MISHICOT VILLAGE BOARD
Regular Meeting
October 20, 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 Brouchoud, Judy Ferry, Bernie Samz, Sue Scheinoha and Brenda Yauger.
Officials Present:	Clerk Kathy Reissmann, Chief Paul Granger and DPW Director John Tulacka
Others Present:	Kathy Beranek and Alicia Saunders
Absent:	John Franz

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Trustees Beranek/Ferry moved to approve the September 15, 2026 & the October 6, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

VISITORS AND GUESTS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chief Paul Granger

- Pumpkinfest was held successfully, with a good turnout and no major incidents reported. He stated that there were some vendors who would not leave as instructed after the event so that the street could be opened back up and he was close to issuing citations to them.
- The department made a second stalking arrest involving the same individual. That investigation continues.
- The department addressed ongoing concerns involving unauthorized entry onto private property and property damage associated with toilet papering incidents. Public notice was provided that citations may be issued for unauthorized entry onto private property. This decision was prompted by multiple property damage complaints, including the repeated targeting of an elderly couple with significant medical issues who have no connection to the school. Given the extent of the complaints, we felt it was necessary to take a firmer approach.
- Everything went well at the Homecoming dance.
- Chief Granger was asked to provide classroom presentations in early November regarding criminal laws involving sexual offenses against juveniles and Wisconsin sex offender laws.

- Chief Granger met with school district administrators to discuss active-threat response procedures.
- The department assisted the Two Rivers Police Department with a major incident in its jurisdiction.
- The Chief requested that the curb in the designated no-parking area on Randolph Street, east of East Main Street, be painted yellow to improve visibility of the parking restriction and discourage unauthorized parking.

DPW Director John Tulachka

- The doors at the VFW have now been replaced and the concrete work will be done this week.
- The fall maintenance is winding down.
- Stated there are 6 picnic tables that the MCAC group was going to get rid of because they need to be placed on a concrete pad and bolted down and asked John if he could use them in any of the parks.

Trustee Al Beranek

- The light poles for the ball diamond lights have been delivered so the lights will be put up soon.
- He and Al Kliment met with the school to discuss moving the concerts back to the High School.

Trustee Judy Ferry

- Went to a Progress Lakeshore meeting this morning and stated that they will be having a Pitch Contest on November 12th.

Trustee Terri Brouchoud

- Stated that Pumpkinfest went very well and had a good attendance. There were about 30 more vendors than in previous years and may have been close to 75 vendors total.

Clerk Kathy Reissmann

- Received the grant for the March snow storm in the amount of $6,961.36 and another grant from the April flooding for the Hillside Lane repairs in the amount of $93,128.52.
- Stated the she received a letter from US Cellular that they are terminating their cell tower lease on the water tower and that the water utility will lose about $36,000/year because of this. Trustee Yauger asked if we could look for another cell tower company to replace them.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL INSPECTIONS

This is addressed under item H of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. LICENSE APPLICATIONS APPROVAL

The Clerk presented the license applications for Class "B" picnic license #3 for Kettle Range Snow Riders and operator's licenses #2026-107, Karson J Kowalski, #2026-108, Amy J Garrison, #2026-109, Lauria A Musil and #2026-110, Magen M Robinson. **Trustees Brouchoud/Beranek moved to approve the Class "B" picnic license #3 and operator's licenses #2026-107 through #2026-110. Motion carried.**

B. LIST OF CLAIMS APPROVAL

President Samz presented general fund claims in the amount of $94,190.65, TID 2 claims in the amount of $943.88, water utility claims in the amount of $33,745.30 and sewer utility claims in the amount of $100,216.92 for approval. **Trustees Ferry/Brouchoud moved to approve the list of claims as presented totaling $229,096.75. Roll call: Ayes-6, Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.**

C. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FY27 CONNECT COMMUNITIES AGREEMENT

The agreement from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for the Connect Communities program was presented for approval. **Trustees Beranek/Brouchoud moved to approve the FY27 Connect Communities program agreement. Motion carried.**

D. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE LIONS CLUB BRAT FRY REQUEST AT THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

Kathy Beranek was present to request on behalf of the Lions Club that they be allowed to hold a brat fry during the election at the VFW. She asked that if the weather is not good that they use the bar room at the VFW to serve the food. The board feels that this would cause too much congregating around the polls and Trustee Yauger who is the Chief Election Inspector stated that with the election rules, she feels it would be too much of a disruption with people lingering around to eat. President Samz suggested using the parking lot to the east of the Heartland Park's concession stand and do a drive thru brat fry. That way they are not interfering with the election. Kathy will take this back to the Lions Club and let them know.

E. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON MISHICOT AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE/CITY OF TWO RIVERS EMS SERVICE

President Samz informed the board that the Mishicot Area Ambulance Service has contracted with the City of Two Rivers for EMS coverage for the remainder of 2026 due to a lack of staffing at MAAS. For the 2027 year, the village board needs to approve contracting with the City of Two Rivers in the amount of $102,805. This amount was included in the 2027 budget along with the village's portion of the sale of the assets. After 2027, the village would need to go out for a referendum to increase the levy to pay for the service. If the referendum would fail, then the village has no way to pay for the service and would need to get out of the contract and not provide the service. If the referendum passed, the clerk gave an estimate of what the tax rate could increase to.

If a house was assessed at $400,000, their tax bill (village portion only) would increase $384 to help pay for this service. The board will need to decide by January if they want to go out for a referendum to increase the tax levy to pay for this beyond 2027. **Trustees Beranek/Brouchoud moved to approve contracting with the City of Two Rivers for EMS service for 2027. Roll call: Ayes-6, Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.**

F. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT

Chief Granger stated that he has not received the contract back from the school yet. He explained that he asked the school to cover 100% of the SRO services and they agreed but the contract is still with the school's attorney. This is tabled until the next meeting. No action taken.

G. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON S STATE ST CULVERT CLEANING QUOTE FROM AQUALIS

John stated that due to the failed culvert on the Fox Hills property, it has caused the culvert going across highway B to fill up with 4-6 feet of debris. This is the quote to clean it out. President Samz stated he thought that Fox Hills should be responsible for this since it was their culvert failure that caused this, which still isn't fixed. He doesn't think the village should have to pay for this. It was decided to send a letter to Fox Hills letting them know that they need to repair their culvert before this work can be done, otherwise it will just fill up again. It was also suggested that we contact the county soil & conservation department or the DNR about it. No other action taken at this time.

H. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO SEWER REPAIRS & GROUTING QUOTE FROM AQUALIS

DPW Director Tulachka stated that the sanitary sewers have been televised. The board received copies of the pictures of the sanitary sewers. He stated that the engineer is still going through the quote to see if all the private lateral repairs are needed. He would like to keep the leaking clear water out of the sanitary sewers as we have to pay for all that extra water going through the sewers as a sewer charge from Two Rivers. **Trustees Yauger/Ferry moved to approve the Aqualis quote in the amount of $52,543.75 subject to changes upon the engineer's review. Roll call: Ayes-6, Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.**

I. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-04, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-12 CONCERNING APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE VILLAGE OF MISHICOT

Resolution 2026-04 was presented to the board. The election inspectors need to be approved in groups due to several election inspectors being on the village board. Group 1 election inspectors are Brenda Yauger, Patti Pautz, Pam Rabas and Laurie Arkens. **Trustees Ferry/Beranek moved to approve Group 1 election inspectors as presented. Trustee Yauger abstained. Motion Carried.** Group 2 election inspectors are Kathy Beranek, Sandra Guathier and Judy Wanish. **Trustees Brouchoud/Ferry moved to approve Group 2 election inspectors as presented. Trustee Beranek abstained. Motion carried.** Group 3 elections inspectors are Cheryl Valenta, Cheryl Benthien and Judy Ferry. **Trustees Brouchoud/Beranek moved to approve Group 3**

election inspectors as presented. Trustee Ferry abstained. Motion carried. Group 4 election inspectors are Terri Brouchoud, Cindy Haese and John Fease. **Trustees Yauger/Ferry moved to approve Group 4 election inspectors. Trustee Brouchoud abstained. Motion carried. Trustees Ferry/Beranek moved to approve Resolution 2026-04. Roll call: Ayes-6, Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.**

J. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON LEAGUE INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE CHANGES

The clerk stated she had a meeting with the insurance agent and he stated that the insurance rates would increase significantly for 2027. He suggested changing the deductible on the general liability, police liability, public officials' liability and auto coverage to $1,000 to save on insurance costs. **Trustees Beranek/Brouchoud moved to approve changing the insurance deductible to $1,000 on the GL, police liability, public officials' liability and auto coverages. Roll call: Ayes-6, Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.**

K. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-10, CREATING ARTICLE VIII, CHAPTER 38-32 OF THE VILLAGE OF MISHICOT MUNICIPAL CODE ENACTING WHEEL TAX IN THE VILLAGE OF MISHICOT

Ordinance 2026-10 was presented to the board. The clerk stated that there are 1,404 registered vehicles that could be assessed a wheel tax of $20. Discussion was held on the types of vehicles included in this. Trustee Brouchoud stated she was in favor of it before she got on the board. She also stated that this revenue is specifically for streets. President Samz stated he is against the wheel tax. The clerk stated it would take effect 2/1/27 as there is a 90-day waiting period from enactment. Further discussion was held. **Trustees Brouchoud/Yauger moved to approve the Ordinance 2026-10, Creating a Wheel Tax. Roll call: Ayes-5, Nays-1, Absent-1. Motion carried.**

L. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-09, AMENDING SUBSECTION 76-1 OF THE VILLAGE OF MISHICOT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE NUMBER OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Ordinance 2026-09 was presented to the board. Discussion was held on reducing the number of village trustees from 7 down to 5 to help save money on the budget. If the board decides to do this for the next term, the decision needs to be made by December 1st. Further discussion was held and decided to table this until the next meeting. President Samz instructed the board to think about this for the next meeting. No action taken.

ADJOURN

Trustees Ferry/Beranek moved to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Reissmann, Village Clerk-Treasurer