

JANUARY 5, 2026

The January 5, 2026 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, Ryan Collins, Richard Wegner, Michael Robinson, Mike Craanen of Beilinski Excavating, Kathleen Kudick, Amy Ullman, Jason Kittell, James Falkowski and Steven Zeitler.

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

Minutes of December 1, 2025 meetings approved on motion by Argall, second by Rabitz. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Next regular meeting set for Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment – Steve Zeitler appeared on behalf of Jason Kittell with survey document. Kittell would like to divide/rezone property on Hilltop View Court; referred to town plan commission. Mike Robinson – possible communication tower; referred to Manitowoc County.

Building, Zoning & Culvert Permits – John Lyons – Communication Utility Permit – Lyons Road. Permit issued October 5, 2025 with condition of county bridge inspector approval for bridge attachment. No attachment will be allowed after conversation with county and town is awaiting re-contact by Mr. Lyons for permit amendment.

Kathleen Kudick – Argall reported plan commission met and recommended town board approval of Kathleen Kudick's petition to rezone properties. **Motion by Argall, second by Rabitz, to rezone 2 acres of parcel 006-005-011-000.00 from Exclusive Agriculture to Rural Residential and 1.6 acres of parcel 006-006-016-011.00 from Rural Residential to Exclusive Agriculture. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.**

Town Board Reports – Clerk presented/reported on: financial reports (board approved transfer of funds between LGIP and Bank First money market accounts as needed by clerk/treasurer), communications, 2026 mileage rate, WTA district meeting, Manitowoc County- recycling Christmas items, and loss of future tower storage income from county. Rabitz reported a tree removal near power line and cattle rustling activity. Rahmlow provided road inspection minutes; report of deer w/heads removed on Hillview Road (other reports in county on same subject); reported ambulance service and recycling center good. Falkowski reported Shae Sortwell filed candidacy papers for Supervisory District 19 County Board Supervisor.

Snowplowing- Discussion. Salt procurement has become difficult as WDOT taking all available. Town will return to mixing salt supply with sand. Rahmlow to discuss mailboxes with Beilinski and report back.

Mishicot Fire Department – Discussion. Mishicot Fire Department froze their contract amount to 2025 sum of \$52,532.38 for 2026. **Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall to approve and execute Mishicot Fire Department Contract for 2026. All voting aye, motion carried.**

Budget Amendment/Fund Designation – Discussion. **Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-1 Amending the 2025 Budget and to allocate non-designated funds for purpose of road projects with the dollar amount to be determined at year end. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.**

Recycling Center – There was an issue with the freezing of compactor on January 3, but all is now handled.

Town Salt/Shed/Road Maintenance Work – no report.

Holmes Road Bridge – center pier inspection – Rabitz reported contact with Gary Mueller. Due to depth of center pier, a third party consultant must be hired to dive and inspect. There is an opportunity to combine with other inspections of this type in the county; possible cost \$2500; Rabitz will keep board updated.

ARIP Program – no report.

Road Projects – various/updates – 6 to 20 foot culvert inspection issues will be on April agenda. Rahmlow reported excellent response on tree encroachment letters in the Zander Road swamp area. Next areas to be worked on will be Zander, Cherney, Tapawingo and portion of Rainbow Roads.

Liquor & Operator Licenses – Clerk reported issuance of two operator's permits.

February 5, 2026 Agenda Items: snowplowing and any other items mentioned herein

Motion by Argall, second by Rabitz to pay bills presented and payroll liabilities. 10% will be withheld from Bielinski Excavating culvert invoice until contract completion. 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 8:29 p.m.

Linda S. Herman, Town Clerk