

TOWN OF COLUMBUS MEETING MINUTES – July 13, 2026

Chairman Schroeder called the Town of Columbus Board meeting to order on Monday evening, July 13, 2026, at 7 p.m. Present were Chairman Darren Schroeder, Supervisors Ed Wolf and Harold Schwoerer, Clerk Gabrielle Loeffler, Treasurer Cindy Miller, and attendees from the community as follows: Ken & Marilyn Clevenger, Mike Meyers, Debby Stone, Barb Reifsneider, Rita Lambert, Lawrence & May Lins, JoAnn Kessenich, Marty Ott, Vicki Schulze, Tom Onofrey, Deea Breunig, Paul Wolfe, JoAnn Thiede, Ron Kennedy, Donnie Bleich, Arlene Senhenn, Damon Stier, Gina Schoenherr, Jacqui & Mark Lazzaroni, Jim Greiling, Terry Kasmiski, William Zittel, Jim Kluetzman.

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

Minutes of the June 8, 2026 Town Board Meeting were read. Supervisor Wolf motioned to approve the minutes as read; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; Chairman Schroeder abstained; motion carried.

Treasurer Cindy Miller reported as of June 30, 2026; total Town Money was \$560,959.62.

May invoices totaling \$5697.87 were presented for payment. Supervisor Wolf motioned to approve the invoices as presented; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN:

- Received a call from Rod Patrick regarding a tree that is about to fall in over the creek, out of the right of way- suggested to wait until fall
- Spoke with Dean Helwig from the Town of York regarding the culverts on Krause Rd that washed out a couple years ago, we are pay ½ for repairs and switching the road over. Future agenda item.

SUPERVISOR I:

- Crack filling service on June 12th from Hall to Bristol and on Wendt from Arnold to Bristol.
- During the road tour, discussed culvert replacement on Hall Rd, will be replaced in early August.
- Last month the County fixed the void on 16/60.
- Don Nichols called and said in a week and a half they would be pea graveling on Bristol and Wendt from Arnold to Bristol. Also mentioned working on price for the riprap for River Rd.
- June 25th Ryan from WI Transportation SW District reached out, on Hwy 73 they want to take that wall out.

SUPERVISOR II:

- An email was sent to all the supervisors from Alliant on an agreement; it was a generic version.
- The meeting on the Data Center in Fall River didn't happen.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Wolf made a motion to approve the bid from the County for crack filling on Schaefer Rd from Bristol Rd to Hwy. 60 and Wendt Rd from Arnold to Bristol; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.
- Supervisor Wolf made a motion to approve the bid from Scott Constructin for \$48,900 for Wedging on Fox Rd from Hillcrest to Weiner; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

- Supervisor Wolf made a motion to proceed with the quote from Rural Insurance and cancel our current carrier, Horton; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Schwoerer made a motion to approve the request by Robert Schoenherr & Barbara Reifsnider to split off the existing single residence of the property on parcel 493; seconded by Supervisor Wolf; motion carried.
- Post a notice for bids for tree trimming to be reviewed at the August board meeting.
- Discussion and decision on speed limit reduction requests has been tabled to establish a process for such requests.
- Supervisor Wolf made a motion to take action on a Moratorium for Data Centers and/or Battery Energy Storage Systems at a special meeting to be held on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:45pm; seconded by Supervisor Schwoerer; Chairman Schroeder abstained; motion carried.
- Supervisor Wolf made a motion for the Town of Columbus to enter with the Wisconsinites for Local Control's Memorandum of Understanding; seconded by Supervisor Schwoerer; Chairman Schroeder abstained; motion carried.
- Public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with a motion from Supervisor Wolf and seconded by Supervisor Schwoerer; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Gabrielle Loeffler, Clerk – July 19, 2026.