

TOWN OF COLUMBUS MEETING MINUTES – March 9, 2026

Chairman Schroeder called the Town of Columbus Board meeting to order on Monday evening, March 9, 2026, at 7:02 p.m. Present were Supervisors Ed Wolf and Harold Schwoerer, Clerk Gabrielle Loeffler, Treasurer Cindy Miller, and attendees from the community as follows: Damon Stier, Steve Schey, Barb Refisnider, Ken & Marilyn Clevenger, Terry Kasminsi, Paul Wolfe, JoAnn Thiede, John Kehl & Lori Schwoerer.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Schroeder stated the Town Meeting agenda had been properly noticed. Supervisor Schwoerer motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; Supervisor Wolf seconded; motion carried.

Minutes of the February 9, 2026 Town Board Meeting were read. Supervisor Wolf motioned to approve the minutes as read; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer Cindy Miller reported as of February 28, 2026, total Town Money was \$619,149.57.

February invoices totaling \$30,576.41 were presented for payment. Supervisor Schwoerer motioned to approve the invoices as presented; Supervisor Wolf seconded; motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- ◆ The operational planning meeting was held Monday, February 23, 2026, from 4-5 and the public hearing for the Hall Road bridge followed from 5-6. The bridge is in the infrastructure build program and should be built in 2028; total cost of around \$600-\$700k to build with a county and town cost of \$500 each, and the remainder covered federally.
- ◆ Ryan Zuehlke requested to move his driveway a couple feet down after the home teardown; Chairman Schroeder let him know it was ok provided it stays a couple feet away from the current culvert, no objections by Supervisor Wolf or Supervisor Schwoerer.
- ◆ Confirmed we are required by statute to issue EIN number signs; however, we can charge for them.
- ◆ Mike Shadora trimmed trees by town hall, cleaned up the fence line & removed the boxelders.
- ◆ A note was left at Town Hall from the Deputy that the kitchen door was unlocked and the kitchen light had fallen, Chairman Schroeder put the light back up.
- ◆ City of Columbus Council meeting was last week, Rhodes Bakery purchased land and the city will be annexing it from Fall River.
- ◆ Wisconsin Towns Association has chosen (not yet released) for the TRIP-S project we submitted for grading on Sanderson Rd from Bristol Rd to Wendt Rd.
- ◆ The new ARPA program is about to be released; it is a pay up front 90/10 program that requires a fully engineered project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Supervisor Schwoerer made a motion to approve the addendum to the local policy regarding non-disclosure agreements, Supervisor Wolf seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ The resolution for supporting a comprehensive and sustainable transportation funding solution was passed last month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Supervisor Wolf made a motion to approve the request by Carl Banks to clean the ditch on Bolte Rd at his expense, Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

- ◆ Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30pm with the regular meeting immediately following.
- ◆ Public comments.
 - A “no parking” sign has been requested to be placed in front of the recycling center driveway.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with a motion from Supervisor Wolf and seconded by Supervisor Schwoerer; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Gabrielle Loeffler, Clerk – March 15, 2026.