

Town of Christiana

Town Board Meeting Minutes - Approved

September 8, 2025, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Chair Jim Lowery, Supervisors Steve Kriedeman, Dawn Redford, Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen Egge, PW Director Steve Brand and various members of the community.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance then roll call was taken. It was noted the meeting was properly noticed and posted.

Steve Brandt reported the town has had more trees going down by uprooting. Garbage on Koshkonong Road is more than normal believing solar construction to be the increase in garbage. The annual Local Road Certification and the biennial Pavement Rating Certification is being completed for WI DOT. The contractor trailer in the parking lot is for the engineer overseeing the bridge construction project for the Koshkonong Creek bridge and the Saunders Creek bridge.

Steve Kriedeman provided a Fire Commission update reporting the repair to ambulance 96 was paid for by grant money, EMS had 142 calls last month, there is one new fireman and ambulance 92 is going up for auction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was had.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the CSM for the Dale Vethe rezone.

Discussion was had regarding the easement on the lot. The board commented that building cannot take place until the five-year requirement has expired (Second Gunnulson TDR). There was an understanding that a culvert and a load of gravel could be put in place to satisfy the driveway 'one year' completion requirement.

Steve Kriedeman moved to approve the CSM for Dale Vethe with the understanding that the county knows he (Dale) cannot do anything until (October) 2028. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the CSM for the Chad Georgeson rezone.

Dawn Redford moved to approve the CSM for Georgeson. Steve Kiredeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding A second request by Steven Weinberger to rezone an existing lot for residential use using transfer of development rights from FP-1 Farmland Preservation District to RR-2 Rural Residential District for parcels # 0612-173-8000-9 (Sending Property – Recommended by Dane County this parcel is to the south of the KS laydown site on Evergreen Road.) and # 0612-354-9100-0 (Receiving Property)

Discussion was had regarding the Plan Commission's approval with the understanding that the sending property must have an agricultural conservation easement placed on it and that the receiving property has no more splits available.

Steve Kiredeman moved to approve the rezone. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- d. Discussion and possible action regarding a donation from the Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society of a large wall mount TV to be used for public meetings, etc.

Discussion was had regarding the donation and where it could be mounted, making note that there would be no additional cost to town for the installation. The president of Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society expressed his as well as the Society's gratefulness to the town for the past use of the building for their meetings where they have presented on the large white wall. Desiring to give something back to the town they thought a large wall mounted TV could be useful to the town as well as other organizations.

Dawn Redford moved to approve the donation of the TV. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- e. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a used Pan-mower for Public Works Dept

Discussion was had regarding the need for the mower what the old mower could be used for. The board verified there was money in the budget that could be shifted around for the purchase.

Steve Kriedeman moved to approve the purchase of the Woods mower. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- f. Discussion regarding rural road improvements and grants available for funding, pros and cons

Discussion was had regarding the grant for possible use on Smithback Road. Jim Lowrey and Steve Brandt met with a contractor to look at the road. They found out it does not meet the criteria for resurfacing. The reconstruction portion of the grant requires the town to upfront the cost of surveying and engineering (that could easily be 30,000.00) with the risk of not receiving the grant in the end. It was decided not to pursue the grant any further.

- g. Discussion regarding the completion of property assessments and possible meeting dates for the BOR

Discussion was had regarding possible dates for the BOR, wanting to get it done as soon as possible.

- h. Discussion regarding Advocacy Letter from Cambridge School district concerning traffic safety and solar construction vehicles.

Discussion was had regarding the letter and the concern for the safety of the children being picked up and dropped off in the areas of the solar construction trucking traffic. Invenergy's on-site construction manager stated they addressed the school district's concern as well as making the truck drivers aware they need to be driving with caution watching for the school buses. It was noted there are state traffic ordinances that can be given to the truck drivers, so they know the speed limit on the roads they are traveling.

- i. Review and possible approval of Vouchers

Dawn Redford moved to approve the vouchers with the one correction. Steve Kiredeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- j. Review and possible approval of August 2025 Financial Summary

Steve Kiredeman moved to approve the August 2025 Financial Summary. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- k. Review and possible approval of August 2025 Bank Statements and Reconciliations

Dawn Redford moved to approve the bank statements. Steve Kiredeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- l. Review and possible approval of July 29 and August 11 meeting minutes.

Dawn Redford moved to approve August 11th meeting minutes. Steve Kiredeman seconded.

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Dawn Redford moved to approve July 29th meeting minutes. Steve Kiredeman seconded.

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CLERK COMMUNICATION

WEC is providing a public demonstration of Voting Equipment on Thursday, September 11th at 4:00 p.m.

Badger Challenge will take place September 21st from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will be traveling through the Town of Christiana that day.

ADJOURNMENT

Dawn Redford moved to adjourn. Steve Kiredeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Egre, Clerk-Treasurer*