

Town of Merton  
Town Board Meeting  
Minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

- Call to Order
- Minutes February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Town Board Meeting. A motion was made to approve all minutes by Fleming/Morris. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Nawrocki, Supervisors Morris, Fleming, and Herrick. Attorney Chapman, Highway Superintendent Klink, and Clerk Bright.

Also Present: Paul Griffin, Clark Vilter, Deputy Loberg, Hartland Fire Chief Dave Dean

**Citizen Comments and Concerns:**

- Hartland Fire Chief Dave Dean handed out an annual report to the Town Board. In the 2015 calendar year, the Hartland FD had 80 Town of Merton calls. 56 were ambulance calls, 24 were fire calls. 2/3 of the calls were between 6am and 6pm. They recruited 26 new members and started staffing 24 hours a day. In January 2015, the average response time was 7 minutes 38 seconds. In January 2016, the average response time was 4 minutes and 22 seconds. Dean attributed that to 24 hour staffing and having access to a take home vehicle for officers. Bark River Training with Lisbon, Hartland, and Merton Community has worked out well because of flexibility. In their fire inspections, most violations came from the schools. The inspections were done over winter break, and a majority of the violations came from holiday decorations and were all minor. No citations were issued. The HFD also had numerous public relations and public education programs including Arrowhead High School sporting events, seat belt checks at AHS, elementary education, and community festivals. Morris asked about the HFD relationship with AHS. Dean stated they do not charge for the stand by at sporting events. Nawrocki asked what kind of training they did for school aged children. Dean stated there is training at Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They had about 1500 children in the Survive Alive house this past year. Morris asked if they send the Town a monthly call report. Dean said they did not, but can certainly do that in the future if that's something the town requests. Nawrocki asked if he foresees a possible future where 24 hour staffing is a norm. Dean replied yes, that he wouldn't be surprised if there were a pool system, like there is for nursing. Dean stated he was a fan of consolidation and shared services; there is a lot of waste happening.

Old Business - None

New Business:

Consideration of Opt-out of Garbage Collection for Withrow - Clerk Bright read an email from the Withrows, in which they asked that their 2 adjacent properties be removed from the garbage collection. Morris stated that in December, the Board had a similar request and granted them to opt out of one property. A motion was made by Morris/Herrick to allow Withrow to opt out of one of their garbage contracts. Chapman stated that even though the Withrow's email stated they take any garbage they create home with them, some municipalities have a rule against brining in refuse from another municipality. The motion was put to a vote, Motion Carried unanimously.

Appoint Clerk-Deputy Treasurer for 1 year term - Chairman Nawrocki stated that he would like to postpone this item for one month until he gets the lay of the land a bit better. Supervisor Morris agreed.

Treasurer Note- Stone Bank Park Funds - Clerk Bright stated that Treasurer Weishar wished to notify the board that the money set aside for Stone Bank Rec Club for bathrooms, could have come from the park fund, and not the general fund. She just wanted the board to be aware for future years.

Clerk, Board, Highway and Attorney Reports -

Clerk Bright stated the Spring Primary on February 16<sup>th</sup> went well. The town got low on ballots, so he thanked Superintendent Klink for picking up and delivering ballots from County.

Supervisor Herrick stated that he attended a meeting for the Lake Country Municipal Court to allow the Town of Ottawa into the LCMC. He stated that if one person would not have shown up, there would not have been a quorum.

Superintendent Klink spoke of the Request for Proposal for engineering firms. The RFP was sent out and posted. He has received 4 notifications of firms going to bid, 2 that would not, and 2 interested. Also, the town took a delivery of 500 Tons of salt, which is a quarter of what they contracted to purchase this year. Herrick asked if that was a normal amount. Klink stated it was, but they would be able to hold more over into next year if the weather continued to be warmer.

Operator's Licenses - None

Journal Entries as Presented - None

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

Future Agenda Items - Clerk Bright notified the board that a contract for the Town of Lisbon Compost site would be coming up, as Lisbon changed their contract for this year.

A motion was made to adjourn by Fleming/Herrick. Motion Carried.

Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bright  
Town Clerk