

Town of Merton  
Town Board Meeting  
Minutes of August 26, 2024

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes- Minutes of August 12, 2024. Meetings were not done and will be presented at the next meeting.

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Herrick, Olson, Fleming and Morris, DPW Director Griffin, and Clerk Hann. Absent: Treasurer Kempen and Attorney Murn,  
Also, in attendance: Mary Rogers Blum, Glenda & Gerald Dolphin, Jessica Egan, Lisa Egan, Lisa Bucheger, Bernadette Mesenbrink, Jan Grimm, Mark Thompson, Ed Langer, Don & Carol Reinbold, Barbara Carrera. Cara Glatkowski, Scott Severson, Rob Mobius, Kaushalya Iyengar, Chief Wraalstad reviewed the call report that the officers re

Citizen Comments and Concerns: Chief Wraalstad reviewed the call report that the officers responded to and answered questions from the board. Mark Thompson spoke on the continued fundraising at Stone Bank Park for bathrooms and a new concession stand. He thanked the highway department for getting the parking lot paved. Jan Grimm spoke about her support for the Townhall Library. Glenda Dolphin spoke about the Townhall Library and the Library Board that she currently serves on. The savings she has had on using the library and supporting the Library Budget. Edward Langer spoke on growing up with no library in Clyman. Bernadette Mesenbrink spoke on the Town continuing to fund the library and working together. Rob Mobius spoke about when the library was expanded. Cara Glatkowski spoke about using the Townhall Library. Kaushalya Iyengar, Library Director presented a report to the board on the usage of the Townhall Library and people questioning her about closing the Townhall Library. Chairman Klink stated that the Town Board is not interested in closing the Townhall Library and has always supported the library. The last two years the Town Board has been working with the funding requirements from the state and talking with the library. Chairman Klink thank everyone for coming in and sharing their comments.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Consider/Act on Easement Agreement with James Meyer and Laurel Voight on behalf of Lorenz Holding, N73W32438 River Road. Easement agreement is still being review. No action taken at this time.

Consider/Act on the Certified Survey Map to combine 2 parcels of 4.8 acres and re-divide into 3 parcels, TAX KEYS MRTT 0356-984 and MRTT 0356-985, Lorenz Holding Corp, N73W32438 River Road and N72W32434 River Road and approved by Plan Commission on March 20, 2024. No action taken at this time for.

Consider/Act on the request of Scott Severson, on behalf of Milwaukee Ultimate Club, N75W30311 County VV, Hartland, WI to amend their existing Conditional Use Permit to decrease the number of playing fields and reduce the offset for parking from 50 ft to 30ft. TAX KEY MRTT 0348-999-002 and approved by Plan Commission on August 7, 2024. Chairman Klink stated the amendment was reviewed by the plan commission with an approval to the changes. A motion to approve the Conditional Use Amendment for Milwaukee Ultimate Club to decrease the number of playing fields and reduce the offset for parking from 50 ft to 30 ft was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Library Resolution to exempt Town of Merton from Waukesha County Library 2024 Levy for 2025 Purposes. Chairman Klink was not at the Town Board Meeting when Bridges Library gave a presentation to the board. Clerk Hann review the allowable levy for the Town of Merton and the increased amount of the levy to the library budget over the past years. The town can not raise taxes without an approved referendum. The tax levy does increase according to new growth however the town does not have any new growth. Last year 24% of the town levy went to the library budget and preliminary figures are showing that this year that percentage will be around 25%. Supervisor Morris questioned the funding from nonlibrary communities and the problem with the Town of Merton Equalized Value increasing so dramatically from 1.9 billion in 2022 to 2.7 billion for 2024. Clerk Hann showed a screen from Waukesha County and numbers not matching the previous budgets. She is waiting for Waukesha County to answer some more questions. Supervisor Herrick questioned what Waukesha County gives to the Town Hall Library from non-library municipalities. Supervisor Morris stated the Library Board is not spending all the funds they are given and continue to add to a fund balance. Chairman Klink stated that he met with the library board last year to ask them to review the funding but was told no. A motion to exempt out of the Waukesha County 2024 Levy for 2025 Purposes was made by Morris/Fleming. Opposed by Herrick. Motion carried 4 yea's and 1 nay.

Consider/Act on review of 2023 Financial Statements for the Merton Community Fire Department. Treasurer Kempen reviewed the areas of concerns that they were over budget in several categories and MCFD never brought those expenses to the Town Board which was a requirement of the 2023 contract. The Village of Merton did have some expense that they paid for the fire department however the Town Board did approve waiving a third-party audit with the requirement to have Treasurer Kempen go over the financials. A motion to not pay the request from the Village of Merton and to send a letter to the Village of Merton accepting the financial review of the 2023 Merton Community Fire Department was made by Morris/Herrick. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Outdoor Event for Ian Clark @ St. John's Lutheran Church. A motion to approve the outdoor event permit for Ian Clark was made by Morris/Olson. Motion carried.

Final Update of 2024 Road Project.

DPW Director Griffin reviewed the 2024 Road Project with Payne & Dolan.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports.

Fleming NLMD meeting coming up. Morris talked about Waukesha County Budget. Clerk Hann talked to setting up a budget meeting. The August Election was a 42% turn out with 2640 voters and 751 absentee voters. Chairman Klink had a meeting with the Western Lakes Fire Board Members.

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

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Donna Hann, Town Clerk