

Town of Merton
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of January 26, 2026

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes of the December 22, 2025 Town Board Meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes of December 22, 2025 Town Board Meeting was made by Herrick/Olson. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Herrick, Olson, Fleming and Krogmann, Attorney James Hammes, DPW Director Griffin, and Clerk Hann. Absent: Treasurer Kempen.
Also, in attendance: Chief Wraalstad, Michael Schulz

Citizen Comments and Concerns: Chief Wraalstad handed out the Patrol Summary for the Town of Merton. Supervisor Herrick asked the Chief about any concerns on Aerators. Clerk Hann asked about signage for the ATV/UTV Routes which she stated that the Town Roads have been posted and there is not ATV/UTV allowed on county roads. Michael Schulz spoke to the board on wake boating ordinance and he thanked the DPW department on the snow removal.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Consider/Act on 2026 Mileage Rate. Clerk Hann reviewed the new mileage rate for 2026. A motion to approve the 2026 Mileage Rate at 72.5 cents per mile was made by Herrick/Fleming. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on Outdoor Event for Craig and Kimberly Lunaas, N75W30363 County Road VV. Clerk Hann review the request for a resident to have an outdoor wedding. A motion to approve the Outdoor Event for Craig and Kimberly Lunaas was made by Fleming/Krogmann. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on 2026 Road Project Bids for: Chardon Drive, Townline Road, Alternate Pleasant View widen shoulders. DPW Director Griffin reviewed the bids for the board and recommends going with Payne and Dolan. There could be room in the budget for a second project and would bring that to the board later in the year. Supervisor Herrick asked if this included the alternate bid and DPW Director stated they all did. A motion to award the 2026 Road Project to Payne & Dolan for \$744,381 was made by Fleming/Krogmann. Motion carried.

Closed Session

The Board will enter, by roll call vote, into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85 (1) (g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved.

Chairman Klink read the meeting notice for the Town of Merton and called the meeting to order for the Town of Merton by Roll Call Vote.

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

Attorney Hammes reviewed a Notice of Injury and Claim Against the Town of Merton filed by Cramer Multhauf LLP for Jere' Fabick regarding "Excessive and Unlawful Fire Department Service Fees". Discussion followed on the options available to the Town to address the claim. Attorney Hammes also reviewed the claim with the Town's Insurance and coverage available to the Town.

Reconvene to Open Session immediately following the Closed Session for Possible Additional Discussion and Action Concerning the Matters Conducted in Closed Session.

A motion 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

Chairman Klink asked the Town Board what they would like to do. A motion to deny the claim and send a notice of disallowance by certified mail to Mr. Fabick was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports.

DPW Director Griffin stated the DPW Department sold a trailer on Wisconsin Surplus. John Marchek has been working with the Town for 22 years. Supervisor Fleming asked about the salt contract and PDW Director stated that the Town has a contract and we are fine on salt. Clerk Hann stated that there is an Election on February 17, 2026 for the Swallow School District.

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

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Hann, Town Clerk