

Town of Christiana

Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2025, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance was Chair Jim Lowery, Supervisors Steve Kriedeman, Dawn Redford, Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen Egge and various members of the community.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance then roll call was taken. It was noted the meeting was properly noticed and posted.

Steve Brandt, Director of Public Works, reported that the work of taking down and cleaning up the tree on Church Road and the other on Washington Road had been completed. He provided the bid amounts for the work to be done on Olia Rd. Pane & Dolan came in at \$56,615, Wolf at \$49,585 and Tri County Paving at \$49,218 and shared that the Olia culvert work was completed below the estimate given. Further discussion was had around the shortcomings of a disk mower and the benefits of a two-pan mower. He also reported that the crack filling on Washington Road is soon to begin.

Dawn Redford provided an update on the selection of the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the need for one more person. She is looking at the last Monday of July to have a meeting with the members to get to know each other, select a day to meet on a regular basis, and discuss an outline for the work to be done. The opinion survey to be sent out to the residents would be one of the first matters of business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janice Redford shared the good news of a forthcoming gift/donation to the township Town Hall, should the board be so inclined to accept it. The Koshkonong Historical Society Board voted to purchase and donate a large screen TV to be mounted on the meeting room wall that could be used for presentations etc. to the public.

Cindy Brady wanted to thank Steve (PW) for responding so rapidly to a downed tree in the roadway this past Saturday. It was off the road before anyone had a chance to run into it. She also wondered if short term rentals were allowed in the township and if so, what are the rules. Additionally, she shared a concern that Data Centers are looking for land and wanted to make the township aware of it.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding new computers; one in the Clerk's office and the other in the Public Works office. Jake Wikie the towns IT and security has provided a quote of \$2,000 for the purchase of two computers, the data migration from the old to the new computers, the setup of usernames, Office software, email and the encryption of data stored on the drive.

Discussion was had regarding the computer in the shop and the back Town Hall office being so old they will no longer be supported by Microsoft

Dawn Redford moved to approve the \$2,000.00 for the two computers. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding Operator's License applications for Chad Gray, Andy Watson, Jessica Scott, Jeffrey Hagy, Alyza Pupp and Dawn Hudson.

Discussion was had regarding which business the Operators' licenses were for and that background checks were completed on all the applicants.

Steve Kiredeman moved to approve the Operators licenses for the applicants. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- c. Discussion around the truck traffic that does not use the prescribed route for solar construction and how a contract with Dane County Sheriff's Department may benefit the township.

Jim Lowrey provided the details to the incident of a truck that he had Steve and Eric block until the State Trooper could come and check out the matter. Further stating that the constant calls of complaint to Invenergy and Blattner about the solar truck traffic not using the designated roads is falling on the deaf ears.

Dawn suggested contacting Sgt. Matt Meyer of the Dane County traffic team and requesting the team to have a presence in the township. She also stated the team could coordinate with the State patrol to do a day or two of enforcement action to check all the truck traffic in the area.

- d. Discussion of the Plan Commission's decision on a transfer of development rights (TDR) request as it relates to deed restrictions and agriculture easements.

Discussion was had regarding the Commission's denial of the Weinberger's TDR request from Mrs. Skaar. The issues of concern were many. An email from Invenergy was provided to the Commission rather than a formal letter, the parcel number in the email from Invenergy did not match any of the parcel numbers Mrs. Skaar provided to Invenergy as possible parcels, the parcel number Invenergy used was not on any of the application paperwork, as well as that same parcel number not being a part of the County's Density Study submitted with the application. It was confirmed that the Weinbergers have been given clear instructions as to what the Commission needs from them to move forward with their request. Further discussion was had on the different types of deed restrictions that could be used on parcels that a TDR has been given.

- e. Review and possible approval of Vouchers

Steve Kiredeman moved to approve the vouchers. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- f. Review and possible approval of June Financial Summary

Dawn Redford moved to approve the Financial Statements for June. Steve Kiredeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- g. Review and possible approval of June Bank Statements and Reconciliations

Steve Kiredeman moved to approve the June Bank Statements and Reconciliations. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- h. Review and possible approval of June 09, 2025, meeting minutes.

Dawn Redford moved to approve the minutes June 9, 2025 minutes. Jim Lowrey seconded. Steve Kiredeman abstained.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

CLERK COMMUNICATION

- a. Very pleased residents called to thank all the guys who worked taking down and cleaning up the tree on Washington Road. In their words, “They did an absolutely excellent job.”
- b. The DNR has granted a resident on Evergreen Road a license to rehab raptors. She worked as a volunteer for eight years with an organization in Madison who rehabs birds of prey and now, she and her husband have converted a barn to be able do the same work at their home.

ADJOURNMENT

Dawn Redford moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Kiredeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Egge, Clerk-Treasurer*