Town of Merton Town Board Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2025

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes of September 2, 2025 Special Board Meeting, September 8, 2025 Town Board Meeting and Minutes of September 10, 2025 Joint Owners Meeting with Western Lakes.
- A motion to approve the September 2, 2025, September 8, 2025, and
 September 10, 2025 minutes was made by Fleming/Krogmann. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Herrick, Olson, Fleming and Krogmann, DPW Director Griffin, and Clerk Hann. Absent: Treasurer Kempen, Attorney Murn Also, in attendance: Jeanne Frederickson, Liz Tolbolt, Michael Schulze, Donna Vincent, Glenda Dolphin, Anna Bussewitz, Lisa Bucheger.

Citizen Comments and Concerns:

Police Chief Wraalstad reviewed the Patrol Summary for the Town Board. No questions. Liz Tolbolt talked about Library Funding and that the Town can scrutinize the library budget. She also talked about the Fire Fee and that it is an undue burden to land owners. Mike Schulze talked about wake boating and doing an ordinance on wake boating. Glenda Dolphin talked about a survey on the Town Hall Library. Glenda Dolphin read an email from Brittany Mathew who could not make the meeting and she talked about supporting the library.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Review Establishing the Annual Charge per residential unit for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Fee on the 2025 Tax Bill. Clerk Hann reviewed the cost increase from GFL and that we will not get a dividend from Waukesha County. A motion to establish the Solid Waste and Recycling Fee on the 2025 Tax Bill was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Resolution to Borrow \$1,426,000 for the 2025 for the purchase of Highway Equipment, Fire Capital, Town Hall Remodeling and Road Projects, etc. Supervisor Herricks questioned the amount of borrowing and thought the loan amount should be lowering if we use some of the undesignated fund balance. A request to bring the request back to the board after reviewing how the tax rate was made by Herrick/Fleming. Request passed.

Consider/Act on Refunding Garbage/Recycling Charge for Valley Rod and Gun Club. Clerk Hann stated that this organization was charged the Garbage/Recycling however they should not have had a charge because they are not a residence. A motion to

approve the 2024 charge for Valley Road and Gun Club subject to them providing a copy of their current bill for garbage collection was made by Herrick/Olson. Motion carried.

<u>Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports</u> - DPW Director Griffing talked about the current tariffs and how bids are only good for 30 days. He had a meeting with the ATV/UTV club and eliminating Arrowhead Drive for ATV/UTV use. Clerk Hann talked about the upcoming training she will have next week with the Wisconsin Election Commission.

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

Respectfully Submitted Donna Hann, Town Clerk

On Monday, September 22, 2025 the Town Board will meet immediately following the regular Town Board Meeting for a Special Town Board Meeting in Closed Session. The Board will enter, by roll call vote, into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercised responsibility.

Chairman Klink read the meeting notice for the Town of Merton to go into closed session. Roll call vote to go into closed session was made by Fleming/Krogmann.

Tim Klink yes
Jim Fleming yes
Jim Olson yes
John Krogmann yes
Don Herrick yes

The Board talked about proposals from the Planner, Building Inspector, Highway Department and Town Staff. Approved Planner Proposal as presented, approved Highway Department Capitol Outlay, Talked about Wages. Approved a 4% wage increase for Town Staff, Highway Department, and Building Inspector.

Roll Call vote to Reconvene to Open Session was made by Krogman/Herrick. Chairman Klink called roll call vote.

Tim Klink yes
Jim Fleming yes
Jim Olson yes
Dick Morris yes
Don Herrick yes

A Motion to approve Highway Capital Outlay was made by Fleming/Krogmann. Motion carried.

A Motion to approve the Planner Proposal as presented was made by Olson/Fleming. Motion carried.

A Motion to approve a 4% wage increase for Town Staff, Highway Department and Building Inspector was made by Fleming/Krogmann. Motion carried.

<u>Adjourn</u> - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Chairman Klink