

# TOWN OF CHRISTIANA

## Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting

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October 11 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Mark Cook. Those attending included Supervisors Jim Lowrey and Jeff Notstad, Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Wilson, David Gunnulson, Carson Lein, Hans Lein, Karen Paxson, Ken Rockney, Janice Redford, David W. Smithback, and Patty Strohbusch.

### PROCEDURAL

The meeting had been properly noticed and posted.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

David Gunnulson objected to the October 9<sup>th</sup> *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* editorial that, among other things, dismissed opponents of the solar project as 'NIMBYs' (short for not in my backyard). David is writing his own rebuttal and is also submitting op ed pieces to several other news outlets.

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action on the 275 W. Main St. property in Cambridge.  
The Pizza Pit is now closed for business. Rent has been paid through October.
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding allowing ATVs/UTVs on Christiana town roads.

*Jim Lowrey moved to allow ATVs/UTVs on Christiana roadways. Mark Cook seconded the motion. Jeff Notstad voted against the motion.*

**The motion passed 2 – 1.**

- c. Update on Cambridge Fire Commission.  
Jim Lowrey reported that the Fire/EMS Building Review Committee could not reach a consensus on how best to proceed, so they sent three different scenarios to the Fire Commission.  
Mark Cook asked the Board to agree on a dollar amount they would support for the Town's portion of the expansion/renovation of the Fire/EMS building, and the figure they agreed upon was \$4.7 million.
- d. Discussion regarding drilling of a high-capacity well in Utica.  
David Smithback obtained a permit 7 or 8 years ago to drill a high-pressure well in Utica

for crop irrigation. If the Town pays 50% of the cost (possibly through grant funding), he will place the well where it can also be used for firefighting by the Cambridge VFD and neighboring municipalities (Stoughton, Pleasant Springs, McFarland, and Cottage Grove).

- e. Discussion/possible action on opting out of Dane County Zoning.  
As reported at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Dane County towns may opt of county zoning only in every third year, so 2023 will be the Town's next opportunity for opting out. Jim Lowrey spoke with DCTA President Jerry Derr, whose experience has been positive.
- f. Discussion/possible action on disposition of ARPA funds.  
The new deadline for reporting on initial disposition of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act has been delayed until April 30, 2022, so the Town has additional time to decide where the funds will be used. Funds may be given to the Fire Department, but the Town cannot dictate how the Fire Department uses them.
- g. Discussion/possible action on the Town's land use plan.

*Mark Cook made a motion that the Plan Commission revisit the Town's Comprehensive Plan and report back in three months. Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.*

**The motion passed 3 – 0.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Read minutes of the September 28, 2021 Plan Commission Meeting.  
The Minutes were read aloud.
- b. Discussion/possible action on a request by Bruce Barlow, 228 E. Adams Street, Cambridge, to annex his property Parcel # 016/0612/242-9730-0 into the Village of Rockdale.

*Jim Lowrey moved to support Bruce Barlow's request to annex Parcel #016/0612-242-0730-0 into the Village of Rockdale. The clerk will let the Village know that Christiana supports his efforts and will donate some of its Urban Service Area in CamRock Park to the Village to facilitate Mr. Barlow's annexation request. Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.*

**The motion passed 3 – 0.**

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding setting date(s) for Budget Workshop Meeting(s).  
Mark Cook and Jeff Notstad will both have to work some dates into their schedules when they can attend budget meetings.

## APPROVALS

a. Vouchers (Bills)

*Jim Lowrey made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$25,314.86. Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.*

**The motion passed 3 – 0.**

b. Minutes

*Jeff Notstad moved to approve Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Board Meeting with one correction. Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.*

**The motion passed 3 – 0.**

## ADJOURNMENT

*With no further business, Jeff Notstad moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.*

**The motion passed 3 – 0.**

### Minutes of the Public Hearing to Approve the Redistricting Plan of the Town of Christiana, Dane County

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Immediately following the Town Board Meeting, Mark Cook called the Public Hearing to order. David Gunnulson moved to approve the proposed redistricting map which divided the Town of Christiana into two wards for voting, separated on a north-south axis by State Road 73. Cindy Cutrano seconded the motion. The vote was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Jeff Nostatd moved to adjourn; Jim Lowrey seconded the vote. By unanimous consent, the Public Hearing adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer*