

Town of Merton
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of January 8th, 2024

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink @ 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes- Minutes of December 11, 2023. A motion was made to approve the minutes as printed was made by Morris/Olson. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Herrick, Olson, Fleming and Morris, Highway Superintendent Griffin, Planner Marilyn Haroldson, Attorney VanKleunen and Clerk Hann. Absent: Treasurer Kempen. Also, in attendance: Charles Luebke, Ken Bastien, Todd Seidl, Rick Serres, John Siepmann, Zach Berghouse, Paul McBroom, Chief Wraalstad.

Citizen Comments and Concerns: Rick Serres asked about the fire fee and how it was determined. He thought the fee should be determined by risk. Chairman stated that the fee was based on the square footage and acreage of the parcel. Clerk Hann stated the tax bill is based on assessed value and the fire fee is based on the cost the town has to pay to the three fire departments that service the town.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Consider/Act on Temporary Class "B" for St. Teresa of Calcutta Church for a fundraiser on January 27, 2024. A motion to approve the Temporary Class "B" for St. Teresa of Calcutta Church for a fundraiser on January 27, 2024 was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Outdoor Event for Valley Rod & Gun Club Fishery on February 3, 2024. A motion to approve the outdoor event for Valley Rod & Gun Club Fishery on February 3, 2024 was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on repairing Weather Siren located on former North Lake Fire Station. Clerk Hann stated that the weather siren has stopped working. Supervisor Olson has contacted a company on the repair. The current estimate is up to \$4500 to fix. Clerk Hann stated Treasurer Kempen recommended using the funds set aside for fire departments. A motion to approve repairing the weather siren located on the former North Lake Fire Station and using funds in the reserve for fire departments was made by Olson/Herrick. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Procedure for Relocating ROW Reddelein Road as requested by the Public Works Department. Planner Haroldson handed out a map for the board members and explained that the road pavement is not in the road right of way. DPW Director Griffing showed that there is a strip of land that could swap and the paved road would be in the correct location. Attorney VanKleunen stated that there is a property that has not agreed with this swap and explained public access does exist for Reddelein Road. If one property one is not willing to work with the town then the

next set would be eminent domain. DPW Director stated this is a 50-foot easement but the pavement is not in the easement. A motion to proceed with Relocating ROW Reddelein Road as requested by the Public Works Department with relocating the Right of Way on Reddelein as requested by the public works department was made by Morris/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Resolution on 2023 Budget Amendments. Clerk Hann reviewed the budget amendment listed for the board. A motion to approve a Resolution on the 2023 Budget Amendments was made by Morris/Olson. Motion carried.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports. Chief Wraalstad from the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department talked about the first week of coverage. There have been 24 calls and 14 citations issued the first week of coverage. Chief Wraalstad stated the non-emergency calls would be made to Waukesha County Dispatch and residents still call 911 for emergency. DPW Director Griffin is working on Stone Bank Road Bridge Project. John Marchek, Assistant Highway Supervisor was recognized for 20 years of service to the Town of Merton. Supervisor Morris stated that there will be a public information meeting on January 18 at the Merton Townhall for the Hartling Road Project and that there is a UTV meeting at the Village of Summit in January. Clerk Hann stated that there will not be a February meeting and that there is a joint public hearing on January 17. Chairman Klink stated he review the Library Board applications and will be bring their names to the next board meeting.

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

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Hann, Town Clerk