

OCTOBER 6, 2025

The October 6, 2025 meeting of the Town of Gibson Town Board was called to order by Chairperson Steven Rahmlow at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 14920 CTH Q, Mishicot, Wisconsin. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and open meetings law compliance was verified.

Chairperson Steven Rahmlow, Supervisor Don Rabitz, Supervisor Duane Argall, and Clerk/Treasurer Linda Herman were present. Others in attendance: James Falkowski, Kelley DeGrand, Shaun Wendt, Lee Kaufman, Nicholas Reif, Nick Propson, John Lyons, Mike Robinson, Richard Wegner, and Allen Born.

Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to adopt agenda in any order. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Minutes of September 8, 2025 meeting approved on motion by Argall, second by Rabitz. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Next regular meeting set for Monday, November 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment – Robinson inquired on a possible phragmites grant, Wegner mentioned landfill cap needs to be cut and he would like to check with Hope House to see if they would like the bikes that are at the recycling center, and Born commented on Old CC usage by cement trucks. Nic Reif reported height transition issue with his gravel driveways on Old Y after road completion and is wondering if town will be adding gravel – no action by town. Wendt inquired about tracks on Zander Road between Harpt Lake Road and Lyons Road and if there may be any grants for fixing cemetery tombstones.

Building, Zoning & Culvert Permits – (a) Clerk reported issuance of building permit to the following: Cedar Springs Dairy Farm – calf barn and barn addition at 2001 Hillview Road; Guy Paider – garage at 16704 Rainbow Road, and Billie Jo Jetton/Jeffrey Derwin – shipping container at 13311 Princel Road, Mishicot.

(b) Cedar Springs Dairy Farm, LLC requested a culvert permit for hose use at 2001 Hillview Road. They will coordinate with contractor installing culvert on Hillview per award tonight to place patch after installation which Cedar Springs Dairy LLC will pay for. **Motion by Argall, second by Rabitz, to approve a plastic culvert -18” and not to exceed 78’. Argall and Rabitz voting aye by voice vote. Rahmlow abstained. Motion carried.**

(d) Rabitz Acres, LLC requested a culvert permit for field access – 16314 Rabitz Road. **Motion by Argall, second by Rahmlow, to approve a culvert – 18” x 40’. Argall and Rahmlow voting aye by voice vote, Rabitz abstained. Motion carried.**

(e) John Lyons for Acrospire Networks is requesting a Utility Permit for fiber network installation on Zander Road, including crossing the river using a bridge attachment. Board would like to check feasibility of work regarding the bridge with engineer and bridge inspector. **Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to approve the utility permit to John Lyons with condition that Lyons’ engineering firm coordinates with Gary Mueller of Manitowoc County regarding the bridge attachment. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.** Confirmation of Mueller’s approval will be forwarded to clerk for the permit record.

Town Board Reports – Clerk presented and reported on financial reports, filing of 2026 recycling grant, attendance at county LRIP meeting, receipt of communication regarding Melnik Bridge missing sign, county hazardous waste collection, and receipt of bridge aid petitions for signature in November. Argall reported on picking up discarded furniture and delivery of a stray dog to the Lakeshore Humane Society. Rahmlow reported on recycling center, stray dog pick up, LRIP meeting attendance and review of ditch/brush cutting. Supervisor Falkowski reported on 2026 county budget activity.

Mishicot Area Ambulance Service –By-Laws/Contract/Per Capita – Rahmlow reported Service Director Ahl was discharged and Mike Koeppel is the interim director. Bonnie Timm is currently handling the bookkeeping duties. Per capita will be raised to \$14.40 for 2026. Rahmlow will provide copies of by-laws and contract when received.

Recycling Center – Argall reported Tisler could provide an 8’ x 8’ x 20’ enclosed trailer for aluminum collection with no charge for rental, delivery or pickup and would pay going rate per pound. Wegner raised concern regarding wasps, placement of trailer and price received. Argall will look at a trailer and matter will be on November agenda. Insurance coverage and information from town insurance carrier for activities of employees was discussed. Estimates are being obtained for purchase of garbage bags or stickers as bag supply will last approximately 10 more months. Wegner contributed that there will be an electronics drive on November 8 again in Mishicot.

Computer Software/Public Posting Boards/Town Website – Clerk is researching posting boards for best solution. Computer hardware and software items were discussed regarding needed updates. **Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, that the clerk can purchase hardware and software to replace/add items as deemed necessary at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.**

2026 Budget – Budget work meeting is set for Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Budget hearing and special electors' meeting will be held on December 1, 2025.

Clerk Contract – Current contract expires December 31, 2025. Matter will be placed on November agenda.

Old Y Road Update/Speed Limit – Project has been completed, sweeping of bridge will be on November agenda and there was a short discussion on Old Y speed limit – board will take no action at this time.

Pautz Road/Old CC – Board provided thoughts on type of future road work necessary for not only these roads, but all roads in general, including the avoidance of band-aid fixes and working toward road life longevity, long-term objectives, wise use of funds and available grants. Attendees were reminded of all various road work projects that were completed in the last several years.

Town Salt Shed/Road Maintenance Work – Board members are working to finalize recruitment of town residents for a committee to explore all aspects of constructing a town salt shed. Matter will be on November agenda with potential members asked to attend.

ARIP Program – no update at this time.

Road Projects – Various/Updates – ROW tree issues, ditch cutting, etc. –Potholes – quotes received from Wendt Services LLC and Bielinski Excavating. **Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to hire Wendt Services LLC based on hourly rates provided to do pothole patching. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.** Rahmlow will call to obtain cold patch material. Culverts – one quote received from Bielinski Excavating. Discussion. **Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to award base bid for culvert number 1 and 2, Hillview and Jambo Creek, and alternate number one for Twin Bridge Road to Bielinski Excavating . All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.** Rabitz will check on Lake Road update. Draft sample letter to property owner regarding nuisance trees was distributed for board's review. Ditch Cutting – Rahmlow spoke with Bielinski Excavating on larger brush/tree material in ditches. Discussion. **Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to add up to \$10,000.00 of boom mowing to Bielinski Excavating ditch cutting contract at the hourly rate not to exceed \$10,000.00. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.** PASER report – Road inspection date to complete report will be determined and noticed in near future dependent on weather.

Liquor & Operator Licenses – None.

Items for November 3, 2025 Agenda: ditch cutting, recycling center, ambulance and items mentioned herein.

Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall to pay all bills presented, including payroll liabilities. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Argall, second by Rabitz, to adjourn. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Linda S. Herman, Town Clerk