

TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
Monday, October 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck

Chairman Beck called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members

Present

Dean Beck

Yes

Susan Kurth

Yes

Mark Pingel

Yes

Also present were Treasurer Melanie Neuendank, Clerk Sherry Weinkauf, Public Works Rob Weinkauf, Fire Chief Dustin Merriam and Mark Schlund.

3. Approval of September 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve the September 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments

No comments.

5. Old Business

a. Brine storage tanks

Rob Weinkauf commented that the county wanted to know about rent for them to place the storage tanks on town property. There was a short discussion on the placement of the tanks indoors. Beck suggested we have those placed outside instead of indoors. Weinkauf said they could be placed on the east side of the property. Beck said we will also need to see proof of insurance. Kurth suggested that maybe we try this only for one year and include that in a contract. Beck will contact the County for more information.

6. New Business

a. Presentation of bills for approval

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve and pay the bills as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Reports

a. Treasurer

Neuendank reviewed her Treasurer Report dated 9/30/25 with the Board. She also mentioned that Marathon Bank was offering a five-month special CD and she was going to contact them to see if it was still available. Weinkauf asked the Board about the November Budget Hearing. It was decided that we would hold the hearing on November 17th (now changed to November 24th).

b. Fire Department

Merriam said the fundraiser that the Fire Department recently held raised \$6,250 with someone donating \$250 back to the Fire Department. They are going to pursue looking into using Homestead for the fundraiser next year. The Fire Department will have Trick or Treating on October 31st. Merriam gave an update on a recent fire structure. He also mentioned the thermal imaging camera needs to

be updated. He will bring more information back to the board on this. He also mentioned that they may approach the churches to see if they would be interested in using knox boxes for building access.

c. Clerk

Clerk Weinkauff mentioned that the Town of Hewitt reached out to her to see if she was interested in administering their elections. She will keep the Board posted as to what she decides. She also said she needs to work with both Beck and the Town attorney on finishing up the schedule of fees and creating a recycling/solid waste ordinance. She also said that she did file for the recycling grant before the deadline of October 1st.

d. Public Works

There was a short discussion on the shoulder reclaimer.

8. Remarks from Supervisors

No comments.

9. Remarks from Chairman

a. Solar Update

Beck gave an update on how people are feeling harassed by the solar company Durrel. He talked about filing an official complaint with the PSC.

b. Proposed changes by Marathon County for winter manure spreading

Beck said a task force presented a winter manure spreading proposal before the ERC Committee. He has not seen the proposal but will keep the Board updated.

Beck also reviewed two options for applying for grant money to help pay for road improvements. There was a lengthy discussion on road improvements and applying for the program funds. Beck said he would apply for the \$30,000 TRI program grant. He may also talk to the bank about borrowing money to complete a two-mile road project.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Pingel, seconded by Supervisor Kurth to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.