

MAY 5, 2025

The May 5, 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: Shaun Wendt, Sydney Herman, William Herman, Mr. & Mrs. John Johnson, Mary Zellner, Mike Robinson, Mike Kronforst, Allen Born, Richard Wegner and Brian Nowack.

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

Minutes of April 7 and 16, 2025 meetings approved on motion by Argall, second by Rabitz. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Next regular meeting set for June 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment – Mike Robinson inquired about his ditch on Hwy. 147 and whether town could assist with issue; he was referred to state.

Building, Zoning & Culvert Permits – Brian Nowack - variance. Argall reported plan commission recommendation to approve variance for a deck. **Motion by Argall, second by Rabitz to approve the variance request of Brian Nowack for a deck reconstruct at 11810 CTH R, Whitelaw, WI. All voting aye by voice vote, motion approved.**

Town Board Reports – Clerk reported on change in county hazardous waste collection date to October 11, 2025. Wegner reported recycle center and ambulance service activities.

Snowplowing – Due to health issues, Marcus Kolarik was unable to attend meeting. **Motion by Argall, second by Rabitz, to refer snowplowing/salt issue to town attorney to provide the town with options to handle. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.** MCK Customs LLC April 16, 2025 invoice to be held at this point. Discussion on new agreement. Rabitz will draft service agreement and bring to June meeting.

Mishicot Area Ambulance Service – Representative/Contract/By-Laws – **Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall to appoint Steven Rahmlow as ambulance service representative, with Duane Argall and Linda Herman as alternates should they be needed. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.** Wegner reports by-laws and contract are in discussion stages at this point.

Recycling Center – Management Items – Richard Wegner will continue to manage recycling center – including contact with service providers and handling of town receipts. Rahmlow will be contact.

John Johnson – Lover's Lane Property – John Johnson presented information (including photos) on purported drainage issue on his property and attempts to resolve. He stated a culvert installed to west of driveway by town takes most of water and has a letter from Frank Hlinak that western installed culvert solved issue. He said theory was that water would go to field to disperse, but the field drains on his driveway and property in front of his house. He also stated that two more culverts drain directly toward his home but a current berm prevents water going right up to his home, water at times washes out his driveway, topsoil is being removed and trees are dying due to erosion. He said a relief culvert was installed but is 6-7 inches off ground and not taking water. In an attempt to solve issue, Johnson blocked portion of two larger culverts last year; he felt that stopped water drainage to his property and relief culvert ended up taking water. This blockage was subsequently removed by town board as permission was not granted. Johnson stated no engineer was ever hired for evaluation of issue, he has been dealing with matter for 17 years and that either way water drains to river through the ditch or over his property. When questioned, Johnson thought 2 culverts were installed by Bielinski 17 years ago when he built; he may have paid for them, but doesn't know why they were installed that way and that the south side ditch was installed after the two culverts. Rabitz contributed that rock in southern ditch may pose an issue, permitting may be an issue further down; potential

floodplain issues with DNR and others; and home is in low point. Johnson is looking for permission to apply his fix again. Rahmlow asked Johnson to consider installation of a larger driveway culvert as he feels that would solve many issues. Johnson agreed that it may help flooding in front, but not his driveway issue. Rabitz will discuss matter with county highway for information.

Mary Zellner – Bridge Sign – Discussion. Rahmlow and Rabitz feel town has complied with town board's prior motion that a sign be installed as two plaques were installed on the bridge by the town. Zellner stated these were not what family had expected as they are not visible when driving and is looking for a standing sign. Zellner was given information where town orders signs and asked to come back to board if she wants to put something up, but the town is not committing to changing signage.

Andrew Mancheski Property – Nachtwey Road Issue – Matter will be on June agenda.

Glacierland – Phragmites Control Program – Review of 2026 Phragmites Restoration Re-engagement Request communication held. At this time, the town does not wish to participate, but will continue to watch for any grants in the future.

Melnik Church – Snowplowing – Rahmlow had discussion with church pastor. They like having the posting board located at the church and would in agreement with keeping its location in exchange for the town snowplowing area located in front of sign along road. Agreement will be drafted.

Plan Commission Appointment - Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to appoint Sydney Herman to two (2) year term on the Gibson Town Plan Commission. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Road Inspection & Road Work – Items will be discussed at June meeting.

Cemetery Cutting – Cemeteries will be cut by Memorial Day. Rahmlow is contact person.

Old Y Road Project – Rabitz reported survey work is complete and design work is in progress.

Rockledge Bridge – Deck has been poured. Bridge will be inspected and opened on schedule.

ARIP Program – Clerk has emailed WDOT on hiring of engineer question. Culverts on Hillview/Jambo Creek will be reviewed.

Road Projects – Various/Updates – ROW tree issues, shouldering, ditch cutting – Culvert on Hillview, Twin Bridge, Jambo Creek and two on Old CC will be on June agenda. One quote received for grading project. Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to have Tower Excavating & Demolition, LLC grade all gravel roads for \$180/hour not to exceed \$4,000.00. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Liquor & Operator Licenses – Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to grant Sandra Ruttner d/b/a Harpts Lake Beach Bar a Class "B" beer license and Live Entertainment permit. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Items for June 2, 2025 Agenda: snowplowing, road budget numbers, ditch cutting, deer carcasses, employee wages, Lover's Lane (south ditch), Radtke Lease and items mentioned in these minutes

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

Motion by Rabitz, second by Rahmlow, to adjourn. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Linda S. Herman, Town Clerk