TOWN OF MISHICOT MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
MISHICOT TOWN HALL
710 NORTH STATE STREET

CALL TO ORDER

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

GUESTS

See attached list.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2026, BOARD MEETING; BOR ADJOURNMENT; AND JUNE 18 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

The minutes of the June 1, 2026, meeting of the Town Board were reviewed by the board upon e-mailed receipt, as well as the minutes from the meeting to adjourn the Board of Review to a later date, also held on June 1, 2026, at 6:45 p.m., and also the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held on June 18, 2026, to approve application for disaster aid through the DOT.

Supervisor Augustine moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2026, board meeting, the meeting to adjourn the BOR, and the Special Meeting of the Board held on June 18 to approve application for DOT disaster aid. Supervisor Stefaniak seconded the motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRINTED

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to approve the July 6, 2026, monthly meeting agenda. Supervisor Augustine seconded the motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Manitowoc County Zoning Permit reports for the months of May and June which were received after the June 1 meeting; a letter from Glacierland RC&D regarding the phragmites control program no longer offered by them; June constable report; Manitowoc County Bridge Aid application due September 1; Declaration of FEMA assistance for the April 13-23 flooding for Individual Assistance only; US Department of Treasury letter of closeout for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) grant for the Town of Mishicot; upcoming Open Enrollment Period for employee health insurance; Lemmenes well monitoring report on the

former Mishicot dump site; Village of Mishicot Consumer Confidence Report from the Mishicot Waterworks; new Wisconsin Retirement Rates for 2027 set at 7.25% , up from 7.2% for 2026; letter from Froedtert Workforce Health stating that services will now be provided by ThedaCare at Work at the same Harbor Town Clinic in Manitowoc

PUBLIC INPUT

None

UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOOMERS SHOOTING RANGE BACKSTOP AT 8832 STH 147

The town board is considering what might make the area safe for shooting such as a backstop that meets NRA guidelines. Any work on the backstop that has already been done has been done by the owner of the property.

On July 5, 2026, Matt and Carissa Grimm, the owners of the gun shop, had submitted photos and a 10-yard layout which abides by verified guidelines from national shooting and engineering organizations. There would be an earthen berm with "C-shape" sides. The two sidewalls would be dirt.

The board asked what the hours of operation might be. The hours are presently 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The owners of the gun shop, Matt and Carissa Grimm, are asking for 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday; no shooting on Sunday; closed to the public; shooting would be the owner and customers under the supervision of the owner only.

Gary Novitski would like to go on record that this has been ongoing for a long time and that it has taken too long to take action. Mr. Novitski has provided videos to the board and has told them about plinkers. He asked why there was no plan of action before the last meeting. It is noted that the board has had a lot going on in the past several months. Chairman Anhalt asked Mr. Novitski what the board can do now. Would he allow shooting to go on with a safe backstop approved to allow the business to continue? Mr. Anhalt said that what was there was inadequate and would like to see berm diagrams for approval. The board wants to see a plan first. However, the property owner started the backstop while the Grimm's were away. Chairman Anhalt said no board approval for a range had been given. The board only asked to put a plan in place to be approved. Gary Novitski said it should be 100% containment unit for test firing. The sheriff's office found many apparent shot strikes in the trees, although their exact origin is unknown. Supervisor Lee Stefaniak (former chairman) said when he was approached by the ATF, no mention was made about a shooting range. Mr. Novitski said he is concerned about misfires and is also concerned about people being in and around the rental units also on the property, as well as the neighbors. Carissa Grimm said presently they are offering gun smithing, which is why they do and others do not. She said she did talk with Manitowoc County Planning beforehand. Chairman Anhalt said that Manitowoc County does not control that. Mr. Novitski suggested that perhaps an all-metal containment unit would be the answer. It would be very expensive.

Supervisor Stefaniak said he is leaning toward not allowing it. Chairman Anhalt suggests getting a legal opinion. The issue is postponed until the next meeting of the board. The board may be meeting in July prior to
August 3.

MISHICOT FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR 2026-2027

The clerk presented the 2026-2027 Mishicot Fire Department contract. The contract is for a period August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027, and remains at the 2025-2026 contract amount of $119,149.29. **Supervisor Stefaniak moved to approve the 2026-2027 contract with the Mishicot Fire Department in the amount of $119,149.29. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TISCH MILLS LONG-TERM FIRE CONTRACT

Steve Rahmlow, Chairman of the Town of Gibson, and Chairman Anhalt agreed to 2 ½ % increase year over year. Gibson said they would accept that. Chairman Anhalt asked the board to consider this for next year. This will appear on the August 3 Mishicot Town Board meeting agenda.

Mishicot Fire Department has not offered anything thus far. We would like to hold their rate for the next five years. A letter will be re-sent to the Mishicot Fire Department asking for discussion. Steve Rahmlow will work with the village to send a letter stating that we want to keep the rate for 5 years and would like to discuss this with the Mishicot Fire Department.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: SECOND DRIVEWAY ON STURM FOR GREG VALENTA

Mr. Valenta explained his need for a second driveway on his Sturm Road property. The course of the water has changed dynamics, and he cannot get across with his tractor. He is requesting 20' and could not do a 30' driveway. Chairman Anhalt suggested starting at the property line and not be 5' off, and have 25'. The town rules are for culverts 18" x 30' long. Mr. Valenta asked if the board could make an exception. The creek washes out, and he has to go into the ditch. He continued to request 20' with 5' off the property line. He said the pipe would be in the air if it were 30'. Supervisor Augustine would like to look at it and measure it. The board should also check to see if an 18" culvert is enough. Chairman Anhalt said the town board may need a quick meeting for bid opening. We could make a decision on this in 2 ½ to 3 weeks.

PHRAGMITES

Glacierland RC&D will no longer offer phragmites control. However, Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) is interested in developing a new phragmites control program and would like to speak with the towns in the fall of 2026. Another option would be to contact Stantec directly. The board will discuss this further at the August 3 meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: PUTTING OUT FOR BIDS FOR PATCHING TOWN ROADS

The board went out to see where the roads need to be patched and to repair the asphalt on the Barthels Road culvert. Cherney Road had four spots to be patched; patching is needed at the Sturm Road bridge on the east side. Chairman Anhalt also would like to get a price to fix the road over the two Tapawingo Road culverts. For budgeting purposes, we will request that the bid be split between Barthels, Cherney, and Sturm, separate from the two Tapawingo Road culverts.

Gesser and Saxonburg and the Two Creeks intersection between the two Saxonburgs will be chip sealed in August.

Mr. Augustine moved to put out the patching for Barthels culvert, Cherney Road, Sturm bridge area, and the two culverts on Tapawingo Road for bids. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes in favor. Motion carried

CREDIT CARD FOR DEAN LECAPTAIN

This matter will be tabled until the August 3 meeting. The bank still needs some application information and a credit limit will need to be decided.

FEMA UPDATE

Notification has been given that Manitowoc County will not be eligible for FEMA Public Assistance for the April flooding disaster. However, FEMA has determined that Manitowoc County will qualify for Individual Assistance for those individuals that had their property damaged. The towns that did not qualify for Public Assistance (bridge and road work and other public property losses) may be able to apply for State of Wisconsin Disaster Assistance (WEM). The Town of Mishicot has applied for assistance from the DOT for the Assman Road washout. The town will not be able to accept both awards for the same damages. The town will await response from the State of Wisconsin WEM and WisDOT.

2026-2027 SALT CONTRACT AND ORDERING

The board discussed the 2026-2027 salt contract and how and when delivery can be taken. The price per ton is $95.72. Early fill salt delivery must be taken by December 1; however, we should take delivery as soon as possible so the vendor can fill up their depots with seasonal fill salt. Seasonal fill salt must be ordered and delivered by April 30. Vendor reserve salt must be ordered and delivered by April 30th if we choose to take it.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESIDENTIAL JUNK PROPERTY IN THE TOWN

No action at this time.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Mr. LeCaptain said the John Deere tractor is up and running. We ended up with two bad injectors (did all four), fan, and heater hose were replaced.

Ryan Wilfert had asked about shouldering on Hillcrest Road between STH 147 and Riesterer and Schnell. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Stefaniak said the Ambulance lost two of its regulars, and they cannot fill the gaps in July. The City of Two Rivers will fill those gaps. Some discussion occurred regarding the Innovation Grant.

The clerk said there was a phone call asking for an update on an address sign on the Rohrer property. The sign has been ordered. The clerk also reported that she received a packet from Manitowoc County for Bridge Aid. The packet will be due on September 1. The town will submit the invoices and work on the Assman Road bridge done last fall.

Ms. Thielbar said dog licensing is finished. Chairman Anhalt asked if we could put more information into the tax letter concerning the penalties for not licensing dogs by the due date.

Dean LeCaptain reported on the grass cutting and patching progress.

Chairman Anhalt reached out to Kathryn Soto-Moreno of the Department of Revenue regarding how to handle assessment of a new mobile home on the tax roll this year and what responsibilities we have in this regard.

Chairman Anhalt also said that Travis Riesterer thanked the town (Gordon Augustine) for the work he did to repair the lawn on Barthels Road.

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT

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

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS

Supervisor Augustine moved to pay claims as presented by the clerk. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes in favor. Motion carried. Claims were approved as presented and checks were signed.

ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

County AI moratorium ordinance; Assman Road ARIP/LSSIP grant update; update on Boomers shooting range; Tisch Mills Fire Department long-term contract renewal; phragmites control;

credit card for Dean LeCaptain; salt ordering and delivery; junk properties

ADJOURN

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 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, August 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. These minutes were taken at the July 6, 2026, monthly town board meeting and recorded here on August 1, 2026. These minutes will be board approved at the next regularly scheduled town board meeting.

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Connie Tesarik - Clerk