

Town of Merton
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of July 14, 2025

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes of June 11, 2025 and June 23

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Herrick, Olson, Fleming and Krogmann, DPW Director Griffin, and Clerk Hann. Absent: Treasurer Kempen, Attorney Murn

Also, in attendance: Ben Prescher, Christine Dierbeck, Tiffany & Mark Davis, Monika Hartel, Sue Dierbeck, Dan Sonnemann, Jason Sonnemann, Brian & Kathleen Bence, Dan & Irene Tranchita, Rick & Pat Zimbric, Paul Wiesehuegel, Pat Bolger, Michael Schulze, Craig & Danielle Snyder, Jacob & Michael Lehmann, John Gscheidemeier, Glenda & Gerald Dophin, Diane Brunclik, Dan Willems, Emily Sonnemann.

Citizen Comments and Concerns: Chief Wraalstad from the Village of Lac Labelle Police Department gave her report on the police calls in the Town of Merton. Chairman Klink stated to the residents that the Town Board is not close to passing any ordinance and will use facts and figures to determine what to do. Sue Dierbeck spoke about Camp Whitcomb Campers and the effect of wake enhanced boats has had on the camper's use of the lake. Dan Willems spoke about a letter that LKMD will be sending to the town board. The letter will talk about an Enhanced Wake committee that was formed. The letter will state that a recommendation from that committee that was approved by the LKMD Commissioners to change the Town of Merton Lake Keesus Ordinance 20.08 to ban wake surfing and artificially enhanced wake activities on Lake Keesus. Dan Willems also stated the survey results reflected multiple options and that LKMD is asking for guidance from the Town on how to proceed. Emily Sonnemann spoke on not banning wake surfing and would like to enjoy all water sports on Lake Keesus. Christine Dierbeck spoke on the size of Lake Keesus and certain bays should not be used. Monika Hartl spoke on not feeling safe when swimming with wake boats. Mark Davis spoke on the Lake Keesus Wake Survey and the Survey does not support banning wake surfing and recommended that Lake Keesus continue to educate respectful and responsible wake surfing. Chairman Klink ended the public comment on Lake Keesus and stated the Town will continue to review what can and cannot be done legally on wake boating/wake surfing. He wants all residents to work together while the issue is continued to be reviewed. John Gscheidemeier introduced himself as the new District 3 Waukesha County Board Supervisor.

Old Business:

Discussion on updates to Town Hall offices and Possible action. The discussion continued to get cost estimates to close up the open area in the hall way to create a new closet and move the office door to the existing hallway. Clerk Hann is getting estimates on the carpet work that would need to be done, electrical work, computer wiring and computer supplies to move the server to that secure closet. Supervisor Fleming will work on the dry wall and framing quote.

New Business:

Consider/Act on Submitting an Insurance Claim for the Roof of the Town Hall Library. Clerk Hann talked about the information that was received about hail damage on the roof of the library. Our insurance company will not send someone out to review the damage unless we officially file a claim. There would be a deductible of \$1000. A motion to submit an insurance claim for hail damage to the roof of the Town Hall Library was made by Herrick/Fleming. Once we get more information from the claims adjuster, we will bring that information to the board. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Outdoor Event for Craig Kuhtz. A motion to approve the outdoor event for Craig Kuhtz was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried.

Consider/Possible Action on Payment of 2025 Road Projects. DPW Paul Griffin reviewed the 2025 road project and recommend payment to Stark for the work. A motion to approve the payment of the 2025 Road Projects was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion carried.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports. DPW Director Griffin review the salt prices that were received.

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

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Hann, Town Clerk