

Town of West Bend Town Board Minutes
July 14th, 2026

Chairman Zagel called the Town of West Bend Town Board **meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.** at the town hall.

Chairman Zagel read the **Call of the Meeting**.

Roll Call was taken. Present: Chairman Troy Zagel, Supervisor Mark Wagor, Supervisor Steve Lindley, Clerk Julie Ihlenfeld, and Treasurer Jacquelyn Haas.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Act 68 Update Online record:

<https://s.zoninghub.com/VY3YG9PM4X>

Chairman Zagel opened the public hearing at 6:15 pm. Rich Czarnecki, 5450 W Lake Dr, asked: "How will you continue to maintain your leverage with developers going forward?" Chairman Zagel stated the town works with Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation on conserving land. Comprehensive Plan survey results showed that almost 70% of town property owners didn't want development in the town. There isn't much land to be divided in the town. Supervisor Wagor said Act 68 is a state mandate that the town is required to pass. Chairman Zagel asked 3 times if anyone would like to speak. Motion by Zagel to close the public hearing. Seconded by Wagor. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of the June 9, 2026 meeting. Motion by Wagor to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Lindley. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Motion by Lindley to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June. Seconded by Wagor. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Bills and Authorization of Payment. Motion by Lindley to approve the bills and authorize payments. Seconded by Wagor. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation/Discussion re: Washington County Sheriff Department monthly call review. The Incidents Summary List contained 248 items, and the Monthly Case Overview Report contained 16 items for the month of June 2026.

Presentation/Discussion re: Town PRD Representative Reports from Big Cedar Lake, Little Cedar Lake, and Silver Lake. Big Cedar Lake PRD Town Representative Linda Bott stated for the month of June there were 20 citations, 65 verbal warnings, and 95 launch/parking violations since May 1, 2026. A change has been made regarding citations. When someone gets a citation for the launch he or she needs to pay within 28 days or the license will get suspended. Signs have been updated. The wake surfer ordinance is at legal right now and will be on the next BCLPRD meeting agenda. Town Representative Jaimee Minney Maples presented for Little Cedar Lake PRD. She stated the lake health is looking good this year, DNR advised that they do not need a starry stonewort pull, have a committee working on assisting Washington County with parking enforcement at Ackerman's Grove, received bids for a lake management plan and chose a vendor. There were 199 patrol hours, 30 warnings and 19 citations in June, and 59 patrol hours, 10 warnings and 5 citations in July. Town Supervisor and Silver Lake PRD Town Representative Steve Lindley stated the SLPRD found a new vendor, ILM, to do weed pulling, discussed the annual meeting and speakers, approved minutes and paid bills. Both Chairman Zagel and Supervisor Lindley discussed Bauers Drive drainage issue with Jason Valerius.

Discussion/Action re: Concerned Citizen Committee. Currently there is a complaint regarding running a business on 18th Ave. Frank Carr has left messages that they are in violation of zoning. Mr. Carr will send complaint to the Town Zoning Administrator.

Presentation/Discussion re: Big Cedar Lake Wake Surf Club - proposed compromise ordinance for wake surfing on Big Cedar Lake. Kevin Kenealy presented on behalf of the BCL Wake Surf Club, who is looking for support from the Town Board and Big Cedar Lake PRD Town Representative regarding the proposed ordinance. Discussed 2 zones: 1. Enforceable ordinance zone 300 ft. or more from shore and 20 ft. deep, 2. Educational campaign to drive wake boats out to a further distance (green zone) – similar to LCLPRD guideline of 300 ft. from shore. 400 ft. is preferred zone.

Discussion re: Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Act 68 Update. None.

Adopt Ordinance 2026-03 An Ordinance Adopting Amendments to Chapter 310 Town of West Bend Subdivision and Land Development Revising Land Division Review Procedures for Consistency with Wisconsin Act 68. Motion by Zagel to adopt Ordinance 2026-03 An Ordinance Adopting Amendments to Chapter 310 Town of West Bend Subdivision and Land Development Revising Land Division Review Procedures for Consistency with Wisconsin Act 68. Seconded by Wagor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action re: Washington County Countywide EMS System. Chairman Zagel has participated in meetings regarding potential creation of a county EMS system in which the county would increase its levy. This is a tax that the county will impose on everybody in the county. 75% of those funds come back to the town to pay for future EMS. Chairman Zagel stated assessed value in our community is high. The county is taxing off assessed value. The county will pass whether we accept this resolution or not. Supervisor Wagor stated it's a back door way to increase taxes by a township that is limited by its levy. He also stated that we're being asked to pass a resolution without it being final. Chairman Zagel stated if we don't participate, we will be taxed with nothing coming back. Currently EMS is provided by Lifestar at no cost. Supervisor Lindley stated there isn't enough information and would like to participate in Schoemann's presentation, so everyone is on the same page.

Adopt Resolution 2026-07 A Resolution Supporting Participation in the Washington County Countywide EMS System and Authorizing Execution of the Countywide EMS System Service Provider Agreement. Motion by Zagel to table Resolution 2026-07 A Resolution Supporting Participation in the Washington County Countywide EMS System and Authorizing Execution of the Countywide EMS System Service Provider Agreement. Seconded by Wagor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action re: Liquor License Ordinance Update related to the Special Event Permit. The following point violations are added to the Liquor License Ordinance: Failure to Obtain Special Events Permit (First Offense) is 25 points and Failure to Obtain Special Events Permit (Subsequent Offenses) is 80 points.

Adopt Ordinance 2026-04 Updating Chapter 104 Alcohol Beverages. Motion by Zagel to adopt Ordinance 2026-04 Updating Chapter 104 Alcohol Beverages. Seconded by Wagor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action re: MS4 Permit. The town will be participating in the Washington County Fair Water Education Booth again this year.

Other correspondence received by the Clerk and/or Town Board to be discussed at next month's meeting. Town received 2 complaints to be reviewed at a Concerned Citizen Committee meeting. Supervisor Lindley received complaint about excessive speed on Silver Lake Dr. Washington County is holding an electronic recycling event on August 13, 2026. Town has an e-waste event in March and October also.

Motion by Zagel to adjourn, seconded by Wagor. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted this 15 day of July 2026.

Julie Ihlenfeld, Clerk