

CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
April 21, 2026
5:00 PM

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Agenda

1. Roll Call.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

2. Mayoral appointments to various Boards and Commissions.
3. Mayoral appointments of Council members to Standing Committees.
4. Nominations and election of Council President.
5. Recess until after the Public Protection Committee, Personnel Committee and Finance Committee Meetings.
6. Reconvene to consider the actions of the Committees listed above.
7. Adjournment.

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Copies of ordinances, resolutions, reports and minutes of the committee meetings are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection during the regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Common Council
FROM: Mayor Wiza
DATE: April 21, 2026
RE: Reorganization

We are always interested in helping people become more involved in their community. To that end, we are always striving to find places on our various boards and commissions for them to do that. This year, there are over three dozen spots to fill and many interested citizens.

Reviewing all of them took a considerable amount of time on the part of your administrative team and what you have before you is a list that has been evaluated through my office and respective departments. While the final list is ultimately my decision, that list is always a team effort and I always appreciate our department heads for honest feedback and input.

Our goals have always been to place people in the committees that have an interest in the subject, experience that will benefit the group and most importantly will have a positive impact. Many things factor in to our decisions including succession planning. This is true this year, as well.

A good fit doesn't always mean the most experience. We need to ensure the candidate will move the group in a direction that is positive and doesn't adversely affect the mission and purpose of the respective committee. Sometimes, that means a fresh perspective is needed.

We've included background information on new appointees and hope you see the same merit we did and approve the appointees as presented.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mayor Mike Wiza

Member	Contact	Term	Starts	Expires
<u>Administrative Appeals Board</u>				
Ald. Sam Lang	district9@stevenspoint.com	(Aldermanic Term)	4/21/2025	4/21/2026
Ald. Mary Kneebone	district7@stevenspoint.com	(Aldermanic Term)	4/21/2025	4/21/2026
Ald. Allison Birr	district5@stevenspoint.com	(Aldermanic Term)	4/21/2025	4/21/2026
<u>Age Friendly Community Board</u>				
Ald. Andrea Olson	district4@stevenspoint.com	(Aldermanic Term)	4/21/2026	4/21/2028
<u>Airport Commission</u>				
Ray Schmidt		1yr Initial 5yrs Regular	5/1/2026	4/30/2031
<u>Bicycle-Pedestrian Street Safety Committee</u>				
Ald. Jacqui Guthrie	district2@stevenspoint.com	(Aldermanic. Term)	4/16/2024	4/21/2026
Ald. Matt Moldenhauer	district10@stevenspoint.com	3yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029
<u>Business Improvement District Board</u>				
Tim Schertz - Property Owner	tlschertz@yahoo.com	3 yrs	2/1/2026	1/31/2029
<u>Business Park Business Improvement District Board</u>				
Ald. Joe Donahue	district6@stevenspoint.com	(Aldermanic. Term)	4/21/2026	4/20/2028
<u>Board of Park Commissioners</u> (terms begin First Monday in May)				
Carrie Winn	cwinn.sptourism@gmail.com	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029
John Okonek	johno64@att.net	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029
Michael Glodosky	mglodosky@charter.net	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029
Robert Freckmann	rfreckma@uwsp.edu	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029

Matt Disher	matt@dishins.com	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029
Ald. Andrea Olson	district4@stevenspoint.com	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029
Ald. Jacqui Guthrie	district2@stevenspoint.com	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029

Board of Review

Larry Sipiorski	lsipiors@uwsp.edu	5 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2031
Ryan Kernosky (alternate #2)	ryan@municipalgroup.org	5 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2031

Deer Management Committee

Ken Wanta	kenwanta@hotmail.com	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027
John Okonek	johno64@att.net	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027
Mike Bialas	mwbialas@hotmail.com	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027
Jen Smith	smith.jen96@outlook.com	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027

Library Board Liason

Ald. Ginger Keymer	district3@stevenspoint.com	1 yr	5/1/2025	4/30/2026
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Local Emergency Planning Committee

Justin Malin	715-346-3097	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027
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Municipal Court Oversight Committee

Mayor Wiza	715-346-1570	2 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2028
Ald. Shaun Morrow	district11@stevenspoint.com	2 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2028
Ald. Andrea Olson	district6@stevenspoint.com	2 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2028

Police and Fire Commission

Ronald Springer	tinboat229@gmail.com	5 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2031
Ald. Mary Kneebone	district7@stevenspoint.com	(Ald. Liaison - 1 yr)	5/1/2026	4/30/2027

Redevelopment Authority

Ald. Marc Christianson	district1@stevenspoint.com	5yr	1/1/2026	12/31/2031
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Tourism Commission

Tom Schrader	citbusts@gmail.com	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027
Mike Disher	mike@dishins.com	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027
Michelle Sedlak	michelle.sedlak@holidayinnsp.com	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027
*John Okonek (Parks Pres.)	johno64@att.net	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027
Carie Winn	cwinn.sptourism@gmail.com	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027

Transportation Commission

Ald. Jacqui Guthrie	district2@stevenspoint.com	1 yr	5/1/2027	4/30/2026
Ald. Allison Birr	district5@stevenspoint.com	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027
Thomas Bertram	3291 Orchid Lane	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029
Karalyn Peterson	karalyn76@gmail.com	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029
Heidi Oberstadt	heidi.oberstadt@gmail.com	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029

Weed Commissioner

Mark Kordus	715-346-1567	1 yr	5/1/2026	4/30/2027
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Zoning Board of Appeals

Ismaila Odogba	715-254-0957	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029
Ald. Jacqui Guthrie	district2@stevenspoint.com	3 yrs	5/1/2026	4/30/2029

Application Form

Name: Ryan Kernosky

Address: 717 Ridge Road

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Indicate which board(s), commission(s), and/or committee(s) you are interested in serving on.

Board of Review, Zoning Board of Appeals

Please write a brief description of your background and why you are interested in serving (attach extra sheets if necessary):

Served as a community development director for several communities. Interest in land use, economic development, and municipal tax policy.

Please return the completed application and a copy of your resume to:

City of Stevens Point City Clerk's Office
1515 Strong's Avenue, Stevens Point WI, 54481

**City of Stevens Point
Attn: City Clerk's Office
1515 Strongs Ave.
Stevens Point, WI 54481**

Stevens Point

Boards, Commissions, & Committees Application



Interested in Local Government?

Are you interested in local government or do you want to contribute to your community? Consider serving on a city board, commission, or committee. As a representative serving on one of the City's boards, commissions or committees, you will focus on community needs requiring your dedication, vision, experience, and enthusiasm. Ultimately, the City of Stevens Point's Common Council has the legal responsibility to carry out decisions that affect the welfare of the entire community; however, the boards, commissions and committees play a significant role in the process of deciding what goes in front of the Common Council. So if you are interested in local government and want to serve your community, the City of Stevens Point's boards, commissions and committees may be a good fit for you.

What are the eligibility requirements?

Applicants must be eligible voters and *reside within the Stevens Point city limits*. Please review all details of specific vacancies, as some may have different requirements or require specific representation.

How do I know if I was or was not appointed to a board, commission, or committee?

If appointed to one of the boards, commissions, or committees, you will be notified. The City Clerk's Office will contact you to come in and sign an oath of office.

How do I apply?

Please complete the application form on the reverse side and return to the City Clerk's Office at 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481. You may also complete the application online at stevenspoint.com. Typically, appointments are made during April or May of each year; however, vacancies vary. Please check out our list of current vacancies

located on stevenspoint.com or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at: (715)346-1569

What boards, commissions, and committees can I be appointed to?

Board of Appeals:

- Hears and makes decisions on appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any requirement, decision, or determination made.
- Authorizes variances and disability variances.
- Citizen Positions: 5 (3 year term)
- Alternative Positions: 2 (3 year term)

Redevelopment Authority:

- Prepares redevelopment and urban renewal plans.
- Carries out redevelopment and urban renewal projects within the corporate limits of the city.
- Develops and implements redevelopment plans.
- Administers economic development and housing loans.
- Adopts rules for the transaction of its business and keeps a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations.
- Establishes rehabilitation and design standards.
- Assembles and disposes of land, including the taking of real estate through eminent domain.
- Demolishes and/or rehabilitates substandard structures.
- Participates in real estate development and commercial revitalization.
- Citizen Positions: 4-6 (position availability varies) (5 year term)

Historical Preservation/Design Review Commission:

- Designates historic structures, historic sites, and the designation of historic districts within

the city limits, subject to approval by the common council.

- Regulates construction, reconstruction, alteration, and demolition within designated districts.
- Cooperates with the State of Wisconsin historic preservation officer and the state historic preservation review board in attempting to include properties designated as landmarks or landmark sites, or historic districts, in the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Historic Places.
- Solicits and receives funds for historic preservation in the city.
- Citizen Positions: 5 (3 year term)
- Alternates: 2 (3 year term)

Housing Authority:

- Carries out duties designed by the Community Development Authority.
- Citizen Positions: 3-5 (position availability varies) (5 year term)

Board of Park Commissioners:

- Develops policies concerning the operation of the parks and recreation facilities, subject to approval by the common council.
- Acquires and/or maintains parks and green spaces, conservation areas, park buildings, the community pool, KB Willett ice rink, City cemeteries, boat ramps, and other parks, recreation and forestry facilities and public property.
- Aids in long-range planning, strategic planning, and setting service standards for the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.
- Citizen Positions: 8 (3 year term)

Plan Commission:

- Advises the city council on comprehensive planning and land use issues.
- Prepares and administers a comprehensive plan while providing leadership and insight

Ryan J. Kernosky, MPA

[REDACTED] | 717 Ridge Rd, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Summary

Ryan Kernosky is the principal consultant and assessor of Municipal Group, and holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Public Policy with a minor in Small City Analysis from the University of Illinois and UW-Stevens Point, respectively. He has served as the City Planner and Zoning Administrator for Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin (pop. 9,500), Director of Community Development for the City of Isanti, Minnesota (pop. 6,500), Director of Community Development for the Village of Plover, WI (pop. 13,000), and Director of Community Development & Executive Director for the Redevelopment Authority for Stevens Point, WI (pop. 27,000). In these roles, he oversaw all development, planning, and assessing. He currently resides in Stevens Point with his wife, Rachel, their two children, dog and cat.

He currently is an adjunct professor and lecturer in the Sentry School of Business and Department of Environment & Society within the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Ryan holds an Assessor II license from the State of Wisconsin.

Education

University of Illinois at Springfield - 2018

Master of Public Administration

Emphasis: Community & Economic Development

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point - 2015

Bachelor of Science

Majors: Public Administration & Public Policy

Minor: Small City Analysis

Emphasis: City Planning & Economic Development

WI - Department of Revenue

Certified Assessor II

Certification #: WI30101CA

Certification Period: October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2028

Professional Experience

Municipal Group, LLC

Owner & Assessor II

October 2016 - Present

- Oversee 2 FTE employees and all business operations
- Statutory municipal assessor for 17 client communities throughout the State of Wisconsin
- Facilitates and implements revaluations for client communities
- Advises private and public clients on solar farm design, location, and land development agreements

- Draft site plans for private and public clients for development implementation
- Draft comprehensive plan documentation and other policy documents on behalf of public clients
- Present policy recommendations on economic development and land use to private and public clients

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
Sentry School of Business & Economics
College of Natural Resources
Adjunct Professor & Lecturer

August 2024 - Present

- Instructor of Record for NRES 320: Natural Resource Communications and Public Relations
- Instructor of Record for BUS 770: Analysis of Economic Development
- Average 150 students taught per semester

City of Stevens Point, WI (pop. 26,000)
Director of Community Development
Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority

October 2019 - October 2024

- Served as the department head overseeing operations and budget in six divisions: City Planning, Economic Development, Building Inspection, Neighborhood Improvement, Historic Preservation, Tax Assessment
- Lead public conversation on changes to zoning codes, master planning efforts, public hearings, and other complex public interactions
- Provided guidance on and implementation of comprehensive planning documents, zoning regulation, economic development policies, and several others
- Presented on behalf of the Mayor and the Common Council to outside organizations and groups
- Oversaw complex policy recommendations and advises Mayor and Council on recommendations

Village of Plover, WI (pop. 13,200)
Community Development Manager

January 2019 - October 2019

- Served as the Village Planner and Economic Development Director
- Recruited developers based on data-driven approach to ensure successful development contacts, advises developers on areas of best-use, local regulations and challenges
- Negotiated economic development incentives on behalf of the Village
- Oversaw zoning code rewrite to provide Solar as a permitted use throughout the Village, currently assisting the Village in obtaining 'SolSmart Community' status

- Prepared staff reports and recommendations on complex planning, land use, and economic development concepts and projects to provide best uses in the long-term sustainability of the Village

City of Isanti, MN (pop. 6,500)

Community & Economic Development Director

May 2017 - January 2019

- Oversaw operation, budgets, programs, and implementation of the policies of the Community Development Department including building inspection, code enforcement, economic development, and MS4 inspections
- Actively recruited developers and identified community economic needs for development to the City of Isanti
- Implemented TIF, Tax Abatement, and other business incentives for new and redevelopment projects
- Oversaw and coordinated the development plan review process, performing complex planning analysis for proposed projects
- Served as the staff liaison and advisor to the City Planning Commission, Isanti Economic Development Authority, the Development and Operations Advisory Committee, and the Green Step City Committee
- Made recommendations and guided elected officials through the complicated process of economic development, urban planning and land-use regulations
- Served as the City Demographer which includes maintaining records of population, workforce trends, and housing trends

Community Experience

Portage County Community Land Trust

Board President - May 2024 - October 2024

Board Director - May 2024 - October 2024

Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund

Board Director - January 2019 - October 2024

Board Secretary - May 2020 - May 2022

Portage County Business Council

Advisor to the Board - January 2019 - October 2024

UW-Stevens Point Center for the Small City

Advisor to the Board - March 2020 - Present

Stevens Point Curling Club

Board Director - April 2019 - April 2022

Club Treasurer - May 2025 - Present



BID Board of Directors Application

The Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) Board of Directors will have six (6) seats available to business and property owners of assessed properties in the district. All board members will receive training to maximize their term. As leaders of the downtown, it is imperative that board members maintain space for others' views and opinions, to represent the views of others, and to translate those perspectives into action. Board members will be appointed in December, with terms beginning in January of the following year. Terms will last for two (2) years, except for three (3) of the first appointees who will have a three (3) year term to initiate the BID.

Please provide all details below:

Name:

Tim Schertz

Email:

[Redacted]

Phone:

[Redacted]

Property or Business Name and Address:

956-960 MAIN ST
STEVENS POINT WI 54481

I am a:

- Property owner who is subject to the BID assessment
- Property owner who operates a business at the property
- Business owner without real property in the BID

I would designate an employee to represent my property or business:

Designee Name:

Ashlie Schertz

Designee Email:

[Redacted]

Designee Phone:

[Redacted]

Please attach a written response to the following questions / prompts:

- 1) What is your vision for Downtown Stevens Point?
- 2) How will you ensure the BID is serving all of Downtown Stevens Point?
- 3) How will you ensure that Downtown Stevens Point will support the residents of, and visitors to, Stevens Point?
- 4) Please attach a resume for this role.

I hereby certify that all the above information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I hereby certify that I own property and/or operate a business within the boundaries of the Downtown Business Improvement District and that I am at least 18 years of age.

Tim Schertz
Signature

4/15/26
Date

Please attach all written responses and resume to the completed application and return to:

City of Stevens Point
Clerk's Office
1515 Strongs Ave
Stevens Point, WI 54481

1. VISION - PLACE TO GATHER, PLACE FOR DESTINATION BUSINESS
A PLACE (DISTRICT) FOR EVENTS WITH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
2. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS WILL ENSURE NEEDS ARE DISCUSSED AND ACTED ON
3. I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS TO EXPRESS NEEDS AND WANTS
4. RESUME:
OWNED - REBUILT - DEVELOPED AND SAVED PROPERTY IN DOWNTOWN STEVENS POINT SINCE 1994 TO TODAY

Application Form

Name: Ronald L. Springer

Address: 3273 Alder St

Phone: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

Indicate which board(s), commission(s), and/or committee(s) you are interested in serving on.

Police & Fire
Commission

Please write a brief description of your background and why you are interested in serving (attach extra sheets if necessary):

Twenty seven years
Law enforcement
experience & eleven years
insurance & fraud exper-
ience. Worked as line
officer and management.
Associate degree in police
science & B.S. degree in law
enforcement management.
Previous experience as
elected member of Police
& Fire Commission.

Please return the completed application and a copy of your resume to:

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City of Stevens Point
Attn: City Clerk's Office
1515 Strong's Ave.
Stevens Point, WI 54481



Stevens Point

Boards, Commissions, & Committees Application



Ronald L Springer
3273 Alder Street
Stevens Point WI 54481
Cell [REDACTED]
Ema [REDACTED]

I have spent my entire adult life involved with law enforcement, emergency response, fire department training, and serving my community. During my career I served as Union President and was in charge of the Police and Fire Commission for the Village of Hortonville WI as an Elected Village Trustee. My experiences have been both on the day-to-day operations and administration, training and innovation pertaining to law enforcement and fire department operations. I have the education, training, and experience to be of assistance to the Police and Fire Commission here in Stevens Point, I look forward to this opportunity to serve the citizens of Stevens Point. I am available any time for any additional steps requested to fill this appointment.

Prior relevant employment:

Outagamie County Sheriff's Office Appleton WI 1974 through 1992

Corrections Officer, Dispatcher, Patrol Officer, Sergeant in charge of the Juvenile Bureau, Sergeant Investigator specializing in Death Investigations, Sex Crimes, Sensitive Crimes, Property Crimes and Arson. Authored the proposal and procedures to institute the county Boat Patrol and Snowmobile Patrol, Sergeant in Charge.

Kimberly Police Department later renamed Fox Valley Metro Police Department, Kimberly WI 1992 through 1998

School Resource Officer, Patrol Officer. Team member who worked with the two villages to unify the two departments, negotiating labor contracts, procedures, and programs.

Wisconsin Department of Corrections 1998 through 2001

Original member of the Sex Offender Registry Program where I authored the jurisdictional statute to prosecute non-compliant offenders, provided community meetings to discuss the program and to advise the community of the offender's pending release. Followed up on offenders and referred those in non-compliance to DA's offices throughout the state.

Sentry Insurance Investigation Unit Manager, Stevens Point WI 2001 through retirement

Personally conducted investigation of possible insurance fraud and supervised a team of investigators. Provided training to Claims Representatives throughout the Eastern third of the country.

Education:

New London Senior High School
Fox Valley Technical College Associate Degree Police Science
Concordia University Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice Management

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES**

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Mike Wiza – Recommended Chair
Chris Tiffany
Mary Kneebone
Shaun Morrow
Ginger Keymer
Dean Shuda
Marc Christianson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Marc Christianson – Recommended Chair
Dean Shuda
Ginger Keymer
Jacqui Guthrie
Shaun Morrow

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mary Kneebone – Recommended Chair
Andrea Olson
Sam Lang
Allison Birr
Joe Donahue

PUBLIC POLICY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Ginger Keymer – Recommended Chair
Sam Lang
Joe Donahue
Jacqui Guthrie
Matt Moldenhauer