

**TOWN OF KOSHKONONG  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 16, 2024**

Present:

Chairperson Kim Cheney

Supervisors: George Jaeckel, Jim Brandenburg, Erik Hoffman, Matt Hill

Clerk Caitlin Kincannon

Treasurer Alicia Grulke

This meeting was broadcast and recorded by ZOOM, there were 5 attendees.

**1. Call to order and verification of public meeting**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6PM, and the Clerk verified the proper postings had been made.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Review 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to approve the April 18, 2023, annual meeting minutes.

Seconded by Supervisor Hoffman.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Other Business**

The Clerk explained we have begun our 1-year contract with a new building inspector, Troy Evenson, as of April 1, 2024. His contact information is on our Town website.

We held the Spring election on April 2, 2024. Koshkonong at the time had approximately 2500 registered voters, and turnout at the election was about 43% with 1075 ballots cast. The school referendum did pass. Supervisor 3, Erik Hoffman, and Supervisor 4, Matt Hill, both won their bids for reelection, and will have a 2-year term.

Walt Christensen present; described how he was unexpectedly in the hospital shortly before the election, and was able to request an absentee ballot for a hospitalized elector. Clerk explained that hospitalized electors can appoint an agent to pick up their absentee ballot, the Clerk verifies their identity as the agent, and they return the absentee ballot before the polls close on election day. Clerk expanded on absentee voting and explained requirements of the certificate and witness signature portion.

The Chairperson presented the 2023 financial statement prepared and provided by Johnson Block CPA. They also completed our Form CT. Highway budget and actual spending for 2023 breakdown presented. ARPA funds recap given. Walt Christensen inquired on bridge maintenance from the highway budget. Chairperson explained every 2 years bridges need to be inspected.

Koshkonong Mounds Road proposed walking path consideration was discussed. If we apply for a grant for this proposed path, we must meet federal standards including but not limited to having it paved, separated from the road, and plowing it. Supervisor Hill would like to approach some residents from the area to get a feel on their views of the proposed walking path.

Chris Johnson present on Zoom, he lives on Old 26. Chris stated Old 26 experiences heavy traffic, and feels it's been neglected for many years. Cheney advised we have applied for a grant for Old 26 four times, and it would cost up to \$1 million. We'll continue to apply for grants for Old 26 and Hackbarth. There is a lot of competition with grants, and each year they change their criteria of what they're looking for. Ana Vega, who lives on Old 26, has concerns with speed; asked if we've considered doing a speed study. Supervisor Hill hopes the radar speed sign we have invested in may help with speeding issues. Supervisor Hoffman is not against reducing speed limits, but questions if it would solve the issue. Supervisor Brandenburg advised the Town reduced that speed less than 10 years ago after a petition of over 300 signatures was brought to reduce the speed from 45 to 35, and that has not seemed to fix the issue. Walt Christensen advised of an upcoming meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission at the County.

**5. Set Date for 2025 annual meeting (April 15 – 3rd Tuesday)**

2025 Annual meeting date confirmed for April 15, 2025, with no objections.

**6. Adjournment**

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to adjourn at 6:44PM

Seconded by Supervisor Brandenburg.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Respectfully submitted**

**Caitlin Kincannon**

**Clerk**

4/19/2024