

The Martell Town Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 3rd, 2026, 7:00 PM;
at the Martell Town Hall, W5581 800th Avenue, Spring Valley, WI 54767

1. Call to Order: Chairman Brathol called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Roll Call: All Present
3. Verification of Public Notice: Posted in 3 public locations and the website.
4. Kaminski made a motion to approve the Agenda, Kidd 2nd, all in favor, motion carries
5. Brathol made a motion to approve 1/13 minutes, Kaminski 2nd, all in favor, motion carries,
6. Received January Treasurer's Reports: Working on a new reporting format; Receiving First Installment Tax Revenues and General Transportation Aid; Beginning all accounts: \$196,925. Ending all accounts: \$976,942.67
7. Kidd made a motion to approve January Disbursements, Kaminski 2nd, all in favor motion carries
8. Kaminski made a motion to table the Schedule of Cash Deposits for the Citation Ordinance until the working meeting with Bob Loberg, Kidd 2nd, all in favor, motion carries
9. Kidd made a motion to approve the added Township Services, Cybersecurity and Business Continuity policy drafts to the town policies, Kaminski 2nd, all in favor, motion carries. Website updates pending.
10. Discuss road work: 870th trees encroaching on road, need to trim
11. Discuss and approve driveway permits: No January Driveway Permits
12. Receive January Building Permits Report: No January Building Permits
13. Receive Pierce County Land Use Permits: None received as of meeting date
14. Receive Department / Committee Reports
 - a. Planning Commission: Previous meeting had lots of public input; want to hear the community's concerns. Next meeting is a working meeting with the Board on Feb 17th.
 - b. EAASOC held their 1st Q meeting. 2025: 51 of the 901 ambulance calls were to Martell. 2026 per capita invoice will be coming soon. 5% budget increase to \$45,938.50
 - c. Employee's report: 188 hours; John Deere Tractor fuel gauge ongoing issues
 - d. Ellsworth Fire Service Association (EFSA) meeting: Derek Featherstone is the new chief, Financial report, ordered a tender (tanker), considering a ladder truck, 3 retirements and 6 new recruits, paid off building loan two years early.
15. Read correspondence: ECSD Referendum Notice, El Paso payment for Plow Blade, CCF 2025 Interest income \$8,414, WTA Convention Registration, Trenton Clerk S Thoms: QB questions,
16. Set date(s) for next meeting(s): February 17th Board/PC Working Meeting 6 pm, Attorney Bob Loberg in attendance
17. Public Comment:
 - a. Quinn Rowe: Western organizer for Wisconsin Conservation Voters. Invite to a documentary Thursday, Feb 5th at Falls Theater 5:15. Will also try to put it on youtube *Seething Underneath*, about Nitrate contamination and *The Right to Know* filmed in Pierce County about farmers, families and businesses with ground water contamination. One family in the documentary is from Martell. Working on bipartisan legislation Water Pollution Notification Act. Our rep, Rob Kriebeck is a co-sponsor of the bill. Short films. Event will end at 7.
 - b. Lori Larson: Seeking clarification around expenses/disbursements reporting to the board
18. Discuss next meetings' agenda items: None
19. Brathol announced a Closed Session per Stat. § 19.85(1) to conduct performance evaluations for the clerk and treasurer. Kidd made a motion to adjourn into closed session. Kaminski 2nd,
 - a. Roll Call Vote: Brathol aye, Kidd, aye, Kaminski, aye - All in favor, motion carries
20. Chairman Brathol clarified that the Board will not return to Open Session after Closed Session adjourns.