

**TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD**

**Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**

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**1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck**

Chairman Beck called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
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Dean Beck	Yes
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Susan Kurth	Yes
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Mark Pingel	Yes
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**Also present** were Treasurer Melanie Neuendank, Clerk Sherry Weinkauff, Fire Chief Dustin Merriam and Mark Schlund.

**3. Approval of January 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

***Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel, to approve the January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**4. Public Comments**

There were no comments.

**5. New Business**

**a. Delahunt Petition for Rezone**

There was a short discussion on driveway access. Beck suggested a 15-foot buffer. ***Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel, to amend the proposed petition for rezone and add a 15-foot buffer land strip by driveway easement on the south line for Lot 2. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**b. Marathon County Farm Consolidation Amendment Form**

Beck explained option 1 and option 2 from the Farm Consolidation amendment form. He said Marathon County is seeking input. Beck recommended option 1 which is to remove the Farm Consolidations from the ordinance. Any subdivided property would require rezoning, giving townships more control over how property is divided. ***Motion by Supervisor Pingel, seconded by Supervisor Kurth, to approve supporting Option 1. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**c. Resolution to adopt the Revision to the Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code**

Beck explained that Marathon County adopted a comprehensive revision to Chapter 17 Zoning Code. He said the town has a year to decide if they want to continue participation in the county-wide zoning. The Board members would like to see the revision. ***Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel, to table this item. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**d. Intergovernmental Equipment Sharing Agreement between the Town of Ringle and the Town of Easton for the shoulder reclaimer**

Beck mentioned that the excavator can't do what the reclaimer can. Kurth noted that the reclaimer is four years old. Clerk Weinkauff said the agreement is just a proposal at this time, and she can make any necessary edits. There was a brief discussion about possibly renting instead of sharing the reclaimer. Beck will look into rental rates. The Clerk will make copies for the Board to review and will include this item on the next meeting's agenda.

**e. Credit card for the Fire Department**

***Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel, to approve issuing a credit card to the Fire Department. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**f. 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.***

**6. Reports**

**a. Treasurer**

Neuendank reviewed her Treasurer Report dated 1/31/26. There was a short discussion on unpaid property taxes.

**b. Fire Department**

Merriam indicated the Fire Department award dinner is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also reported that two sets of gear were ordered. He gave an update on recent fire calls that the Department went to.

**c. Clerk**

Weinkauf said the Election Public Test was held today. The Spring Primary Election is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**d. Public Works**

Beck reported on a recent incident with the F550 truck. There was an issue with the lug nuts. He also reported Public Works has gone through a lot of sand/salt.

**7. Remarks from Supervisors**

Kurth reminded the Board about a sign that was talked about, some time ago, for the Fire Department. Clerk Weinkauf also mentioned that it would be nice to have an election sign installed by the road on Election Day. Pingel asked about taking bids out for blacktopping. Beck said American Asphalt will help with the compliance of bidding.

**8. Remarks from Chairman**

**a. Solar update**

Beck reported he attended several meetings regarding wind turbines and solar and gave the Board an update.

**b. 5-year solid waste plan update**

Beck gave an update on the 5-year Solid Waste Department Strategic Plan. He said they are proposing to hold on-site tours of the Landfill. He mentioned that waste food seems to be a significant issue at the landfill. They would also like to see more recycling.

**c. Snowplowing across town roads**

Clerk Weinkauf read the statement on the website regarding plowing snow onto public roads. Beck provided a letter from the Marathon County Sheriff's Office that is sent to residents regarding pushing snow onto the road. Clerk Weinkauf will review the letter and the state statutes and then update the language on the website.

Beck also said the Board should consider ordering a new truck this year. He said the costs will be increasing due to stricter emissions standards. Beck will look into the costs of new trucks.

There was a short discussion on a grader replacement.

Neuendank reviewed her capital planning report with the Board.

**9. Adjourn**

***Motion by Supervisor Pingel, seconded by Supervisor Kurth, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.***