

TOWN OF MISHICOT MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 4, 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, Connie Tesarik and Dean LeCaptain.

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 APRIL 6, 2026 MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD

The minutes of the April 6, monthly meeting of the Mishicot Town Board were reviewed by the board upon e-mailed receipt, as well as the meetings from April 8, April 13, April 15, and the Annual Meeting on April 21 (which will be approved by the citizens on April 20, 2027).

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to approve the minutes of the April 6 monthly meeting of the Mishicot Town Board, as well as the meetings on April 8, 13, 15 and 21. Supervisor Augustine seconded the motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRINTED

Supervisor Augustine moved to approve the May 4, 2026, monthly meeting agenda. Supervisor Stefaniak seconded the motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Manitowoc County Sheriffs & Constables Association monthly meeting and picnic will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office. The clerk presented the April constable's report. The clerk noted that the USPS will be increasing postage rates effective July 12. There will be Storm Chaser Training on Tuesday, May 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Two Rivers City Hall. The Mishicot School District will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 14th at 4:00 p.m., at the baseball/softball diamonds and concession stand.

PUBLIC INPUT

Andrew Schwerma, the newly elected Manitowoc County District 20 representative, addressed the town board and attendees. Supervisor Schwerma discussed the AI Data Center moratorium addressed by the Manitowoc County Board at its April 28 meeting. Mr. Schwerma stated that he was in support of the moratorium. Supervisor Sortwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Neils to amend the ordinance by adding lines 57 and 58 “with the capability of managing more than 1 petabyte of data.” Upon discussion and vote, the motion carried with 17 ayes and 6 no. Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Hammel to amend the ordinance on line 71, by striking 12 [months] and replace it with 18 [months]. Upon discussion and vote, the motion carried with 22 ayes and 1 no. Mr. Schwerma also said the county received a mini-grant in the amount of \$2,300 for opioid training. Chairman Anhalt asked what Mr. Schwerma’s stance is concerning livestock siting nutrient application agreements. Mr. Schwerma said he spoke with CAFO owners. It seems that the rules have redundancy. Mr. Anhalt responded that it comes down to one or two people not playing the game as they should. There was a spill hearing a few weeks ago. The DNR admitted the pit was undersized but have been giving them an exception for 15 years. It was stated that the DNR is not good at watching over these.

Jerome Hlinak addressed the board and explained what a petabyte is. The county board was sent the amendment the morning of the county board meeting. He said if smaller data centers come in, it will be hard to deny additions to a small data center. Denial could be considered a hardship. Chairman Anhalt said a petabyte is used by large businesses and hospitals.

Jerome Wotachek asked Dean LeCaptain to let him know when they cut the willows so he can put them on his truck and haul them away. He said they would spray the willows when they green up.

Robert DesJarlais asked if updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan is worthwhile as far as keeping our farmland.

Public Input closed at 7:22 p.m.

2026 TOWN MAINTENANCE BID OPENING, REVIEW, AND POSSIBLE AWARD

Bids were received from Scott Construction and Fahrner.

Scott Construction:

1. Saxonburg Road (Zander to Two Creeks) 5270 feet x 22 feet - Apply a single hot oil seal coat using 3/8 black granite - \$31,046.
2. Two Creeks Road (Saxonburg to Saxonburg) 795 feet x 22 feet - Apply a single hot oil seal coat to tie it all together from the previous seal coat and just west of the west intersection of Saxonburg and a 570 feet x 22 feet cold mix wedge and part of intersection wedged using approximately 132 tons - \$22,043.

3. Gesser Lane - 1825 feet x 15 feet - apply a single hot oil seal coat using 3//8 black granite - \$7,330

Total Cost: \$60,419

Cold mix pot hole patching with a separate truck and two men included in pricing on both chip seal roads

Fahrner Construction:

1. Saxonburg Road - Two Creeks to Zander Road (24' W x 1 mile) \$38,580
2. Gesser Lane - Saxonburg to Termini (14' x .34 miles) \$7565.
3. Two Creeks Road - Intersection to Intersection (23' W x .2 miles) \$7355.
Northeast Asphalt would do wedging. Estimated tons 175; total cost of wedging \$21,227.50

Total Cost: \$74,727.50

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to award the bid to Scott Construction for the project as shown in their bid in the amount of \$60,419. Supervisor Augustine seconded the motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

AI MORATORIUM COUNTY ORDINANCE UPDATE

See Public Input above.

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

The town currently has approximately \$111,380 to distribute across road expenses. With the bid from Scott Construction deducted, approximately \$51,000 remains. The board discussed applying the remainder toward patching. A budget amendment will be prepared for the June meeting.

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON ARIP AND LSSIP GRANT APPLICATIONS

The board discussed an estimate of \$3,000,000 for Benzinger Road as an ARIP project. That would include more breaker, replace culverts and increase to 102"concrete pipe by Patek. Chairman Anhalt does not think the town would be awarded two grants if the Assman Bridge is \$650,000. Mr. Anhalt asked the board what their thoughts are on the Benzinger Road project. Supervisor Augustine asked if there could be an overlay. Chairman Anhalt would have to ask Northeast Asphalt about that. There are two pipes on Benzinger Road, one squash pipe and the biggest by George Patek. If the project is \$3,000,000, the town's 10% share is \$300,000. Benzinger Road is almost 2 miles. At the end of June or early July, we should know if we will

be granted the LSSIP grant for the Assman Bridge. It was decided to table Benzinger Road for now.

DISCUSSION ON WEATHER EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS FOR THE MARCH BLIZZARD AND APRIL FLOODING

The board discussed the many areas of washouts in the town after the April 14 flooding. Lambert Excavating agreed to come and repair several of the washouts for \$5,000. The town posted notice of immediate need due to the weather emergency.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ASSMAN ROAD WASHOUT

A large washout on Assman Road included a collapse of a section of the roadway. Lambert Excavating agreed to repair the washout at a cost of \$5500. Chairman Anhalt requested a motion to fix the culvert and repair Assman Road and to patch. **Supervisor Stefaniak moved to have Lambert Excavating make the necessary repairs of the culvert and road on Assman for \$5500. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

SET BOARD OF REVIEW DATE AND MEET AND ADJOURN - MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026, AT 6:45 P.M.

With the assessment roll not yet complete, the town board will comply with the statutory requirement to meet during a 45-day period beginning with the fourth Monday in April by meeting on June 1, 2026, at 6:45 p.m., just prior to the town board meeting, in order to call the Board of Review to order and to adjourn to a later date which will be determined that evening.

PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR EXPIRING TERMS

Supervisor Augustine moved to re-appoint Mike Koepfel and Pat Shebesta for a three-year term beginning April 30, 2026 and ending April 30, 2029. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes in favor. Motion carried. The board will verify their wish to continue serving the next term.

MEMORIAL DAY TEMPORARY BEER LICENSE FOR ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER MAY 23-24, 2026

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to grant a temporary beer license to St. Isidore the Farmer for their Memorial Day Picnic May 23-24, 2026. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: PURSUE
CITIZEN REQUEST TO INCREASE THE 2026 LEVY LIMIT COLLECTED IN 2027 BY
\$200,000

No further discussion on the request to pursue the increase in the tax levy by \$200,000 at this time.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO CEMETERY RULES RE: MEMORIAL GRAVE
BLANKETS

The board was made aware of a product called Memorial Grave Blankets. The board will review language in the cemetery rules to address this at the June meeting.

DISCUSS UPDATING THE RECYCLING ORDINANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE DNR

The board will discuss updating the recycling ordinance at the June meeting.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE UPDATE TO THE MAN-EQUIPMENT HOURLY CHARGES

Since the board had not reviewed the fee for man and equipment hourly rate charges since 2003, it was determined that the rates should be increased to more accurately reflect current usual charges such as rates used by the DOT. **Supervisor Stefaniak moved to increase the man and equipment hourly rate for the town to \$75 for man and \$185 for equipment. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.** Previous rates were \$35 per hour for man and \$110 per hour for equipment. These rates are most commonly used to make an insurance claim when an individual destroys town property such as road signs.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT LETTER TO MISHICOT FIRE
DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Augustine moved to approve sending the contract letter to the Mishicot Fire Department. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A CREDIT CARD FOR DEAN
LECAPTAIN

The board discussed whether or not a credit card should be issued to Mr. LeCaptain. The main issue with using a credit card in a business that does not have an account for the town is that there is no tax exemption certificate on file. Therefore, any purchases made without a tax exemption on the account are charged state sales tax. Most of the businesses the town uses have tax exempt accounts set up already. Mr. LeCaptain said it would only be for small purchases, for example, at Fleet Farm. Chairman Anhalt will check to see if an account could be set up at Fleet Farm for the town. The board will discuss further at the June meeting.

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR REPAIRS

Dean LeCaptain purchased a water pump from Riesterer and Schnell.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

All the crack filling material is here. Dean is working on the crack filler and wants to clean it up. Supervisor Augustine wants to fix the ditch tomorrow on Cherney by CTH Q on the west side, using the grader to pull the ditch back up.

Chairman Anhalt said he had received a message from Kurt Luebke on Antler Lane about culvert/water problems there. The culvert may be filled in. If there are ends there, Chairman Anhalt would like to have that opened up. If there isn't, we may need to put a culvert there. He would like to take a closer look at that this year.

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

The clerk asked if there were any changes to the Paser Road Rating report. Chairman Anhalt said he has no changes to make to the report at this time. The clerk will submit the report to the DOT as such. Ms. Thielbar asked for advice regarding a very late dog license. The chairman advised her to wait one week and then send the constable there. Dean LeCaptain would like to change hours to four ten's. He was asked to wait until the next pay period in May.

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

Budget amendment; set Board of Review; credit card for Dean LeCaptain; recycling ordinance update; cemetery rule change; alcohol and operator license renewals; AI data center update; Plan Commission appointments; LSSIP update; July meeting July 6

ADJOURN

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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, June 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
REMINDER TO ARRIVE AT 6:45 P.M. FOR BOARD OF REVIEW ADJOURNMENT MEETING.

These minutes were taken at the May 4, 2026, monthly town board meeting and recorded here on May 22, 2026. These minutes will be board approved at the next regularly scheduled town board meeting.

Connie Tesarik - Clerk