

The Martell Town Board Monthly Meeting
held on July 14th, 2026 at 7:00 PM
at The Martell Town Hall, located at W5581 800th Avenue, Spring Valley, WI 54767

MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairman Brathol called the meeting to order at 7pm
2. Roll Call: All members present
3. Verification of Public Notice: verified via affidavit
4. Kidd made a motion to approve the agenda, Kaminski 2nd, all in favor, motion carries
5. Kidd made a motion to approve minutes from the June 9th Regular Town Board Meeting, Kaminski 2nd, all in favor, motion carries
6. Received June Treasurer's Reports: Start: \$132,799.62 and end \$1120,271.00
7. Action/Discussion Items
 - a. Kidd moved to approve June and early July Distributions , Kaminski 2nd, all in favor, motion carries
 - b. Begin Budget Discussion: Clerk Boles presented the Budget to Actual reports which will be used for the 2027 budget process.
 - c. Chairman Brathol made motion to table the vote to approve the Road Ordinance until August in order to consult with our attorney and address concerns raised at the July 11th conversation, Kaminski 2nd, all in favor, motion carries
 - i. Lots of discussion and points made. Essentially more homework needs to be done around liability, procedures, and necessity. Also need to address concerns around Garbage hauling.
 - d. Kidd made a motion to contract with Companion Animal Care (CAC) for stray animal needs in Martell, Brathol 2nd, Kaminski abstained from voting, as CAC owner is an acquaintance. 2 years out of 3, motion carries.
8. Receive June Building Permits Report:
 - a. MERGENS B&L, 5906 810TH AVE RESIDENTIAL NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$350,000
 - b. JACOBS S, 6597 610 ST N RESIDENTIAL NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$1,280,735
 - c. DIERCKS J, 5885 690TH AVE RESIDENTIAL NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$375,000
 - d. DIERCKS J, 5885 690TH AVE DECK \$25,000
9. No Pierce County Land Use & Sanitary Permits received
10. Receive Department / Committee Reports
 - a. Planning Commission: PC to Edit to Culvert materials in DW Installation Standards
 - b. Employee's report - 133 hours, drag patching and grading. Grader at 4600 hours, needs the 4000 hour maintenance. Estimated \$7,600. Losing pressure in crankcase.
 - c. Cemetery Report: Green Cemetery progress; concerns about vaults/no vaults raised. Can have no vaults and be hybrid. Will continue to research.
 - d. EFSA- Failed an audit with regard to annual inspections. Looking for towns to pass an ordinance requiring only one inspection per year.
 - e. Discuss maintenance and repair issues - bridge spraying scheduled but not done yet,
11. Read correspondence: Pymnt from PC for R Larson Road Damages, IRS Mailing address change, Penalties for failed payments 9/22, DOT Project Notification: WIS 29 Trimbelle River Bridge B-47-0631, Rural Insurance: 2025 Worker's comp Audit results, refunding \$668
12. Kidd made a motion to hold the Sept. meeting on the 8th, Kaminski 2nd, all in favor, motion carries.
13. Public Comment:
 - a. Wendy DiPeso- regarding green cemeteries: Glass Valley in RF. Jerome Rodewald, vault prevents the soil from sinking as the body deteriorate, so they charge additional fee of \$250 to bring in soil to level it off. Not a specific area in the cemetery.
 - b. Mt Olivet Cemetery, responsibility is shared with Rush River as it is on the townline.
 - c. Fred - suggestion to look into vacating deadend roads to save the town money.
14. Discuss next meetings' agenda items: Road Ordinance, garbage hauling question, Fire Inspections, Budget to Actuals,
15. Kidd made a motion that we Adjourn, Kaminski 2nd, all in favor, motion carries