Town of Christiana

Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. In attendance were Chair Jim Lowrey, Supervisors Steve Kriedeman, Dawn Redford, Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen Egre, Public Works Director Steve Brandt and members of the community.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then roll call was taken. All board members were present. It was noted the meeting was properly noticed and posted.

Steve Brandt reported they finished up the last of the ditch mowing now that the crops are off, they are putting away summer equipment and getting the plows ready for winter. He let the board know he was contacted by Bay Crane who will be delivering three very large transformers for the solar project. Each load weighs 539,000 lbs. The delivery and set up crane has 19 axels and is said to turn on a dime. They will come out to survey the roads with Steve.

Steve Kriedeman reported the Cambridge Community Fire and EMS Commission would be meeting on November 12th. The ambulance is back in service. They are working on the budget trying to cut back where they can. It is a difficult task. 75 EMS calls so far.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A concerned resident alerted the board to the NextEra Energy Resources company who spoke to the town board in October regarding their interest in developing land for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). She cautioned the board that data centers and battery storage are coming and there are a lot of concerns around these systems. They don’t seem to benefit the town and its residents.

Joan Fitzgerald, the area assembly representative, provided handouts, spoke a bit to the state budget and let the town know how residents could get in contact with her.

Another town resident encouraged town residents who have incurred damage due to solar to seek remediation in small claims court.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the Arington Adventures, LLC CUP application was had. The application was approved by the plan commission with an addition no indiscriminate discharge of firearms.

a. Discussion and possible action regarding a request by Cindy Cutrano on behalf of Arington Adventures, LLC, regarding parcel #0612-054-9010-0, 2959 Evergreen Dr. Cambridge, WI to rezone a 3.36 acre parcel from RR-2 to RR-2 CUP to operate a short-term rental by owner.

Steve Kriedeman made a motion to approve the CUP with the conditions listed by owner and plan commission regarding no indiscriminate discharge of firearms. Dawn Redford seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

Discussion was had regarding the request by Michael D. Rumpf on behalf of Allen and Jane Olson and East Koshkonong Cemetery. The cemetery wants future expiation which requires multiple parcel rezone. Michael provided explanation to the satisfaction of the board's questions. Due to the plan commission needing to review a CUP request the board will wait for both items to be approved together.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding a request by Michael D. Rumpf on behalf of Allen and Jane Olson and East Koshkonong Cemetery Association to rezone 1.2 acres from FP-35 to RM-8, 2. Acres from FP-1 to RM-8, 2.9 acres from RM-8 to HAM-R and 34.35 acres from FP-1 to FP-35 in order to expand the cemetery and create a separate lot for the church buildings.
Olson farm parcels: 0612-263-8500-5, 0612-263-8030-4 and 0612-274-8010-5
Church lot parcels: 0612-263-9610-0, 0162-263-9000-8, 0612-263-9021-3 and 0612-263-8840-4

Dawn made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Steve Kriedeman seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 3-0

Discussion was had regarding the Volunteer Fire Department's request for a letter of support from the Commission. They want to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Health to become an emergency medical responder service. Upon approval through the State EMS office the fire department would be able to provide First response care to the citizens in the response areas. Right now, the fire department cannot respond as an EMR. There is no downside to the department having this ability.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding a letter to Fire and EMS Commission regarding emergency medical response (EMR).

Dawn Redford made a motion to provide a letter to the fire service to approve EMR's. Steve Kriedeman seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 3-0

Discussion was had regarding HDD permits and the requests coming in. The resolution is in place and explanation was given as to why the town requires a deposit along with the permit. Twelve months after remedy is made to the area of the horizontal directional drill the deposit is refunded

d. Discussion ~~and possible~~ action regarding the HDD permit and its associated fee.
(No action needed)

Discussion was had regarding a debit card for the Town's treasurer due to vendors applying additional charges for credit card payments.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding a Debit card for the Town's treasurer.

Dawn Redford made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Steve Kriedeman seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 3-0

f. Review and possible approval of Vouchers

Steve Kriedeman made a motion to approve the vouchers. Dawn Redford seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 3-0

g. Review and possible approval of October 2025 Financial Summary

Dawn Redford made a motion to approve the October 2025 financial summary. Steve Kriedeman seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 3-0

h. Review and possible approval of October 2025 Bank Statements and Reconciliations

Dawn Redford made a motion to approve the October 2025 bank statements and reconciliations. Steve Kriedeman seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 3-0

i. Review and possible approval of October 13th meeting minutes

Dawn Redford made a motion to approve the October 13th meeting minutes with the spelling corrections. Steve Kriedeman seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 3-0

CLERK COMMUNICATION

Two working budget meetings have been completed and a third to come this Thursday the 13th. Reminder that we post all meetings on the website and the Town Hall Door. If for any reason the website is not up to post a meeting on time we will post in three physical locations. They are the Town Hall Door, Melton Motors in Utica, and BP in Cambridge.

ADJOURNMENT

Dawn Redford moved to adjourn. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

***MOTION PASSED* 3-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Egre, Clerk-Treasurer