

Town of Christiana

Town Board Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Chair Jim Lowrey, Supervisors Steve Kriedeman, Dawn Redford, Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen Egge, PW Director Steve Brandt as well as many members and friends of the community.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then roll call was taken with all board members present. It was noted the meeting was properly noticed and posted.

Guest speaker Joan Fitzgerald is coming to the June Town Board meeting.

Steve Brandt reported the following: 1) there was a lot of clean up on E Church Road due to storm damage, 2) Town Hall roof replacement is completed, 3) a thank you to Jeff and Jay from Albion who covered our township while he and Erick were at Road school, 4) Hammen Road culverts are replaced and ready to be paved, 5) The e-recycling event went very well and next year's plan is to do it for a weekend only, 6) Koshkonong Road from the Town Hall to Highland is so bad it is a safety hazard. 3-1/2 tons of cold patch has been put down to try to help the situation, but it is pushed right out due to the heavy dump truck solar traffic, 7) Salt shed passed the state inspection. Alliant is doing their borings according to the permits given.

Steve Kriedeman reported the following: 1) the Fire Department EMR is up and running, 2) engine two is getting new tires, 3) reprogramming on the radios is being done, 4) they are preparing for the Memorial Day Breakfast, 5) The IGA is being worked on, 6) the audit is up in the air, 7) they are looking for grants to help pay for the new equipment needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janice Redford provided a short history to the energy interests in our community and the owner who started it all with a power plant many years ago. She added that the community fought against it, but the courts decided in favor of it, so we have a power plant. Damage caused by the construction of that plant was on the onus of the residents. Now the same owner brings in a solar plant, the roads are damaged, construction vehicle accidents have happened, and the town's people have not had a chance to speak into this matter. She hopes that the people will have a chance to speak at the Open House meeting in June.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion regarding MSA Engineering (Building Inspection and Grant writing services) with company representative Gregg Borucki.

Gregg gave a thorough introduction to MSA Engineering and the services they provide. Gregg said funding is a big issue for towns, MSA can look at town roads to determine remediation. They can determine which grant program is the best option. Individuals within MSA can take the lead in gathering the data needed for the grant application. As to their building inspection service, they are the boots-on-the-ground, to provide the inspections they are certified in.

- b. Discussion regarding preliminary second phase of solar with Invenergy representative.

Sam Heagney gave a presentation on phase two of the Invenergy Koshkonong Solar Project. He provided some facts about the schedule, the size and what is to come. Sam works on solar and storage projects in Wisconsin. He has been with Invenergy for five years and for about a year on the Koshkonong project. He explained the battery storage component of the project and why it is needed. The phase two timeline was shared with all in attendance. Invenergy will hold an Open House in June at the Town Hall to answer questions residents of the community have.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding Cambridge Community Fire and EMS IGA.

Jim requested EMS service quotes from Deer Grove EMS and has preliminary numbers from Lakeside. Dawn provided a review of the request the commission made regarding updating the IGA. In short is the Town of Christiana willing to stay with the commission and request a new IGA be written for the three remaining municipalities or not? She pointed out 2026 stands as is, the urgent need is for an IGA that can take effect January 1, 2027.

Dawn Redford moved to give the Fire commission our blessing to rewrite the IGA noting we are willing to stay if the IGA is written to our satisfaction by end of June. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- d. Discussion and possible action regarding Hammen Road Work bids.

Bid information was discussed. Steve Brandt provided his recommendation based on cost.

Steve Kriedeman moved to give Payne & Dolan the job at bid amount of \$68,445.00. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- e. Discussion and possible action regarding E Church Chipsealing bids.

Steve Brandt reviewed the bid options for the chipsealing and gave his recommendation for the material he thought would work best for the township, FA2 black. Scott's Construction had the best price on the FA2 black material.

Dawn Redford moved to approve the Scott's Construction bid for the FA2 black at \$47,400.00. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- f. Review and possible approval of Vouchers.

Dawn Redford moved to approve the Vouchers. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- g. Review and possible approval of April 2026 Financial Summary.

Steve Kriedeman moved to approve the April 2026 Financial Summary. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- h. Review and possible approval of April 2026 Bank Statements and Reconciliations.

Dawn Redford moved to approve the April 2026 Bank Reconciliations. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

- i. Review and possible approval of April 13, 2026, Town Board and April 17, 2026, Special Town Board meeting minutes.

Steve Kriedeman moved to approve April 13, 2026, minutes with correction in the third paragraph. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Steve Kriedeman moved to approve April 17, 2026, minutes. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

CLERK COMMUNICATION

The Town Comprehensive Plan survey closes on May 15, 2026, at midnight.
The 2026 Plat book is available for purchase at \$40.00 ea.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Kriedeman moved to adjourn. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Egge, Clerk-Treasurer*