

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Chairman Gary Thomack called the monthly board 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, Bill Korth, Dawn & Larry Bretzel, Roger Baerenwald, Kirt & Pam Kettenhoven, Greg Reeck, Darla House, Vernon Kratzke, Allen Heling, Joe Loesl, George & Cindy Graper, Roy Kleisch, Max Kleisch, Susan Canalas, and Town Attorney Brian Rolf.

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 January 12, 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 construction is underway for the Marion School project, including classrooms for cooking/culinary, shop classes, etc. **For County updates**, Emily Kacik has been appointed County Treasurer as Deb Wallace has retired from the position. Lynn took tours of the current courthouse, one in Waushara County and one in Green Lake. Planning is in the works for a **new courthouse here**, this has not been voted on by the County Board to date. Shawano County will be doing the engineering for the **racetrack project**, it will remain a dirt track, **no decision** has been made to date about shortening the track from a 1/2 mile to a 3/8th mile.....Roy Kleisch gave information to the town attorney and in turn the attorney hand delivered a letter to Mr. Kleisch.....a resident questioned why the board was going into “**closed session**” at the end of this meeting; the attorney stated that deliberations can be and usually are done in a closed session.....a resident inquired why the garbage truck was backing out of Center St. unto County D rather than turning around at the end of the street; the Clerk reported that Ben Korth of 4 Season Disposal prefers to do that as to not break up roadway and have to pay for repairs.

Kirt Kettenhoven of the Park Committee asked the Board to consider giving the \$4000 that was possibly going to be used to upgrade the wooden playground structure to rather help pay for replacing the roof on the large shelter. Their plan is to eventually insulate and close in the ceiling of the shelter to make it more comfortable in the summer. They would also ask that the Town pay for the labor to replace the roof, the materials would be paid for by the committee. Kirt was asked to bring a **couple of bids with specifications to the March meeting for further consideration.**

Motion was made by Thomack/Shumaker to approve the CSM for the Judith Gruenwald property on Malueg Road. It is dividing the acreage into Lot 1 which has her home on as 4.305 acres and Lot 2 which is open land 12.773 acres. **Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

The **CSM for the Bruce Leiser property on Oak Grove Road was reviewed.** Three acres are being split off, leaving Lot 1 with the residence on it as 4.9168 acres and the three acres as Lot 2. **Motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow to approve the CSM as presented.** **Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Roads: The Chairman and Supervisors will be meeting with the Town of Grant Board on February 16th to open bids for the reconstruction of Swamp Road.....The County sent the inspection report for the bridge over Hydes Creek on Swamp Road. The approaches to the sealing block of each end of the bridge need to be sealed. This will be done when the weather is favorable.....Grant Bystol of the highway dept. will be checking out the culvert area on Angle Road that is froze up; it may need to be steamed out. He may have ideas of how to keep this from being a recurring problem each winter.

Zoning: There were no building permits issued in January.

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

With no further business, the Chair then asked for a **motion to go into “Closed Session”** to discuss strategy related to potential litigation and the discussion of the deliberating or negotiations related to the hydroelectric contract which the Town is a party to, pursuant to State Statutes 19.85(1)(g) and 19.85(1)(e). **Motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow, motion carried by roll call vote: Genskow votes yes, Shumaker votes yes, Chairman Thomack votes yes.**

The Board went into closed session at 7:53PM with the town attorney in attendance. At 9:23PM motion was made by Thomack/Shumaker to adjourn the meeting.

The next town board meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2026, 7:00PM in the Pella Town Hall.