

Town of West Bend Town Board Minutes
August 12th, 2026

Chairman Zagel called the Town of West Bend Town Board **meeting to order at 6:30 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.

Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2026 meeting. Motion by Wagor to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Lindley. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Haas presented loan information from Summit Credit Union and Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Summit Credit Union rate is 5.75%, 1% below prime, with a 6-month term, origination fee, and no penalties. BCPL rate is 6% with a minimum 2-year term, and no fee. Motion by Wagor to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July. Seconded by Lindley. 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 274 items, and the Monthly Case Overview Report contained 8 items for the month of July 2026.

Presentation/Discussion re: Town PRD Representative Reports from Big Cedar Lake, Little Cedar Lake, and Silver Lake. Town Representative Jaimee Minney Maples presented for Little Cedar Lake PRD. She stated lake health is good, and no citations were issued at the boat parade. There were 90 patrol hours, 97 warnings and 13 citations. Supervisor Wagor read update from Big Cedar Lake PRD Town Representative Linda Bott. For the month of July there were 54 citations and 97 warnings. The wake surfer ordinance was approved with a zone of 500 ft. from shore and a 20 ft. depth at the BCLPRD meeting on 7/28/2026. Next step is DNR review of the ordinance. Town Supervisor and Silver Lake PRD Town Representative Steve Lindley stated the SLPRD began weed harvesting on 8/13/2026 and will be there for 8 days. The budget was finalized for the SLPRD annual meeting on August 25, 2026, and there has been communication about Bauers Drive between Engineer Matt Stephan and Jason Valerius.

Discussion/Action re: Concerned Citizen Committee. Committee members are following up with 2 complaints. Pete Saffert is following up again today and town is waiting for an update on the noise complaint.

Discussion/Action re: Washington County Countywide EMS System. Discussed the following concerns: Taxpayers will be paying more for EMS. Washington County is imposing taxes for EMS that won't ever go away, and without a referendum. The tax is based off assessed value, not improved value. The town is losing contract negotiations with fire departments. Fire and EMS costs will increase along with construction of a new fire station and training facility and more equipment. The \$230,000 to be shared with the town can only be spent on EMS. Currently EMS and fire costs are not broken out in

the fire contracts. Lifestar provides EMS for free in the town. Chairman Zagel received contract proposals from the West Bend Fire Department on August 7, 2026. Town Board also discussed alternatives such as meeting with other townships in the same situation and starting a fire department.

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 Lindley. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Citizen Concern of Increased Parking on Hwy K and Division Road. Received concern regarding parking on Division Road and Hwy K and a bus shuttling people back and forth who attended mini wrestling at Lucky Shotz.

Discussion/Action re: Road Construction Loan. Motion by Zagel to authorize a one-time \$500,000 road construction loan, discussed and supported by residents at the 2026 Town Annual meeting, and to be taken out on or before December 1, 2026, with Summit Credit Union for a term not to exceed 6 months, with signers Chairperson Troy Zagel, Supervisor Mark Wagor, Supervisor Steve Lindley, and Clerk Julie Ihlenfeld who have the authority to sign, and that will be put on the levy and paid back within 6 months. Seconded by Wagor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action re: MS4 Permit. Adriana and Jim Dudovick participated in the Washington County Fair Water Education Booth on July 23 and 24, 2026.

Other correspondence received by the Clerk and/or Town Board to be discussed at next month's meeting. Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann will be at the town hall for a Listening Session on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 5:00 pm to discuss fire and EMS. Received a concern regarding increase of solicitors in the town. Washington County Deputy Graper will follow up on this concern. There was about 40% voter turnout for the August 11, 2026 Partisan Primary Election in the Town of West Bend. Chairman Zagel stated that the state is consuming land on State Hwy 144.

Motion by Wagor to adjourn, seconded by Lindley. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted this 18 day of August 2026.

Julie Ihlenfeld, Clerk