

MINUTES OF MARCH 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: Rick Briske, Dotty Nolan, Larry & Dawn Bretzel, Amy Olson, Kathryn Westfahl, Kirt & Pam Kettenhoven, Joe Loesl, Dohn Laude, Vernon Krazke, Allen Heling, Bill Korth, Bernie Hintz, Cindy Graper, Lynn Tober Steinke, Eldon Heling, Roy and Max Kleisch, and Susan Canales.

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 February 9th, 2026, board meeting. Motion was made by Genskow/Shumaker to approve the minute as read. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Public Input: County Supervisor Lynn Tober Steinke stated that there will be a public presentation at the Shawano High School auditorium on Thursday, March 12th at 6PM to inform the public about the deterioration of the courthouse....they are looking for public input as to what should or could be included in the plan for a new building.

Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve the appointment of the following people to the Land Use & Planning Committee, all for a three-year term: Chairman, Larry Laude....Member, Deanna Guetschow....Member, Tracy Laude and Member, Vernon Krazke. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. **Motion was made by Genskow/Shumaker to approve the appointment of Jacqueline Suehring as a member of the Board of Adjustments and Peter Kucksdorf as alternate member to the Board of Adjustments, each for a three-year term. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Motion was made by Genskow/Shumaker to approve the following as workers for the April 7, 2026, election: Carol Korth, Sandy Schoen, Patty Luff, Chuck McCullough, Bonnie Bartz, Kathryn Westfahl and David Scott. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Kirt Kettenhoven of the Pella Park Committee shared two bids that he had received for replacing the roof of the large shelter. K & H North Country Builders came in at \$15,000, with \$9,000 for materials and \$6,000 for labor.....Don Beechy's came in at \$16,500 with \$6,700 for materials and \$9,800 for labor. Both are for removing the current roof, replacing it with a new roof and removal of all the old steel, and cleaning up after the project. He had contacted a third company; they did not get a bid to him. At the last meeting, the committee asked the board, for the \$4,000 that has been discussed in the last couple of meetings, to be used towards the new roof instead of for playground

equipment...the committee will purchase the replacement playground equipment and asked the board for an additional \$6,000 along with the \$4,000 for a total of \$10,000 to be put towards the replacement of the roof. Motion was made by Shumaker/Thomack to approve the request for the \$10,000 with the assurance of a full warranty on the replacement from the K & H North Country Builders. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Roy Kleisch provided a copy of the liability insurance for the hydroelectric operation on the mill pond, along with the check for the 2025 percentage for the Town and showed proof of the monthly electric proceeds that he receives each month. **An updated Lease Agreement that been given to the Board and Kleisch by the attorney was reviewed.** Shumaker was questioning Sec. 2.2, where it states that the “10-year time period” appears that it could be pushed to a 20-year, as it isn’t specifically stated that it would be reviewed in ten years, he also questioned 3.2, being extension of the agreement and the percentage rate. **Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve the agreement as printed. Motion carried** by voice vote with **Thomack and Genskow in favor, Shumaker voting against.** The agreement was signed by the Board and Mr. Kleisch.

Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the 2-year contract between the Town and the Building Inspector Paul Hermes, April 8, 2026 – April 8, 2028. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

After review of the 2025 Town of Pella Annual Report presented by the Clerk, motion was made by Thomack/Shumaker to approve the report. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. The reports will be available at the Spring Election on April 7th. The Annual meeting is Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, 7:00PM in the town hall.

Zoning: There were no building permits issued in February. **Roads:** *Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve Resolution 2026-02 “Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution” which was presented by the Wisconsin Town’s Association. Motion carried* by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. Signed copies will be sent to Governor Evers, Eric Wimberger and Elijah Behnke.

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

With no further business, motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026, 7:00PM in the town hall.