TOWN OF MISHICOT MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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 MAY 4, 2026, BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the May 4, 2026, meeting of the Town Board were reviewed by the board upon e-mailed receipt.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRINTED

Supervisor Augustine moved to approve the June 1, 2026, monthly meeting agenda. Supervisor Stefaniak seconded the motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Reminder of the Manitowoc County Unit meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 18, at Good Times. Manitowoc County Board is seeking citizen members to serve on the Land Conservation Committee. The Woodland Drive Compost Site is temporarily closed due to being overwhelmed with storm debris. It is expected to be reopened in the coming weeks. The clerk presented a Timber Cutting Notice to the chairman. The property is owned by David Russell and located in the Town of Mishicot. The clerk has received notice of a recycling grant award in the amount of $938.43 and a Recycling Consolidation grant award in the amount of $318.36 (which the town and county share 50/50).

PUBLIC INPUT

Andrew Schwerma, the newly elected Manitowoc County Supervisor for District 20, addressed

the board with his report of the county. He noted that the deadline for applying for a seat on the Manitowoc County Land Conservation Committee is June 5. The committee meets the third Thursday of odd months. He also reported that the UWGB-Manitowoc Campus building will be sub-leased to the Manitowoc School District and UWGB. The Manitowoc School District is moving its alternative school to part of the UW site for $100,000 per year. The county owns the land and building, and the space is rented to the college at no cost. The $100,000 agreement provides for an annual fee between the county and campus. The county will get $50,000 in return, which the county hopes to use for capital projects at the campus.

There was a question concerning the town's recycling center taking #5 plastics. The county does not take them. It is difficult to find someone who takes #5. The Manitowoc County Recycling Center would give the town board a tour of the recycling center if they were interested in doing so.

AI MORATORIUM COUNTY ORDINANCE UPDATE

There is not much more to report at this time. Planning and Parks staff will work on the moratorium ordinance. Dean Anhalt will present the Planning and Parks staff with a list of concerns regarding AI centers. Some of the concerns are as follows: 1) Fire and EMS costs; 2) address road repair costs and pre-inspections that would need to get done; 3) the town should have the ability to establish road routes; 4) funding for decommissioning; 5) rules for high capacity wells; 6) the town should have the ability to say "no" to a permit if financial security is not met; 7) no bright lights shining on neighborhood homes; 8) if any town road that received General Transportation Aids must be abandoned, the town shall be reimbursed for lost GTA; 9) waste disposal; 10) decibel range concerns of the public.

Robert DesJarlais said the City of Two Rivers said the county does not have control over them. Two Rivers has not been approached. Mr. DesJarlais suggested limiting construction hours; visual berms; and security. He also suggested the county ask for a copy of their Emergency Response Plan.

Susan Dirkman asked about wells going dry. She also asked about the safety of the water that is there. What happens when something goes wrong? County dwellers have their own wells. If they have a well, they can back flush chemicals into their well and pollute the ground water. Susan Dirkman asked about low-frequency noise and noted that low frequency noise raises fetal heart rate.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPERATION OF A SHOOTING RANGE AT BOOMERS FIREARMS AT 8832 STH 147

Concerns have arisen regarding a shooting range in a residential area. Town Ordinance 9.01 (2) that limits shooting to 500 feet away from a place of habitation.

9.01 FIREARMS GENERALLY.

(1) DEFINITIONS. "Firearms"

(2) DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS RESTRICTED.

(a) No person shall fire a rifle, pistol or other solid ball firearm in any residential, recreational or commercial district within the Town or within 500' of any such district, or residence or structure used for human habitation.

Complaints have been made regarding an insufficient backstop and early-hour operation.

Some suggestions were to build a larger sufficient berm and restrict shooting hours, and noise levels not more than 80 decibels not allowed without town board approval.

One concern is that the business is not just test firing weapons. The neighbors want to feel safe on their property. In winter there is no control where the shrapnel goes when the berm is frozen. The property owners stated they should be able to walk on their properties and feel safe. It was noted that there are three houses within 500 feet. One property owner listed the weapons being fired back there and asked about lead contamination. The DNR will want records if allowed on commercial property. Another property owner said she is concerned about shrapnel since the has a small child. The shooting is loud and disturbing. The shooting is not contained to any hours. It can be early morning or evening. It is loud and in a direct line with their home and can be heard in the house.

Chairman Anhalt asked the board about allowing shooting with a proper berm and limited hours as a compromise. There would need to be an adequate berm with sides and with no house directly behind it.

Supervisor Stefaniak and Supervisor Augustine would like to work with all those involved. The owner said hours now are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A comment was made that plinkers have been outlawed. The owner said he could do without the plinkers. The owners proposed hours and to put up a berm. The owners should come back to the town board meeting scheduled for July 6 at 7:00 p.m.

<u>DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON ARIP AND LSSIP GRANT APPLICATIONS</u>

Chairman Anhalt has applied for an LSSIP grant for the Assman Road bridge. He is working on an ARIP application due on June 29 at 5:00 p.m. The board has decided to try to do Assman Road 2100 feet west of the bridge and 1575 east of the bridge. Benzinger Road is estimated to cost $3.5 million. Assman Road would be a smaller area, no pipes, and the bridge is rated #2 Severe. The board will try to get the road and bridge grant. This would reduce the money borrowed and increase the chance of getting the grant. Rich Glen is putting together dollar amounts for the grant application. The application also requires photos, a description of the project, and an impact statement. Supervisor Augustine noted that the water needs to be drained away from the road. We do not know the bridge grade yet. Ditch grades and bridge grades are compatible.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ROAD PATCHING IN THE TOWN

Mike Koeppel talked to Kurt Luebke on Antler Lane. Supervisor Augustine said a pipe needs to be put there. Mike Koeppel will do a locate.

Chairman Anhalt said he needs a wedging and patching list within the next couple of weeks. Barthels culvert will cost $7,000. Cherney has water standing problems. Also, there are two culverts on Tapawingo that are humped up.

BOARD ACTION TO ADOPT BUDGET RESOLUTION 2026-01 TO AMEND THE 2026 BUDGET

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to adjust the 2026 Town of Mishicot budget by adopting Budget Resolution 2026-01, in the amount of $63,958. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING JUNK AND CAMPER LOCATED AT 15324 SAXONBURG ROAD

No action at this time regarding the camper. Chairman Anhalt would like to talk to the owner and give him one month to clean up the property. It is noted that some wood is in the right of way.

ANNOUNCE OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

Open Book shall be held Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Board of Review is currently scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION (FOR EXPIRING TERM)

Pat Shebesta and Mike Koeppel have agreed to a three-year term on the Plan Commission. **Supervisor Stefaniak moved to appoint Pat Shebesta and Mike Koeppel to a three-year term on the Plan Commission, expiring in May 2029. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

CLASS B ALCOHOL LICENSES FOR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027 FOR CRAZY 8 AND GOOD TIMES

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to approve the Retail Class B Beer and Intoxicating Liquor License for Crazy 8 (Lic. No. B-2026-01), and also for Good Times (Lic. No. B-2026-02) provided no negative wholesaler comments result from the newspaper publication. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

OPERATOR LICENSES FOR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027: DAVID KOEPPEL; MARK KOEPPEL; ANTON KALCIK; MARK SIEBOLD; BROOKE GAUGER; DEAN ANHALT;

SYLVESTER PARMA; BETTY SCHLEIS; AND ANTHONY BARTA

Supervisor Stefaniak moved to approve Operator Licenses OP-2026-01 through OP-2026-09: David Koeppel, Mark Koeppel, Anton Kalcik, Mark Siebold, Brooke Gauger, Dean Anhalt, Sylvester Parma, Betty Schleis, and Anthony Barta. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND CEMETERY RULES RE: MEMORIAL GRAVE BLANKETS

Supervisor Augustine moved to amend the town's Cemetery Rules to exclude the placement of memorial grave blankets. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stefaniaik. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO UPDATE THE RECYCLING ORDINANCE 2026-2 AS REQUIRED BY THE DNR

Supervisor Augustine moved to adopt Recycling Ordinance 2026-2 to meet recent statutory amendments as required by the DNR. 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 the issuance of a credit card for Dean LeCaptain. Tammy Thielbar will obtain an application from Bank First National. The board will discuss this item at its July 6 meeting.

JULY REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD, MONDAY, JULY 6

There will be no change to the July 6 meeting date (due to the holiday).

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Dean LeCaptain reported that the tractor should be done tomorrow. He took it to HD Diesel in Shoto. The injector seals and head gasket were bad.

The board discussed a house number for a secluded property with structures on Tannery Road. The board agreed that if there are structures there, there should also be a house number. The property is owned by Rohrer.

Chairman Anhalt asked about the road salt order. The final order for 65 ton has not yet been received. He also asked about the Maintenance of Effort report. The clerk will ensure the report is timely filed.

Tammy Thielbar reported that the Cemetery CD matured on May 30. It will be renewed for 7 months at 3.72%.

Supervisor Augustine asked about the markings in the centerline of Freedom Court and others. They are white markings with a red dot. It is assumed they are surveyor marks. Mr. Augustine also commented that the pipe on Zander Road by Hideaway Court is not flowing. Perhaps the Fire Department could blast the culvert.

Supervisor Stefaniak reported on the Ambulance/EMS consultants that came to speak to the Ambulance and Fire Department. One speaker was from the UW-Madison. The other speaker is a consultant. The speakers were there to help the Ambulance and Fire Department come up with some solutions to funding and personnel shortages. One possibility being explored is an Innovation Grant. More discussion and research will be necessary.

Chairman Anhalt reported that there is a culvert on Schetter Road that is half covered with dirt. The nearby resident complains that there is water in the basement. Mr. Anhalt said on the south side there is sediment 8-12" higher than the 2.5' culvert. Water cannot flow to the south. The culvert needs to be cleaned out. Mr. Anhalt wants that done before the end of the year. Mr. Anhalt spoke with Mike Wavrunek.

There was also a complaint that one property owner on Sunset was pumping discharged water onto the neighboring property.

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 grant update; update on Boomers shooting range; Mishicot Fire Department 2026-2027 contract renewal; phragmites control; discussion and possible action regarding junk on residential property; discussion and action regarding wedging and patching roads and repairing culverts on Tapawingo Road; credit card for Dean LeCaptain; Disaster Emergency funding from FEMA and/or State; 2026-2027 Salt Contract

CLOSED SESSION FOR EMPLOYEE WAGES, UNDER WIS. STATUTES 19.85(1)(c)

At 8:50 p.m. Chairperson Anhalt called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes Consideration of Employment, Promotion, Compensation, and Performance Evaluation. Supervisor Augustine moved to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes were in favor. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Stefaniak, Augustine and Anhalt – Ayes 3, Nays 0.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION UNDER WIS. STATUTES 19.85(2)

At 9:25 p.m. Chairperson Anhalt called for a motion to reconvene in open session pursuant to Sections 19.83 and 19.85(2) of Wisconsin Statutes. Supervisor Augustine moved to reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes were in favor. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Anhalt, Stefaniak and Augustine – Ayes 3, Nays 0.

MOTION FOR ACTION FOR EMPLOYEE(S) WAGE BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Supervisor Augustine moved to grant Dean LeCaptain, road superintendent, a 50-cent per hour increase toward his hourly wage effective July 1, 2026, making Mr. LeCaptain's hourly wage $28.00/$42.00. Supervisor Stefaniak seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Supervisor Augustine moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the town board will be on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. These minutes were taken at the June 1, 2026, monthly town board meeting and recorded here on July 1, 2026. These minutes will be board approved at the next regularly scheduled town board meeting.

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Connie Tesarik - Clerk