

MISHICOT VILLAGE BOARD
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Samz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Al Beranek, Terri Bouchoud, Judy Ferry, John Franz, Bernie Samz, Sue Scheinoha and Brenda Yauger.

Officials Present: Clerk Kathy Reissmann, DPW Director John Tulachka and Chief Paul Granger

Others Present: Vince Vogel, Bill Koch, Jim Haese, Brian Reif, Jerry Schaus, Tom Krajnik, Dillon & Katie Brown, Steve Page, Killy Tackett, and Steve Rahmlow

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Trustees Beranek/Ferry moved to approve the July 21, 2026 & the July 29, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

VISITORS AND GUESTS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chief Paul Granger

- Detective James Brooks assisted with the Police Lights of Christmas event at Culver's in Manitowoc. The event helps provide gift cards that will be distributed to needy residents and families in Mishicot during the holiday season.
- With the start of the new school year approaching, Chief Granger has been in communication with the school superintendent to ensure the Police Department and school district are coordinated and prepared for the upcoming school year.
- Chief Granger reported on several upcoming meetings and initiatives, including Special Bulletin Notification meetings regarding sex offenders, the Manitowoc County Criminal Justice Coordination Council, and the Fair Access initiative for Manitowoc County Court.
- Chief Granger provided an update on the Department's squad camera upgrade project with i-PRO. The project continues to move forward as i-PRO completes the necessary upgrades. The Department's current squad cameras remain operational and continue to function normally while the upgrade process is completed.

DPW Director John Tulachka

- The trailer house and garage at 312 Washington Street have been demolished.
- Frontier Communications is in the village installing fiber.
- Noted that with the new Right-of-Way Utility permit, there could be multiple permits issued on one project and that the fees pay for the engineers to manage the project.

Trustee Al Beranek

- Stated that the lights for one of the balls fields will be installed by October.
- Summer concert revenue is down and is expected to be down by \$1,500 by the end of the season.

Trustee Judy Ferry

- Went to the Progress Lakeshore meeting the other night, noting that they received a grant from the West Foundation for their child care initiative they are working on.

Trustee Terri Brouchoud

- Suggested that the rocks that are still up at the pull track be offered to a local landscaper or anyone that wants them just to get rid of them.

President Bernie Samz

- Stated that he received a request from some of the farmer's market people to hold the farmer's market up at the VFW along with the concerts. He thinks they'd get more people visiting the farmer's market that way.

Clerk Kathy Reissmann

- Reminded the board members of the Village Association meeting on 9/16/26.
- Had a 32% turnout for voting on election day.
- Had a request to use the parking lots at the new park for a park & ride shuttle service on September 4, 2027.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**NEW BUSINESS****A. LICENSE APPLICATIONS APPROVAL**

The Clerk presented the license applications for operator's licenses #2026-99, Caitlyn Duckart, #2026-100, Craig D Boness and #2026-101, Lisa M Schultz. **Trustees Beranek/Brouchoud moved to approve operator's licenses #2026-99 through #2026-101. Motion carried.**

B. LIST OF CLAIMS APPROVAL

President Samz presented general fund claims in the amount of \$82,092.53, TID 2 claims in the amount of \$3,029.73, water utility claims in the amount of \$21,658.49

and sewer utility claims in the amount of \$27,264.27 for approval. **Trustees Ferry/Brouchoud moved to approve the list of claims as presented totaling \$134,045.02. Roll call: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.**

C. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF ENFORCEMENT OF DOUBLE PERMIT FEE FOR FAILING TO OBTAIN A PERMIT BEFORE WORK STARTS

Discussion was held on whether to charge the double permit fees for a contractor that started work before a permit was taken out. Jerry Schaus was present to discuss why this wasn't done in a timely manner. There was some confusion about who was doing the inspections, whether local or state. The inspectors will be consulted to clear up this confusion. **Trustees Yaeger/Brouchoud move to table this item until the next meeting. Motion carried.**

D. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW AMERICAN TOWER CELL TOWER LEASE AMENDMENT

American Tower sent a request to reduce the cell tower rent for the cell tower on E Samz Rd. Discussion was held on the options presented by Cityscape and it was decided for the village to agree with the reduction but counter the offer with a 2.5% increase annually instead of 2%. **Trustees Yaeger/Franz moved to approve the rent reduction to \$2,000/mo. and make the counter offer of 2.5% annually to American Tower. Roll call: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.**

E. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW THE REQUEST TO DECREASE HILLSIDE LANE SPEED LIMIT

Discussion was held on whether to reduce the speed limit on Hillside Lane. Chief Granger stated that he didn't think it was necessary to reduce the speed limit because of a certain person/persons that speed through the street; that it can be resolved in another manner. Other residents from Hillside Lane stated their opinions and agreed they didn't think it was necessary to reduce the speed limit. Vince Vogel asked if a sign "Watch for Children" could be put up. Discussion was held on the speed limit on Highway 147 at that intersection and that it is more of a problem being 45 mph there when trying to turn onto 147. Because it is a state highway, the village cannot change the speed limit, but it can request the state to look into reducing it. It was decided that Chief Granger will try to have the state reduce the speed limit on Highway 147 from 45 to 35. No other action taken.

F. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW QUOTES FOR WILLOW DRIVE LOTS CONTAMINATION TESTING

Brian Reif was present to discuss his research and conversation with Bay Environmental in regards to the contamination testing for the Willow Drive lot. He gave the update and indicated that since phase 1 is done, the village can sell the one lot without any issues. The other lot will need some testing/further investigation and at a cost of about \$10,000. He needs to check with the DNR to see what needs to be done to close that site. He asked the village board for permission to talk to the DNR on the village's behalf and the board gave him the ok to do that. He will report back next

month with what he finds out. **Trustees Brouchoud/Beranek moved to table this item until the next meeting. Motion carried.**

G. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO RENEW THE COOPERATIVE RECYCLING AGREEMENT WITH MANITOWOC COUNTY

The Manitowoc County Cooperative Recycling Agreement was presented. This is a renewal of the same agreement from last year. **Trustees Beranek/Yauger moved to approve the renewal of the Manitowoc County Cooperative Recycling Agreement. Motion carried.**

H. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL INSPECTIONS

DPW Director John Tulachka informed the board that he has started doing private sewer lateral inspections when the sewer mains are inspected. They do about 10% of the village per year. This year they found 14 private sewer laterals that were leaking and need to be repaired. He asked the board what was the best way to have these laterals repaired and paid for. It was decided that the repairs would be done by the village and special assessed to the property owner. He is still waiting for the report so this item is tabled until the next meeting. **Trustees Ferry/Beranek moved to table this until the September meeting. Motion carried.**

I. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE WATER RATE INCREASE APPLICATION

Discussion was held on the letter from the PSC stating that the village is due for a water rate increase of 3%. This would be effective after the fourth quarter billing in 2026. **Trustees Beranek/Brouchoud moved to approve putting in the application for a water rate increase. Motion carried.**

J. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE S MAIN STREET WATER/SEWER RELAY PROJECT

DPW Director John Tulachka informed the board about the S Main Street Water/Sewer Relay project and asked for approval to go out for bids this fall so that the project can be done next summer. **Trustees Brouchoud/Yauger moved to approve putting the Water/Sewer Relay project out for bids this fall. Roll call: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.**

K. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT/BUDGET

Discussion of the fire department budget was held. Several members from the fire department were present to answer questions. Trustee Yauger asked for a 2024-2025 budget for comparison. Bill Koch stated he didn't have a budget but can give the revenue and expenses for that year. Steve Rahmlow stated his thoughts on the budget provided by the fire department and requested that another meeting be held between the three municipalities and the fire department for further negotiations. The clerk will try and set up a meeting that works for all the municipalities and the fire department.

L. DISCUSSION POSSIBLE ACTION TO RESCIND PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION ON PERMIT FEES FOR MSD BUILDING PROJECT AND CONSIDERATION OF A NEW MOTION

Due to a conflict of interest, **Trustee Ferry rescinded her motion from the July 21, 2026 meeting to waive the double permit fees for the MSD building (electrical) project, seconded by Trustee Franz. Motion carried.**

Trustees Beranek/Brouchoud moved to waive the double permit fees for the MSD building (electrical) project. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Samz asked the board what they thought about reducing the number of village trustees to 5 instead of 7. The village attorney has mentioned it a few times that it could be done and it would save the village some money. He told them to just think about it; that nothing is being done right now.

ADJOURN

Trustees Ferry/Brouchoud moved to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Reissmann, Village Clerk-Treasurer