

TOWN OF MISHICOT MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 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 and did arrive later.

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 MARCH 2, 2026 MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD

The minutes of the March 2, monthly meeting of the Mishicot Town Board were reviewed by the board upon e-mailed receipt.

**Supervisor Stefaniak moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2026 monthly meeting of the Mishicot Town Board. Supervisor Augustine seconded the motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRINTED

**Supervisor Augustine moved to approve the April 6, 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. He said the county actually ended 2025 in the black. There is actually close to \$3 million in surplus. The new 0.5% sales tax was estimated to be \$7.5 million. It actually came to \$7,969,877.43. The budget for 2026 is \$8 million. The county also found ways to save money and also applied for a grant for Human Services. Mr. Engelbrecht said the AI moratorium ordinance will probably come before the County Board on April 28. Mr. Engelbrecht noted that he is up for re-election in the April 7 election. He supports the towns' efforts on the data center issue. The new county executive, Tyler Martell, said he will sign the ordinance if it is passed by the County Board. Mr. Anhalt

noted that the ordinance gives the county time to get things in order.

The Land Conservation Committee felt there are different ways they can protect the soil. A better job is being done managing manure hauling and spreading. Nutrient management has been learned over the years. Manure is being handled more as an asset, and a farmer does not have to buy as much fertilizer. Public Input closed at 7:15 p.m.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Manitowoc County Sheriffs & Constables Association monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office. The clerk presented the March constable's report. A letter was received from the Manitowoc County Public Works Department: Recycling Center. For 2026 Manitowoc County has expanded the Clean Sweep Program to include a partnership with the Brown County Hazardous Material Recovery Facility. Also, a memo was sent regarding the Basswood Road and Woodland Drive Compost Site operating hours. More information is available on the town website. Work Zone Training Course 201 is being offered with the assistance of the Wisconsin Towns Association. Registration Deadline is April 27. The Wisconsin Towns Association is also offering Town Road School in Wisconsin Dells April 27-29.

#### CEMETERY CONTRACT: WAGES, EQUIPMENT USE; HELP IN 2026

Present for the cemetery agenda item were Pat Shebesta, Jerome Wotachek, and Ray Wotachek. Mr. Shebesta will be recovering from surgery this summer. **Supervisor Stefaniak moved that 2026 cemetery wages remain at \$15 per hour and that equipment use shall remain at \$1500 per year for both men. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.** Ray Wotachek will help Jerome Wotachek with cemetery mowing this summer. The contract was signed by all parties.

#### UPDATE ON AI CENTER DEVELOPMENT AND MORATORIUM

Planning and Parks approved the moratorium ordinance at their March 30 meeting. The ordinance will now move to the Manitowoc County Board for their approval and adoption at their April 28 County Board Meeting, at 6:00 p.m. The Meeting will be held at the Michigan Avenue County Offices.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE: ARIP/LSSIP GRANT APPLICATIONS

Chairman Anhalt filled out the LSSIP grant application with help from Rich Glen. Mr. Anhalt noted that during the flooding in April, the water was up to the bridge, and the 36" pipe was full. He further noted that the Assman Road bridge is actually rated as a "2" Severe/Poor. Two other culverts in the county are at a "2", but our understructure is in worse condition. The other two culverts are located in the towns of Two Rivers and Rockland. Mr. Anhalt said that when there is a dirt bottom under a bridge, the DNR will not allow it to be changed to a culvert. Supervisor Stefaniak would like to pursue a culvert on Assman if we do not get a grant. Mr. Anhalt does not

wish to pursue Steiners Corners Bridge at this time. He would like Benzinger Road for the ARIP grant application.

Chairman Anhalt also said that a culvert on Assman Road, east of Pekarek, washed out. The town will have to put rock there. The culvert itself is OK.

#### 2026 BUDGET REVIEW

The board discussed sealing Saxonburg Road from Zander to Two Creeks and also Gesser Lane. Chairman Anhalt would like to bid out the seal coating. The board discussed putting money aside for a new tractor. The town should also do about \$40-\$50,000 patching. The intersection at Two Creeks and Saxonburg should also be completed to meet up with what has been done there. The dip at the culvert on Barthels Road should also be fixed.

#### REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2025 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM CLA

**Supervisor Augustine moved to approve and accept 2025 year-end financial reports received from CLA. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR POTENTIAL ROAD BID PROJECTS

The board will move forward as discussed above.

#### DISCUSSION REGARDING DRAINAGE ISSUE ON CROSSROAD DRIVE

George Chase is concerned about the culvert not being completely open and has not agreed to anything. There is a drain pipe running through the culvert. Chairman Anhalt wants it pulled out once the water has settled down. He does not want an obstruction there.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR SNOWSTORM ELSA

The clerk has submitted town expenses to the Manitowoc County Emergency Management Director for Snowstorm Elsa. However, it seems unlikely that the town will be able to apply for the assistance as expenses do not currently meet the per capita requirement of \$4.86 per person (2020 census number).

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SPRING WEIGHT LIMITS FOR TOWN ROADS

Jeff Chalupny of Manitowoc County Highway said the county will keep the weight limits on this week yet.

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

Mr. Anhalt estimates 250 ton for next year with 100 tons for early delivery this fall. There would be 150 ton if needed, and 25 tons in reserve that we do not have to take. The town currently has 65 tons left. Sixty tons are coming yet, the order has been placed and will be delivered by the end of April.

UPDATE ON MANITOWOC COUNTY SOIL AND WATER LIVESTOCK RULES REGARDING NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

The matter was discussed earlier in the meeting with Lee Engelbrecht.

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

Chairman Anhalt did speak with Tisch Mills Fire Chief Jeff Chalupny. Tisch Mills Fire has agreed to do the same as Mishicot Fire and stay at the same rate as last year (2025). April 2025 to April 2026 was \$48,666.61. **Supervisor Stefaniak made a motion to approve the Tisch Mills Fire Department maintaining last year's rate of \$48,666.61, from April 2026 to April 2027. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION RE: FUTURE FIRE CONTRACT CALCULATIONS AND APRIL 8 MEETING

The Village of Mishicot, the Town of Mishicot, and the Town of Gibson will meet at Village Hall on Wednesday, April 8, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss how future fire contract calculations could be made. Currently, the rate is figured as 1 mil of equalized value of protected area. The municipalities would like to get away from equalized value. One suggestion was to have an income based approach, no more than a 5-year contract, and an out-clause. Gibson Chairman Steve Rahmlow is planning to attend the Tisch Mills Fire Department Meeting on Monday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss long-term contract calculations.

POSITIVE PAY

It was decided to drop the matter of Positive Pay.

CREDIT CARD FOR DEAN LECAPTAIN

The board will discuss the need for a credit card with Mr. LeCaptain at the May meeting.

RESOLUTION 2026-02 SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

**Supervisor Stefaniak moved to adopt the WTA-proposed Resolution 2026-02 Supporting Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: INCREASE IN SPECTRUM PHONE AND

### INTERNET CHARGES AT THE HALL

After discussion regarding other carrier rates for phone and internet, it was decided to take no action at this time. As a note, the clerk may be calling Spectrum to see if there is anything we can do to lower our current rate. The current rate increased \$20 in one month.

### ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION REPORT

The Town Board and Mr. LeCaptain performed the annual road inspection on Saturday, April 4. The roads are getting worse as time goes by. The board will continue to pursue grants. The only change in the Paser Rating was Ridge Road, which was updated 5-7 years ago. The approaches on the Sturm Road Bridge were discussed. Mr. Stefaniak said the east side is sagging.

### ANNUAL MEETING DATE

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Mishicot will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Mishicot Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The board briefly discussed the Annual Meeting agenda items and planning for the social period afterward.

### MAINTENANCE ISSUES

The John Deere is working near the limit and could be a head gasket issue. The cost of repairs could be \$2,000. Also, the loader is junk. Dean will have HD Diesel look at it. Dean LeCaptain purchased filters from Ball Auto, who was having a sale. There should be enough for all the equipment for a year. He also plumbed hydraulic hoses for the broom. Chairman Anhalt also told Dean to work with Lambert to fix the washed out culvert. It was also noted that the water heater was bad and leaking in the shop. Mr. Anhalt will check with Menards for a new water heater. Also, the exhaust on the truck is fixed.

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

Tammy Thielbar mentioned an address on N. Sunset to Mr. Anhalt for Chad VanEyck. Mr. Augustine took care of bad spots on Cherney Road by Travis Riesterer and on Barthels. Supervisor Stefaniak said that Jim Meissner of the Mishicot Area Ambulance Service has moved to Arizona. Village President Bernie Samz has sent a letter to the serviced municipalities to explain the ambulance staffing issues. If the issues amount to hiring full-time personnel, the Service will need to increase the per capita rate. Increasing the rate would still be cheaper than farming out the calls. There were 378 calls last year. Chairman Anhalt said the crackfilling material is in at the Town of Franklin. Picking up the materials was discussed.

### 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

Open bids for chip sealing; ARPA and LSSIP; fire contract; set Board of Review; AI Center Update; St. Isidore Temporary Beer License for Memorial Day picnic; credit card for Dean LeCaptain

ADJOURN

**Supervisor Stefaniak moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 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, May 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were taken at the April 6, 2026, monthly town board meeting and recorded here on April 30, 2026. These minutes will be board approved at the next regularly scheduled town board meeting.

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Connie Tesarik - Clerk