on four separate sections of County roads this summer for reconstruction and paving at a cost of two million dollars.

With no further business, a motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to adjourn the meeting. **The next meeting will be on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00PM. The Board will be meeting with Delmore Consulting at 6:00PM,** prior to the Board meeting about the culvert inventory that they made.