

Town of Merton  
Special Town Board Meeting  
Minutes of December 29, 2021

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink @ 9:00 am
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Olson, Fleming and Morris, Attorney Bodenbach and Clerk Hann.  
Absent: Supervisor Herrick, Highway Superintendent Griffin and Treasurer Kempen  
Also, in attendance: Josh Paral, Brad Bowen and Jim Spyers-Duran.

Citizen Comments and Concerns: None.

Old Business:

Discussion and Possible Action on contract with Merton Fire Department. Attorney Bodenbach explained changes that the town attorney and the fire department attorney have made and now new changes are shown in orange. Jim Spyers-Duran addressed the board that he and Josh invited Brad Bowen from Western Lakes to this meeting to review the contract due to talks that Merton Fire Department is going to be having with Western Lakes. Chief Paral questioned the section on fund balance and stated that the fire department will be doing an audit for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Clerk Hann clarified that the annual budget should be attached to the six-month budget and the Agreement as an exhibit. Attorney Bodenbach asked if there are any changes that need to be made. Chief Paral asked about when the audit needs to be done. Clerk Hann stated that the department can always come to the board if there is a delay on when the audit needs to be done. Chief Bowen gave his experience on audits with municipalities and due dates. Chief Paral questioned when a dispute on the budget would occur during a year. Clerk Hann stated an example would be when rent for dorms was not included in the budget and Chief Paral came in front of the boards and did a budget amendment to move funds around. Chief Paral did not see any more concerns with the agreement. He wants to send this to the Fire Department Board and stated that there will be no interruptions in coverage until his board reviews. Chief Paral can give tentative approval pending Fire Department Attorney and Fire Board approval. A motion to approve the 6-month contract with Merton Fire Department pending approval from the Merton Fire Board was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion Carried.

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Morris/Fleming. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Donna Hann, Town Clerk