

**MINUTES
TOWN OF MARSHALL
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2026**

The monthly meeting of the Town Board of Town of Marshall was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, in the Town Hall. Supervisor Sebranek called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Present: Supervisor Sebranek, Supervisor Rynes, Clerk Berner, Treasurer Spencer, Patrolman Paasch, and 4 citizens. Chairman Durst was absent. Supervisor Rynes moved to approve the posting and agenda. Supervisor Sebranek seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes: After reviewing the meeting minutes, an additional notation was made to the Special Board Meeting held on August 20, 2026. Then Supervisor Rynes moved to approve the meeting minutes from the Monthly Board Meeting held on August 13, 2026, and the Special Board Meeting held on August 20, 2026. Supervisor Sebranek seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Spencer presented the Treasurer's Report.

Revenue and balances were reviewed.

Supervisor Rynes moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Sebranek seconded. Motion passed.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Berner presented the Clerk's Report.

765kV Transmission Line

1. Midcontinent Grid Solutions (MGS) hosted a public open house on Monday, August 24, 2026, between 10 AM – 1 PM at the Richland Center High School. Attendance was very strong.
2. Resolution 2026-5 – changes were proposed by Chair Durst on 8/23/26. These changes (included on the last page of this document) were reviewed by the Board.

At 7:20 PM, Supervisor Rynes moved to approve the changes as shown for Resolution 2026-5. Supervisor Sebranek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ambulance Service

1. Chair Durst attended the Ad-Hoc EMS District Formation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 8/25/26, at 6:00 PM, in the Richland County Board Room. Board members were given copies of the meeting minutes.
2. Chair Durst & Supervisor Sebranek attended the Richland County Unit of WTA EMS Committee Meeting held on Monday, 8/31/26, at 6:00 PM, in the Richland County Board Room. Board members were given copies of the meeting minutes. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 9/28/26 at 6 PM, same location.
3. Chair Durst attended the Ad-Hoc EMS District Formation Committee meeting held on Thursday, 9/3/26, at 6:00 PM, in the Richland County Board Room. No meeting minutes were available.
4. The EMS District Formation Community Outreach Meeting has been cancelled.
5. A packet of information from John Matthes, Chair Town of Forest, was given to the Board to review. This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

WISLR annual certification packet was completed and given to the Clerk for submission.

Gillingham Ballpark – tearing up the ball field. This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

Possible dates for Board of Review were discussed.

The Budget Planning Meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 7 PM, at the Town Hall.

This is the last month that McKenna Layer will be working as the recycling attendant for the township.

It was agreed that there will not be enough sand ordered this year to solicit bids.

The salt purchase agreement from All Season's Trucking Inc. was reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

All payments from our August Town Board meeting were mailed out on 8/16/26, including the signed granite quote to Krause Monuments.

The Statement of Account Care of Veterans' Graves forms for the town cemeteries were dropped off at the County Clerk's office on 8/20/26.

The Town Board met on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 7 PM at the Town Hall. Resolution 2026-5 was adopted - A Resolution Opposing the Proposed 765 kV Transmission Line Through the Town of Marshall, Richland County, and the Driftless Area.

WTA Richland County Unit Meeting was held Monday, 8/24/26 at 6 PM in Cazenovia. Board members were given copies of the meeting minutes.

FORMS, REPORTS, EMAIL INQUIRIES, Etc....

A FOIA request from Owen Wang, The Sconi, regarding business registrations and licenses was completed on 8/17/26.

An open records request from Chali Pittman, Isthmus, regarding email to and from Chair Durst's was answered on 8/20/26.

An email inquiry from Jack Crowley, Wisconsin Public Finance Professionals, regarding our debt was completed on 9/1/26.

August WT-6 State Income Tax Withholding was scheduled for payment on 9/4/26.

August 941 Federal Tax Withholding was scheduled for payment on 9/4/26.

UPCOMING DATES

Richland County Unit of WTA EMS Committee will be held on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the County Boardroom.

The Budget Planning Meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 7 PM, at the Town Hall.

The next town board meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 7 PM, at the Town Hall.

Future town board meeting dates: Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, March 9, April 13

Fall Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 8 – noon, at the Town property.

The next election: 11/3/26 General Election

Supervisor Rynes moved to approve the Clerk's Report. Supervisor Sebranek seconded. Motion passed.

Road Supervisor's Report: Patrolman Paasch presented the Road Supervisor's Report.

Patrolman Paasch has been working on cleaning ditches. Patch will be ordered for several roads. Two road signs and caution markers will be ordered. The air leak on the Mac truck is worse.

Supervisor Sebranek moved to approve the Road Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Rynes seconded. Motion passed.

Richland County Fire/EMT/Ambulance/911: No meetings were discussed.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Payment of Bills: Monthly bills were reviewed. Supervisor Rynes moved to pay all bills in full. Supervisor Sebranek seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Rynes moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Sebranek seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Katherine Berner, Clerk

**TOWN OF MARSHALL
RICHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED 765 kV TRANSMISSION LINE THROUGH THE
TOWN OF MARSHALL, RICHLAND COUNTY, AND THE DRIFTLESS AREA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Marshall lies within the nationally recognized Driftless Area, a uniquely fragile landscape defined by steep ridges, cold-water trout streams, karst geology, and highly erodible soils that are particularly vulnerable to large-scale infrastructure disturbance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed high-voltage transmission line would require extensive clearing, construction corridors, blasting, and long-term maintenance that would fragment wildlife habitat, ~~disrupt agricultural lands~~, and permanently alter the natural character of the region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed LRTP project #26 (765 kV line) is a regional backbone system intended to transport electricity to distant markets such as Chicago and points east, providing zero local benefit to the residents of Marshall while imposing approximately 200-foot industrial towers upon our land, and

~~**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marshall's agricultural economy depends on productive farmland, livestock operations, and regenerative farming systems that could be adversely affected by land fragmentation, easement restrictions, soil disruption, and concerns regarding electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure to livestock; and~~

WHEREAS, property owners face potential declines in land value and long-term uncertainty, and Richland County's tourism economy - driven by its scenic beauty, trout streams, outdoor recreation, and rural character - would be negatively affected; and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence indicates that such continuous industrial noise and electromagnetic interference disrupt the natural environment, negatively impacting wildlife reproductive cycles, bird and amphibian communications and migratory patterns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Town Board of the Town of Marshall formally and unequivocally opposes the proposed high-voltage transmission line within the Town of Marshall, Richland County, and the Driftless Area, finding that this region is not suitable for such development and that the project poses substantial risks to public health, safety, and welfare, as well as to environmental integrity and cultural resources.

ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Marshall on this 20th day of August, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Chair Jerome Durst

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Marshall, Richland County, Wisconsin, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2026-5 adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Marshall at a duly noticed meeting held on August 20, 2026.

Clerk Katherine Berner