

TOWN OF MISHICOT MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
MISHICOT TOWN HALL
710 NORTH STATE STREET, MISHICOT, WI

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Anhalt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the board were Dean Anhalt, Gordon Augustine, Lee Stefaniak, Tammy Thielbar, and Connie Tesarik. Dean LeCaptain was absent and excused.

GUESTS

See attached listing of guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Anhalt led the board and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 4, 10 and 12, 2026 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

The minutes of the February 2, 4, 10 and 12 meetings of the Mishicot Town Board were reviewed by the board upon e-mailed receipt.

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 4, 10 and 12, 2026, meetings of the Mishicot Town Board. Supervisor Augustine seconded the motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRINTED

Supervisor Augstine moved to approve the March 2, 2026, monthly meeting agenda. Supervisor Stefaniak seconded the motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

County Supervisor Lee Engelbrecht gave a brief update on the county activities, including appointments to various boards and commissions, a report on Human Services and on the 0.5% sales tax. The originally estimated revenue from the sales tax was \$7 million, \$8 million is estimated for this year. He discussed county salaries saying that highway workers are going elsewhere for more money. The Highway Department is short 5-6 people right now. Having a CDL is a stumbling block. Mr. Engelbrecht mentioned the AI moratorium. He expects the ordinance to reach the County Board some time later in April.

Robert DesJarlais addressed the attendees stating that a group of people have decided to meet and form a group regarding the AI center subject. The group is called the Tri-Town Land Preservation Group. They will be distributing pamphlets and letters and circulating petitions. Chairman Anhalt closed Public Input at 7:07 p.m.

UPDATE ON AI CENTER DEVELOPMENT AND MORATORIUM

Planning and Parks will have a meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, at the Expo Drive Offices to look at the three resolutions given to them by the Towns of Mishicot, Two Creeks, and Two Rivers requesting incorporating a moratorium on AI Center permitting and development in the county ordinances. The request would then go to the Manitowoc County Board for final decision on the moratorium. The town has not done anything further at this time on the AI centers. We are watching what is going on at the state level.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Manitowoc County Sheriffs & Constables Association monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office. Chairman Anhalt noted that correspondence was received from Calumet County regarding road striping. Also received were communications from Jewell Engineering and Cedar Corp. offering their services for the small bridges grant.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE JOINT ENGAGEMENT LETTER RECEIVED FROM HOPP, NEUMANN AND HUMKE LLP FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND ADVICE RELATED TO A POTENTIAL AI CENTER IN MANITOWOC COUNTY

The Town of Mishicot's legal firm Hopp, Neumann, and Humke, LLP, suggested creating a joint engagement letter whereby any AI legal fees would be billed to each of the three towns involved. It was agreed that an engagement letter would not be necessary as there is already a verbal commitment.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE: ARIP/LSSIP GRANT APPLICATIONS

Chairman Anhalt spoke of the ARIP (Ag road) grant and the Local Small Structure Improvement grant for the bridge. Funding seems certain because of our "0" rating of the Assman Road bridge. This would be a 90/10 grant, and the town needs to go for it. The town board agreed that they go for the bridge grant. A resolution regarding a request to increase transportation funding was handed out at the WTA district meeting. The WTA would like us to sign it and send it in. The resolution will appear on the April regular monthly town board meeting agenda. Mr. Anhalt will work on a survey for a small bridge case study. Rich Glen from JT Engineering will assist Mr. Anhalt with filling out the survey. The board is considering either Assman or Benzinger Road for the ARIP grant. Chairman Anhalt has received numbers from the Town of Two Creeks for Nero Road. Nero Road should be comparable to Benzinger Road. ARIP is also 90/10. The town would need to borrow approximately \$206,000 to pay for the town's 10%. Another option would be to do Assman Road from Saxonburg to CTH B. Assman Road would be

approximately \$1.5 million with engineering. Assman Road bridge is estimated between \$250,000 to \$360,000. Supervisor Stefaniak said the choice should be Benzinger Road. Supervisor Augustine agreed. The town's 10% of \$2.4 million would be \$240,000 for both projects.

Mr. Anhalt said he could start conversation with the engineer. There is a May 1 deadline for the small bridge grant.

DISCUSSION REGARDING DRAINAGE ISSUE ON CROSSROAD DRIVE

Pagel's wants to run from a current lift station and bore under Crossroad Drive across George Chase's property. The outlet would be into a culvert on Nuclear Road. There is a 4.5' drop from the field height to the culvert. Chairman Anhalt already spoke with John Ratajczak of Pagel's and with George Chase. Mr. Chase is not ready to make any decision yet. Mr. Anhalt said that if there would be any road building by the town, it would be at Pagel's expense to manage the pipe. There would need to be a boring agreement with Pagel's. Chairman Anhalt noted that he wants nothing more in the ditch. He further noted that the culvert is pitched the wrong way.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ON SPRING WEIGHT LIMIT ORDINANCE FOR TOWN ROADS ORDINANCE 2026-01 SEASONAL WEIGHT LIMITS

This ordinance was originally drafted by the WTA. Chairman Anhalt called for a motion to enact ordinance 2026-01. We need a 30-day weight limit which is required by the ARIP grant. Chairman Anhalt will check to see if a restriction this year is sufficient so the town can do Benzinger Road this year. **Supervisor Augustine moved to enact Ordinance 2026-1 Seasonal Weight Limits on Town Roads. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes in favor. Motion carried.** Due to the penalty clause in the ordinance, the ordinance will be published and posted. Publication occurred on March 9. The penalties are \$100 per violation and not more than \$500. Chairman Anhalt ordered that the signs be put up the next day (March 3) and to be sure there is a sign on Benzinger Road.

DISCUSSION ON REMAINING SALT DELIVERIES AND NEW DOT SALT CONTRACT FOR 2026-2027

We have 90 tons more coming. We have until the end of April to get it. We will take an extra 60 tons when we have room. Supervisor Augustine said he will check to see what there is room for.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LETTER TO MANITOWOC COUNTY SOIL AND WATER ABOUT LIVESTOCK SITING RULES AND MANITOWOC COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT AND APPLICATION VERIFICATION FORM

They want farmers to have a 5-year agreement with landowners allowing manure application.

Chairman Anhalt noted that some people do not like that. He stated that this is a way to manage application of manure. Soil and Water wants the 5-year agreement. There will be a meeting on March 19 at 4:45 p.m. to discuss this. Then the matter will go to the County Board for their approval. Chairman Anhalt read the letter he wrote in response to and on behalf of the town. Lee Engelbrecht stated that farmers think it is burdensome. All have to have a Nutrient Management Plan. Other options are that they can apply 4-6 times a year on a growing crop. He also said 5-year leases are tied up for five years. If a farmer did not need it all, it was still tied up. Soil and Water would work with them. It is not a rental agreement. A farmer must show that they have that agreement for a new CAFO or an addition. The board wants to send the letter by March 9.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2026-2027 FIRE CONTRACT WITH TISCH MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Jeff Chalupny spoke with Chairman Anhalt. He said the Tisch Mills Fire Department would hold the 2026-2027 contract to the 2025 rate. Chairman Anhalt wants the contract for this year with last year's price. He would like to sit down with Gibson and the fire department to discuss how to bring the Town of Frankin (Kewaunee County) into compliance. The Mishicot Fire Department also agreed to hold to last year's price. Chairman Anhalt requested a motion to accept the offer from the Tisch Mills Fire Department to hold to last year's number of \$48,666.61. **Supervisor Augustine moved to accept the offer from the Tisch Mills Fire Department to hold to last year's number, \$48,666.61, the 2025 rate for one year, April 2026 to April 2027. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

WTA DISTRICT MEETING - FEBRUARY 28, 2026 FARM DISCOVERY CENTER

The town board attended the WTA District Meeting on February 28. It was a good meeting and got a lot of questions answered.

POSITIVE PAY WITH BANK FIRST NATIONAL

Bank First National offers Positive Pay, where the town would have to look daily at their checking account to allow payments for checks being presented for payment. It was decided that due to the fact that there are no full-time daily hours, that it may not work well for the town to enter into the Positive Pay program. Ms. Thielbar asked if we could find out what other towns do.

ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION DATE

The 2026 Annual Road Inspection date will be Saturday, April 4, 2026, The board will begin by meeting at the Mishicot Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

The annual meeting of the electors will be held at the Mishicot Town Hall, 710 North State Street, Mishicot, on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Dean LeCaptain said the hot water heater is leaking. Chairman Anhalt will look at it. Mr. LeCaptain also needs 3" road reflectors. He also asked if he could have a credit card. The credit card will be discussed at the April meeting. Patching material was discussed. That comes from the county.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD CONNIE, TAMMY, DANNY, DEAN L., GORDON, AND LEE

Tammy Thielbar said the dog kennel on County BB is liquidating. There were 22 dogs there last year. There is one dog that will need a license at six months. Ms. Thielbar also stated that there are two outstanding invoices for WPS Utility Permits from January. The clerk will contact WPS. The clerk noted that she has closed out the ARPA grant. There is an election on April 7. Supervisor Augustine reported that David Skwor on Circle Drive has a drainage issue and would like to fill in the ditch because it runs across the driveway. Supervisor Stefaniak reported that the Ambulance Service is having trouble getting enough people. It may have to become a fully paid service. He noted that they may have a harder time purchasing a new ambulance next time. The most recent one purchased was purchased with grant money. Chairman Anhalt said there was a noise complaint on North Sunset. He called the Sheriff's Department. The complainant must call the Sheriff's Department. There have been complaints concerning shooting at Boomers Gun Shop. There is nothing there but a 2-foot high pile of dirt to act as a berm. Chairman Anhalt talked with the DNR, who happens to also be versed in zoning. There is nothing in concrete controlling such activity. Chairman Anhalt would like to see a larger berm there. He may stop in to talk with the owner.

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to approve the financial report as presented by the clerk. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Supervisor Augustine moved to pay claims as presented by the clerk. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Grant applications for Benzinger Road and the Assman Bridge; AI Center and moratorium discussion; Fire Department contracts; Positive Pay with Bank First National; Road Inspection results; credit card for Dean LeCaptain; WTA resolution for road funding; salt contract; Annual Meeting; cemetery contract and hiring of Ray Wotacheck to help out this season; Board of Review Date

ADJOURN

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the town board will be on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were taken at the March 2, 2026, monthly town board meeting and recorded here on April 1, 2026. These minutes will be board approved at the next regularly scheduled town board meeting.

Connie Tesarik - Clerk