

MARATHON TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Marathon Town Board was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Marathon Town Hall with the following present: Supervisor Timothy Elliott, Councilmembers Patricia Willis, David Cross, Jefferson Adams, and Nicholas Huizinga; and Town Clerk Doris Adams. Also present were County Legislator William McGovern, Lapeer resident Eric Humberger, Town of Marathon residents Ken Foley and Connie White. Highway Superintendent Joshua Ensign later joined the meeting in session.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Elliott at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the February 10, 2026, monthly meeting were emailed to members. Councilman Jefferson Adams made a motion to accept these minutes as presented, Councilwoman Patricia Willis seconded it, and the minutes were approved with all voting AYE.

The following February 2026 reports were reviewed: Town Clerk, Town Supervisor, Final 2025 Town Supervisor's December report, and the Town Justice Court. There was no report from the Dog Control Officer (SPCA) or from the Building Code Enforcement Officer. The County Legislator was here to report in person. We also received the 2025 4th quarter sales tax check in the amount of \$86,950.69. Miscellaneous correspondence and bank balances were also shared.

Eric Humberger is present tonight to express his interest in the Town of Marathon Zoning and Code Officer position. He is planning to take online classes to get certified; those classes are starting soon. He was asked to get back in touch with us once he is certified.

Ken Foley is present tonight to express his dissatisfaction with the work that the Town of Lapeer did 5-6 years ago on the sluice pipe in front of his property. His property is in the Town of Marathon. Some complaints include: they should not have gone past the 70 foot right-away, they cut two of his maple trees down, some of his stone wall barrier was knocked down, his driveway washed out, all the gravel from the work went down his driveway and ended up in front of his home, and the underground phone cords were cut. He would like some resolution. He also plans to go to the Town of Lapeer's meeting tomorrow night. We will share this information with Joshua Ensign, our Highway Superintendent.

Ms. White brought some political petitions for Board members to sign. She also brought some treats!

County Legislator William McGovern shared the following County Legislature news:

- He will be in Albany from Monday, March 16th through Wednesday, March 18th.
- He noted again about our 2025 4th quarter sales tax check.
- They have now moved in to the new mental health building on Port Watson Street.
- The Legislature has presented a Local Law to allow non-residents to be hired for appointed positions unless otherwise stipulated by the State.
- He noted that Saturday, April 25th and Sunday, April 26th have been designated "Caring for Your Cemetery Day"; this is the third year for this.
- He also noted that he is now on the CNY Regional Planning Board.
- There are about 400 County properties that are delinquent in property taxes. He reported that the process has been started to auction off said properties.
- Supervisor Elliott asked him about the possibility of a County ambulance service. Mr. McGovern responded that he is aware of some of these discussions, but nothing has moved forward.
- Mr. McGovern left the meeting in session at 8:15 p.m.

Supervisor Elliott shared the following miscellaneous information:

- He recently went to the County Municipal Leaders' meeting. Real Property Tax Office Director Laura Fox attended and shared a presentation on property re-evaluations. At that same meeting, MAVAC member John Tillotson reported on the possibility of organizing a County ambulance service sometime in the future.
- Supervisor Elliott reported that the Justice Court bank account was hacked about four times in February. The bank picked up on it; we have had to change that account number.
- Joleen Padbury, our Town bookkeeper, has submitted the 2023 Annual Financial Report (AFR). The State came back with a couple questions; she has a Zoom meeting with them tomorrow, March 11th.

- Supervisor Elliott sent a letter on March 2nd agreeing to the draft findings of last year's partial State audit. We still need to write our response to these findings.

Highway Superintendent Joshua Ensign joined the meeting in session at 8:10 p.m. The information from Ken Foley was shared with him. He will look into the matter. He shared the following other highway news:

- The County is out of salt and has been using our salt and has now started to use our sand.
- He along with other County Highway Superintendents went to Albany last Wednesday, March 14th. There are usually about 750 people attending Advocacy Day, but this year there were only about 500 people. He reported that the CHIPS money will either be the same or be slightly increased.
- He has received confirmation that we should receive the 2025 Western Star truck around August 10th of this year. He noted that we originally ordered a 2024 back in September 2022. With the long delay on their part with the order, it was changed to a 2025 model.

Highway Bills of \$7,453.38 were presented by Highway Superintendent Ensign and General Bills of \$6,107.76 were presented by Town Clerk Adams. Councilman David Cross made a motion to pay the bills, Councilman Nicholas Huizinga seconded it, and it was passed with all voting AYE.

Highway Superintendent Ensign has gotten some quotes for a new pickup truck. This is the third year with the current Ford F 350 truck. He knows he would like a Chevrolet this time. Van Bordel Chevrolet didn't respond to his inquiry, McGuire Chevrolet quoted one from them would be about \$60,000.00, and Joe Basil Chevrolet out of Depew, NY quoted just the truck for about \$57,000. We can piggyback off this Erie County truck dealer. We would then get the other add-ons locally. After some discussion, Councilman David Cross made a motion to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet one-ton LT pick-up truck from Joe Basil Chevrolet, Inc. in Depew, NY in the amount of \$57,462.00 which includes all specifications in said order. Councilman Jefferson Adams seconded the motion and it was passed with all voting AYE. The Town Clerk will prepare a letter of intent for Mr. Ensign so he can send it out tomorrow.

Councilwoman Patricia Willis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doris Adams
Marathon Town Clerk