

Town of Christiana

Town Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2026, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Chair Jim Lowrey, Supervisors Steve Kriedeman, Dawn Redford, Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen Egre, PW Director Steve Brandt as well as members and friends of the community.

PROCEDURAL

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

Guest speaker Heather Cramer Superintendent of the Cambridge School District provided a state of the school district report. She shared the district's successes and challenges and spoke about the needs of aging buildings, HVAC and roofing systems as well as asphalt repairs in the athletics area. The district is working with Kraus Anderson to complete a feasibility study. It will outlining the needs at each location to provide a comprehensive look at the present so to plan effectively for addressing those needs. They will also complete a technology audit to ensure continued accessibility for students and staff in the future.

Steve Brandt reported plows are being taken off the trucks, the salt shed is full, the 2026-27 salt is contracted, and a reserve is in place. Steve and Erick will be attending road school at the end of April and Albion public works will cover any urgent needs while they are away. Trees have been cleaned up after the storm, notices for Hammen road work will be in the paper this week and E-recycling is set to go the first of May. The Bid opening for the roof is this Thursday at 9 am. Sealcoat information is still coming and then notices for bids will be going out for that, except for one small part of Kaase Road that will be taken care of with Albion's work on that road to save money. The newly purchased winch for the chipper works great providing safely and efficiently.

Steve Kriedeman reported the next meeting is April 29th at 6:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident shared their thoughts and concerns about an EMS situation that took place at the Cambridge High School.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion regarding GFL trash and recycling collection concerns.

Jim Lowrey spoke to the trouble the township has been experiencing with the trash and recycling pick-up. He shared his communication with GFL and asked the residents to keep calling 800-248-2373 because it helps their automated tracking of issues. Dawn suggested an email could be sent to the clerk so to help us keep our own tally of the missed collections.

- b. Discussion regarding second phase of solar.

Jim reported that Invenergy will be going to the PSC late summer, early fall with their application for phase 2. He stated they will be coming to May's Town Board meeting with maps for the second phase. Further discussion was had regarding roads and other items of concern as well as how Invenergy has been addressing those items with the town.

- c. Discussion regarding 2025 budget.

The audit has been completed by Johnson Block, and they have made the necessary adjustments to the budget. They will be submitting Form CT to the DOR for the town.

- d. Discussion regarding the Dane County Towns Association's (DCTA) proposal to Dane County's CUP Zoning Ordinance.

Dawn provided information regarding what the proposal was all about. She explained this effort by DCTA is to bring the decision-making power back to the towns.

Dawn Redford moved to send a letter supporting DCTA's working groups' findings on removing the Conditional Uses out of ag that are not ag related. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- e. Discussion and possible action regarding Wis Stat § 74.37 claim on parcel 0612-264-9001-6.

Discussion was had regarding the claim, the board could not hear the case but invited the owner to make an appointment for the Open Book on May 4th to make their case before the assessor.

NO ACTION TAKEN

- f. Discussion and possible action regarding having a gasoline tank at the Town Hall for public works vehicles and equipment.

Discussion was had regarding the benefits of onsite gas. The cost of the tank, the cost of the electric needed to run it, and how the gas would be monitored was provided to the board.

Dawn Redford moved to approve Brown Oil, bringing in the gas tank and Hill Electric to do hook up the electricity so the tank is serviceable. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- g. Review and possible approval of Vouchers.
- h. Review and possible approval of March 2026 Financial Summary.
- i. Review and possible approval of February 2026 Bank Statements and Reconciliations.

Steve Kriedeman moved to approve items g, h, and i on the agenda regarding the financials. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- j. Review and possible approval of March 9, 2026, December 3, 2025, November 18, 17, 10, 2025, October 8, 2025 meeting minutes.

Steve Kriedeman moved to approve the March 9 meeting minutes with name corrections made. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Dawn Redford moved to approve December 3, 2025, meeting minutes with name corrections made. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Dawn Redford moved to approve November 10th and 17th, meeting minutes with spelling corrections and item alphabetical order corrections made. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Dawn Redford moved to table November 18, 2025, meeting minutes for Kathleen to finish out paragraph with missing information. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Dawn Redford moved to approve October 8, 2025, meeting minutes with name corrections made. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

CLERK COMMUNICATION

We had 408 voters participate in the April 7, 2026, Spring Election.
Open book will be held May 4th and BOR is May 21st. Newspaper notices will be out shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

Dawn Redford moved to adjourn. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Egge, Clerk-Treasurer*