

Town of Merton
PO Box 128
North Lake, WI 53064
Minutes of February 10, 2020

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink @ 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes of January 27, 2020. A motion was made to approve minutes by Fleming/Morris. Motion Carried.

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Herrick, Olson, Morris and Fleming, Attorney Chapman, Treasurer Kempen, Highway Superintendent Griffin and Clerk Hann.

Absent:

Also, in attendance:

Citizen Comments and Concerns: Langer, W330N6271 Hasslinger Dr, stated that any solution for Moose Lake should include lake erosion, involve a hydrological study, and include input from another group called Moose Lake Silent Sports Association; Sara Ponath, Menomonee Falls, is currently running as a Waukesha County Judicial Candidate and wanted to introduce herself; Laabs, W329N6549 Forest Dr, talked about the highwater problem on Moose Lake; Lindl, W332N6438 Hwy C stated that Moose Lake is a small lake and wind does not affect the shoreland; Eigenberger, N67W33085 Oakridge Lane, commented that the wave action is affected by the wind and has been on the lake over 50 years and the last two years the lake has risen where she has had water in her boat houses; Wilson, N60W34643 Forest Bay, she is the chair of the Okauchee Lake Management District and is asking to be involved in any discussion about draining to Okauchee Lake; Goelz, W332N6590 N Moose Lane, stated that the wind does cause a problem with waves that effect the pier, etc.; Knitt, W336N6678 read a statement to the board about his concerns with Western Lakes Fire Department; Laabs, W329N6549 Forest Drive, commented on membership with Western Lakes Fire Department;

Old Business: None.

Consider/Act on Request for Capital Payment to Western Lakes Fire District. Chief Brad Bowen presented capital calculation to the board. A motion to approve the request for Capital Payment to Western Lakes in the amount of \$103,571 was made by Morris/Fleming. Motion carried.

Discussion on Moose Lake. Greg O'Hearn, President of the Moose Lake Advancement Association presented a report on Elimination of Chronic Highwater Issues on Moose Lake by Restoration of a Drainage Outlet from Moose Lake. He is asking the Town of Merton to establish a construction project to establish a long culvert to allow excess water to flow from Moose Lake on a new easement. The cost would \$88,500 to

\$119,500 and the Town of Merton could levy a special assessment to the property owners of Moose Lake. Chairman Klink asked if the DNR has responded to the report, O'Hearn stated that the DNR stated that Moose Lake Advancement Association has the right to ask for a solution to the Chronic Highwater Issue. O'Hearn is planning on a doing a survey to the property owner to get input which had not been done yet. Klink stated that the town has received many concerns from residents and ask the Moose Lake Advancement Lake to have meetings to get public input. Attorney Chapman asked if they are considering a Lake District which would have the same powers as the town. O'Hearn does not want to create a Lake District. Herrick ask about how you would get eminent domain to get the Easement. O'Hearn stated there would be a permit thru the county and that the town would have to negotiate with the one property owner to gain that easement for a negotiated price. There are 116 property owners on the lake and there are 80 members in the Lake Association. O'Hearn would need the Town of Merton to do the construction because the Association can not do the construction. Klink stated that there is a lot of work that needs to be done by the Association. O'Hearn stated that the Town of Merton could levy the cost of the project to the property owners. Klink clarified that after the survey is sent out then the Association should have a meeting with the property owners to get all the input as the next step.

Consider/Act on the Request of Marty Iverson, on behalf of the Monches Rec Club, for funds available through the Town of Merton Park Participation Program As Recommended by Plan Commission on February 5, 2020. Chairman Klink explained the request Monches Rec to provide safety to the players and to pay up a max of \$11,000. A motion to approve the request to Monches Rec Club was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Positive Pay Program with Bank Five Nine formally known as First Bank Financial Center. Treasurer Kempen stated that there is a program with the First Bank Financial Center to protect the town from checks being changed and clearing for a different amount than what they were written for. A motion to approve the Positive Pay Program with Bank Five Nine formally known as First Bank Financial Center was made by Morris/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Awarding the Engineering Services for Hoff Road and Hoff Lane. Highway Superintendent Griffin presented the bids that were received for the 2021 Engineering Service Contract. A motion to award the Engineering Services for Hoff Road and Hoff Lane to Kunkel in the amount of \$14,750 was made by Herrick/Fleming. Motion carried.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports - Clerk Hann talked about the New Election Equipment that we received and the roof is coming along. Morris stated that there is a District Meeting in Juneau and there is a class on Board of Review. Griffin talked about the 2020 Road Projects and that on February 20, 2020 there will be bid opening. Klink talked about the staff meeting and Annual Municipal Court Report in his office.

Operator's Licenses - None

Vouchers as Presented - A motion to approve the vouchers as presented was made by Morris/Herrick. Motion carried.

4th quarter 2019 budget to actual report - A motion to approve the 4th quarter 2019 budget as presented was made by Morris/Olson. Motion carried.

4th quarter 2019 journal entries - A motion to approve the 4th quarter 2019 journal entries as presented was made by Morris/Fleming. Motion carried.

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Donna Hann, Town Clerk

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Town Board or Plan Commission may be present at the above scheduled meeting(s) to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.