

TOWN OF KOSHKONONG
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2026

Present:

Chairperson Kim Cheney

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

Clerk Caitlin Kincannon

Treasurer Alicia Grulke absent

The public meeting was broadcast and recorded via Zoom.

1. Call to order and verification of public meeting

The Chairperson called the meeting of the Town Board of Koshkonong to order at 7:00 PM, and the Clerk verified the proper postings had been made.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Chief Reports

Fort Atkinson Fire Chief Peterson discussed recent activity.

4. Public comment - agenda items only

- Greg Banasznski, W7709 Koshkonong Lake Rd

Concerned about health impacts. Asks Town to oppose.

- Jaime Steffen, N633 McIntyre Rd

Concerned about health impacts, bees, crops. States it would destroy orchard business. Asks Town to pass resolution opposing.

- Cathy Carnes, W5129 Bark River Rd

Discussed BECI powerline & MariBell line in state, and adverse effects.

- Bridgette Redenius, W5164 County Rd M

Concerns on adverse effects.

- AJ Luebke, W6085 County Rd K

Discussed acreage towers would take up. Wants to understand how powerline can take private property.

- Chad Hilstad, N915 Vinnie Ha Ha Rd

Questions powerline routes and how they were prioritized, and who are the elected officials with authority over matter.

- Joan Fitzgerald, State Representative

Discussed PSC, answered legislative questions regarding powerline from audience.

- George Jaeckel, Koshkonong Town Board Supervisor & Jefferson County Board Supervisor

Jefferson County has passed a resolution and set aside \$50k for legal fees to start getting legal counsel, and working with other counties in conjunction.

- Branton Kunz, N2228 Kunz Rd
Mentioned bills in legislature to strengthen restrictions, and other lines project.
- Erik Hoffman, Koshkonong Town Board Supervisor
Stated he is against the powerlines project.
- Justin Ulrich, W5153 Bark River Rd
Asked about solar farms. This matter is not on the agenda.

5. Approve August 2026 meeting minutes

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to put the August 2026 meeting minutes on file.
Seconded by Supervisor Brandenburg.
No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Discuss/Motion variance request for a second driveway by Steve Mesenbring at N1025 Vinnie Ha Ha

Steve Mesenbring present, explained after a lot combination, property now has 2 driveways he would like to retain.
Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to approve the request to retain the 2nd driveway.
Seconded by Supervisor Hill.
No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Discuss/Motion request by Combs & Associates to rezone 1.95 acres from A-1 to A-2 to allow for public and semi-public uses (for a school) at N640 US Highway 12, owned by Larry & Betty Chupp

Rezone and conditional use requests discussed. Building permit requirement will be researched.
Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to approve the rezone and the conditional use for a school.
Seconded by Supervisor Brandenburg.
No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Discuss/Motion Haight Road snowplow agreement request

Keith Gabrielse present as representative of Haight Road. This is a private road; we have had an agreement in the past to plow it. Past agreement discussed, \$150/plowing event charged in the 2021/2022 winter season where 12 events were billed and paid for.
Supervisor Hoffman motioned to table the matter until next month where we will present a draft.
Seconded by Supervisor Hill.
No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discuss only Building Inspector contract check in

Clerk had checked in with Building Inspector to see how service has gone so far in our first year, no issues reported from either end.

10. Discuss/Motion BECI project resolution

Resolution opposing lines coming through Town of Koshkonong draft presented: Resolution number 2026-0909. Proposed to have attorney review draft.
Supervisor Hill motioned to have attorney review and revise Resolution 2026-0909 not to exceed \$2,000.
Seconded by Supervisor Hoffman.
No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Discuss/Motion possible roadwork with Jefferson County Highway Department

Discussed roads we could potentially work on with Jefferson County Highway Department. Road construction budget discussed, and considered carrying that money over to next year. Public Works will follow up with Jefferson County on cost.

12. Discuss/Motion Mush-Ko-Se-Day Park grant application

Park volunteers have presented a community grant application for grant monies for the park; grant application is asking for \$57,521 for a mower and a shed at the park. Also asking Town to consider putting in a crosswalk on Hackbarth from near Riggert Rd to Bramble Bush to enter the park, to be considered with grant funds if we were to receive the grant we applied for to redo Hackbarth Road.

Supervisor Hill motioned to submit the grant application.

Seconded by Supervisor Hoffman.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Approve Bills

Supervisor Hoffman motioned to approve the bills as presented.

Seconded by Supervisor Jaeckel.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Clerk's Report

- Town Hall being rented on September 19
- 8/11/2026 election saw turnout of 743 voters – 29%
- November election upcoming; absentee ballots mailed out soon
- Ballot box purchased after being awarded grant funds
- 3-year septic maintenance performed in August
- Public Works employee was involved in an accident, work with insurance company ongoing
- Cemetery flagpole replacement project ongoing; pole installed; flag will be attached and raised soon.
- 2026 population estimate received from DOA: 3802. Estimated 80% is of voting age.

15. Future Agenda Items

- Meeting on September 23, 2026, at 6:30PM
- Reviewing Public Works employee Garrett Goulder as his probation is ending
- Financial summary and public works report
- Comprehensive plan update with Cedar
- Combs survey review
- Scheduling budget workshop dates for October
- Haight Road snowplow agreement draft
- Building inspector contract
- Resolution 2026-0909 after attorney review
- Potential roadwork with Jefferson County

16. Public comment

- Larry Chupp, N640 US Hwy 12

Has requested state to put horse and buggy signs on Highway 12; asked how to push that request forward. George Jaeckel offered to assist on County end.

- Justin Ulrich

Requested for potential roadwork to consider semis and wider roads. Asked about tree trimming on roads. Asked if a resident is having fill hauled in, can they drive on the ditch.

17. Board Member announcements

- Supervisor Jaeckel advised County will start working on budget. Commented on recent County Board meeting.
- Chairperson Kim Cheney advised the request from Tom Patterson to rezone the property for his proposed development was denied by the County. Chair spoke at recent County Board meeting. Also spoke about recent County EMS meeting.

18. Adjournment

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to adjourn at 8:54PM.

Seconded by Supervisor Hoffman.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Caitlin Kincannon
Clerk

9/10/2026