

## ANNUAL MEETING - APRIL 21, 2026

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Anhalt called the meeting of the electors to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present for the board were Dean Anhalt, Lee Stefaniak, Gordon Augustine, Tammy Thielbar, and Connie Tesarik. Dean LeCaptain arrived later.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Anhalt led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2025 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the April 15, 2025 annual meeting were read by Mrs. Tesarik. Chairman Anhalt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. **A motion was made by Gary Novitski to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Robert DesJarlais to approve the 2025 annual meeting minutes. All Votes in favor. Motion carried.**

### MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

Minutes from the November 17, 2025, Special Meeting of the Electors was read by Chairman Anhalt. Chairman Anhalt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. **A motion was made by Malcolm Peroutka to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Susan Dirkmann to approve the November 17, 2025 minutes of the Special Meeting of the Electors. All Votes in favor. Motion carried.**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairman Anhalt presented the 2025 Annual Financial Report and reviewed the revenues and expenditures while the taxpayers followed along on their copy of the report. The Town of Mishicot's total general fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2025 is \$185,808. The Town's General Fund indicates an unassigned fund balance also in the amount of \$185,808, which represents approximately 23.75% of the total 2025 general fund original budgeted expenditures. The town auditor advises the unassigned general fund balance to be between 20% and 30% of its annual general fund budgeted expenditures. **A motion was made by Gary Novitski to accept the financial report. Motion was seconded by Donald Dirkmann. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

Chairman Anhalt also reviewed the town's current debt, as of April 21, 2026, as follows:

Loan #02021105.01 Purchase of Ford Pickup and Dump Box	Paid in Full
Truck Loan to be paid off in March 2027	
Loan #02023011.01 Finance Hillcrest Bridge Replacement	\$ 23,670.25
Loan #02026029.01 Finance Samz Road Reconstruction	\$165,000.00
Samz Road Loan to begin payments in March 2027	

## TAX LEVY - 2026

**Robert DesJarlais made a motion for the Town Board to set the 2026 tax levy, collected in 2027, at budget time. Susan Dirkmann seconded the motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

## UPCOMING WORK FOR 2026

The town board completed their annual road inspection on Saturday, April 4, 2026.

Chairman Anhalt reviewed the Road Project List from 2020 through 2025. Samz Road from Ridge to Cherney was completed in the fall of 2025 and was paid for in part by an 80/20 BIL grant. The Samz Road project was a shared project between the Village of Mishicot and the Town of Mishicot 44%/56% respectively. In 2026, the town board plans to chip seal Saxonburg Road from Zander to Two Creeks and Gesser Lane from Saxonburg Road to the end. The board also hopes to put money into patching.

The April 14 flood caused a culvert washout east of Saxonburg on Assman Road. The cost to patch the washout will be at least \$5500. Chairman Anhalt has also applied for an LSSIP grant to replace the Assman Road Bridge. The grant is a 90/10 grant. It could cost as much as \$650,000 to replace the Assman Road Bridge. The DNR will not allow a bridge over a named creek with a dirt bottom to be replaced with a culvert.

Chairman Anhalt further plans to apply for an ARIP grant for Benzinger Road. We may have to increase the size of the culvert. There is also LRIP money, which is a 50/50 split. Mr. Anhalt noted that without \$500,000 in the bank, the town does not have the funding to carry that out. LRIP grants are on an approximate 6-year rotation with the other municipalities. The LRIP grants are 50/50, but the town would have to outlay and also pay 50% of the project. It would take too much of the town's budget at one time.

Judy Johnson asked about Tapawingo Road. Mr. Anhalt said we might try to patch over the culverts to smooth them out. John Shedivy asked about the Assman Bridge being one way now. Mr. Anhalt said that the bridge is currently rated a "2" and that hopefully that rating will win the town the 90/10 LSSIP grant funds.

## EQUIPMENT UPDATES

New shop lights were retrofitted in 2025. The town did receive money from Focus on Energy to help offset the cost of the new lights.

## AMBULANCE SERVICE UPDATE

Supervisor Stefaniak gave a report on the ambulance service. The service is concerned that it may have to go to a paid service. People are getting burned out. There are too few volunteers. There is one person interested in a day-time position, but that person would be taken off the

night schedule. There is a need for advanced EMTs. Mike Koeppel is the service director and Bonnie Timm is acting as an assistant service director. Both are doing a fine job. Currently, the Mishicot Ambulance Service per capita rate is \$14.40. Two Rivers per capita is in the \$30's; Brillion is in the \$90's; Manitowoc is in the \$20's.

FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT UPDATE

Chairman Anhalt explained the fire department contracts are based on 1 mill of the equalized value of the area they protect. He explained that increases were sometimes more than 15% year over year. Costs have gotten out of hand. The town itself has only seen about a 2.5% increase per year in income. The fire departments have agreed to hold the 2026-2027 contracts to the 2025-2026 rate. The Tisch Mills Fire Department contract from April 2026 to April 2027 will remain at \$48,666.61. The Mishicot Fire Department contract from July 2026 to July 2027 will remain at \$119,149.29. The municipalities and the fire departments continue to discuss equitable calculation options for the future.

WAGE REVIEW FOR NEXT BOARD TERM BEGINNING APRIL 2027

**Judy Johnson moved to increase the annual salary of the clerk from \$12,799 to \$15,000, beginning with the new term in April 2027. Motion was seconded by Robert DesJarlais. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

**Robert DesJarlais moved to increase the annual salary of the treasurer by the same percentage, which is 17%, equal to \$1,305.60, for a total of \$8,985.60 beginning with the new term in April 2027. Motion seconded by Malcolm Peroutka. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

POSITION	2027-2028
CHAIRMAN	\$4,370, plus per diems - No Change
SUPERVISORS	\$2,530, plus per diems - No Change
TREASURER	Increase from \$7680 to \$8985.60
CLERK	Increase from \$12,799 to \$15,000

2026 OPEN BOOK, BOARD OF REVIEW AND REVALUATION

While exact dates for Board of Review have not yet been set, it is expected that the Board of Review will meet at the town hall on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the 45-day period beginning on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of April. Due to the fact that the town assessor will not have the assessment roll complete by June 1, the Board of Review will be adjourned until a later date proposed by the assessor. Chairman Anhalt advised those present to watch the town website for Open Book/BOR dates.

## SET DATE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING - 2027

The next Annual Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of April, which will be April 20, 2027, at the Mishicot Town Hall.

## PUBLIC INPUT

Carla Halvorson asked about the procedure to exceed the town levy. Chairman Anhalt explained that the town board makes the decision as to whether or not they will attempt to do it, but there would be an advisory vote from the citizens. **Carla Halvorson moved to request the town board pursue a town levy increase of \$200,000 above the present levy for road repairs with a sunset clause of 5 years. Motion was seconded by Malcolm Peroutka. A voice vote was taken. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

Robert DesJarlais thanked the town board for its joint efforts with the Town of Two Creeks and the Town of Two Rivers to create a resolution for an AI data center moratorium and present it to Manitowoc County for adoption. Mr. DesJarlais said it is unprecedented for towns to work together the way they did. He noted there will be a meeting of the Manitowoc County Board on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Michigan Avenue Campus at which the ordinance amendment adopted by Planning and Parks will be presented for County Board adoption. Susan Dirkmann urged those present to let your legislators know what their wishes are. There has been a citizens' group formed called Tri-Town Land Preservation. Informational pamphlets are available. Chairman Anhalt reviewed the moratorium process.

Chairman Anhalt thanked Lee Engelbrecht for his many years of service to the Town of Two Creeks, the Wisconsin Towns Association, and Manitowoc County, among many other activities on behalf of local government.

## ADJOURN

**Malcolm Peroutka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion seconded by Gary Novitski. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.**

These minutes were taken at the Annual Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Mishicot on April 21, 2026, and entered into this Minutes book on May 4, 2026. These minutes will be approved at the April 20, 2027 annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Tesarik – Clerk