

Town of Merton  
Town Board Meeting  
Minutes of February 27, 2023

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink after the Public Hearing was closed.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes- Minutes of February 13, 2023. A motion was made to approve the minutes was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Herrick, Olson, and Fleming, DPW Director Griffin, Treasurer Kempen and Clerk Hann. Absent: Attorney Murn and Supervisor Morris.  
Also, in attendance: Library Director Iyengar, Robert Fittshur, Curt Podd, Holly Rybicki, David Krier, Judy Reinder, Barbara Carrera, Kaye Krueger, Gary & Sue Scholl

Citizen Comments and Concerns: None

Old Business:

Discussion on Fire Charge to Property Owners in the Town of Merton. Clerk Hann gave information to the Board on a formula that was used in the Town of Ottawa to determine a Fire Charge to the Property Owners. Chairman Klink stated that due the mandates place on the town to provide certain services and levy limitations will not allow the town to raise to cover the increased cost of these required services, the town if looking for ways to charge the costs equally.

New Business:

Library Director Report. Kaushalya Iyengar, Townhall Library Director gave a presentation on the 2022 Annual Library Report for the Town Board. The board thanked Library Director Iyengar for her presentation.

Consider/Act on Request to Amend the Town of Merton Comprehensive Land Use Plan to Change From Suburban 1 Density to Low Density Residential on 3.8 Acres on Center Oak Road. A motion to Amend the Town of Merton Comprehensive Land Use Plan to Change From Suburban 1 Density to Low Density Residential on 3.8 Acres on Center Oak Road was made by Fleming/Klink. Discussion followed. Supervisor Herrick stated currently two lots are allowed and feels they could add more land for the lots they are asking for. Supervisor Olson stated that he agrees and only two lots should be allowed. Supervisor Fleming stated it would match the subdivision to the east and has no problem approving the request. Chairman Klink state everything around is R1 and by changing the land use plan it would not be changing the R1 density. Chairman called the vote. There were two votes for and two votes against. Motion did not pass. Chairman Klink state the action will come back to the next meeting.

Discussion on 2022 DPW Pickup Order DPW Director Paul Griffin stated that the truck order that was placed will not be honored for the municipal rate. The change to the price for a different truck is substantial and will be about \$10,000 more than we budgeted. The market for vehicles that we have right now is not going to give those discounts that we have had in the pass. After talking to the treasurer, he stated there

could be some funds available from debt service and use proceeds from the sale of the old truck. He will keep the board informed and will still proceed on the purchase of a new truck.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports. DPW Director Griffin stated that there is bid opening and approval will be at the next board meeting. Bridge project application is being worked on by Strand. Supervisor Herrick gave an activity list of events at the Library. Clerk Hann gave an update on the Feb 21, 2023 election. There were 2284 voters that is a 35.43% turn out. 494 of them were Absentee Ballots. Badger Books worked great. Next election is April 4, 2023 with in person absentee voting starting March 21, 2023.

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

Quarterly Budget to Actual Report. Treasurer Kempen reviewed the Quarterly Budget Report to the Actual Report for the board. Chairman Klink thanked Treasurer Kempen for all the work her and her department has done thru the audit process. There were no questions.

Quarterly Journals. A motion to approve the quarterly journals as presented was made by Herrick/Olson. Motion carried.

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Donna Hann, Town Clerk