

Town of Merton
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of January 22, 2024

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink @ 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes- Minutes of January 12, 2024. A motion was made to approve the minutes was made by Fleming/Morris. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Herrick, Olson, Fleming and Morris, DPW Director Griffin and Clerk Hann. Absent: Attorney Murn, Treasurer Kempen
Also, in attendance: Neil Boettcher, Ron Reinowski, Larry Stover, Miranda Gietzel, Chief Paral, Chief Bowen, Asst. Chief Gscheidmeier, Chief Wraalstad.

Citizen Comments and Concerns:

Chief Wraalstad from the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department reported that they were very busy during the snow storm, and that she is working with Waukesha County Dispatch on recognizing the squad in the area. Supervisor Herrick asked about the contact numbers residents should use. Chief stated residents would call the Waukesha County Dispatch for non-emergency and 911 for emergencies. Chief Bowen introduced a new officer for Western Lakes Assistant Chief Ross Gscheidmeier. Bowen also reported that they have a new software program for report and if working on that. Chief Paral formally from the Merton Community Fire Department now known as Village of Merton Fire Department, reported on the 2023 runs.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Consider/Act on Approval of Neil Boettcher and Larry Stover to the Town Hall Library Board according to Wis Stats. 43.53 Municipal Library Board Composition. Chairman Klink stated he reviewed five candidates and the two candidates here tonight were contacted. A motion to approve Neil Boettcher and Larry Stover to the Town Hall Library was made by Fleming/Herrick. Clerk Hann asked for clarification on what term each board member would file. Larry Stover would end, June 2026 and Neil Boettcher would end June of 2025. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on Agreement for the Operation of the Lake Country Municipal Court. Clerk Hann attend a meeting for Lake Country to review a request for City of Delafield to enter into Lake Country Municipal Court. The request was approved and now the operation agreement needs to be updated. A motion to approve the Operation Agreement for Lake Country Municipal Court was made by Herrick/Olson. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on the repeal and amendment of Ordinance 1.11 Municipal Court and Municipal Judge to add the City of Delafield. Clerk Hann stated that all the municipalities must have the same Ordinance on file.

The Town of Merton needs to repeal and amend the ordinance to include the City of Delafield. A motion to repeal and amend Ordinance 1.11 Municipal Court and Municipal Judge for the City of Delafield to join was made by Herrick/Olson. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on Repealing and Re-Creat Ordinance 17.29 Swimming Pools.

Chairman Klink reviewed the joint public hearing held with the Town Board and the Plan Commission. Supervisor Morris clarified that the swimming pool ordinance prohibits horizontal fencing materials and ledges on the outside. A motion to repeal and re-create Ordinance 17.29 Swimming Pools was made by Herrick/Morris. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider/Act Creating 17.03 and 17.44 (1) (a) (11) Recreational Chicken Activities. Chairman Klink stated that no one objected to this ordinance at the public hearing. A motion to create 17.03 and 17.44 (1) (a) (11) Recreational Chicken Activities was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider/Act on Special Event for Frosty Fest @ Hanson's Pub February 2, 2024. A motion to approve the 2024 milage reimbursement rate was made by Herrick/Fleming. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on 2024 mileage reimbursement rate. Clerk Hann reviews the mileage rate every year and if there is a change it is brought to the board for approval. The new rate for 2024 is 67 cents a mile and recommends to the board for approval. A motion to approve the 2024 mileage reimbursement rate was made by Morris/Olson. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on Amending Resolution 100416 to Redistrict Ward Boundaries date October 4, 2021 to add properties added from the Town of Oconomowoc. Clerk Hann reported that the Wisconsin Election Commission is requiring the Town of Merton to add another Ward to the District Map for voting because of the two properties that were transferred to the Town from the Town of Oconomowoc have to stay with Waukesha County Supervisor 2. A motion to amend Resolution 100416 to Redistrict Ward Boundaries was made by Olson/Fleming. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on Fire Fee Correction on Parcels with incorrect outbuilding square footage charges. Clerk Hann reported that incorrect information was reported on some business property. The assessor had listed square footage under outbuildings when they did not have any outbuildings. The town staff informed all the properties that were charged incorrectly and is recommending to the board that they credited these parcels that were over charged fee. A motion to approve on the Fire Fee Correction on Parcels with incorrect outbuildings square footage was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on Garbage Fee Correction. Clerk Hann reported to the board that a few property owners never contacted the town that they did not put a new house

back on the property and should not be charged for residential garbage. The town is recommending adjusting the charge for these properties. A motion to approve the corrections of garbage fee charges was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion Carried.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports. DPW Director Paul Griffin reported on the Snow Storm from January 9th to January 19th. They used 1700 gallons of fuel, 305 ton of salt, 215 extra hour, and 20 down trees. Supervisor Morris reminded the board that we are the host for the Waukesha County Unit Meeting for the Town's Association with a meal being served starting at 6:30. Supervisor Olson reported on the repair to the Weather Siren. Clerk Hann reported office cubical are being installed on Friday.

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/Morris. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Hann, Town Clerk