

Town of Merton  
Town Board Meeting  
Minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Call to Order
- Minutes January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Town Board Meeting. A motion was made to approve all minutes by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried.

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

Also Present: Paul Griffin, Tim and Susan Kay, Fred Stadler, Dave Frazer, Tom and Ann McKormick

**Citizen Comments and Concerns:**

- Judge Timothy Kay, Lake Country Municipal Court - Judge Kay stated that the budget for the court was balanced. Out of a \$124 citation, about \$50 goes to the town. The budget for the court comes from citations; there is no cost to the municipalities. The Operations Committee cut back part time hours last year, and froze salaries this year. The court started 2 new forms, a medical release and a personal cognizance bond. Klink asked if there was anything stronger than parking tickets for habitual offenders of the Town's winter parking regulations. Kay responded that perhaps a Disorderly Conduct with a Motor Vehicle citation would work if the Town had that option.

Old Business -

Stone Bank Fire Department Budget Adjustment -Stone Bank Fire Department is purchasing a new truck. They are putting \$305,000 towards it from a fund that they had, which was contributed to by Town of Merton and Town of Oconomowoc. We had applied our 62.5% to the remaining balance. However, Oconomowoc brought to our attention that they funded more than their share of the \$305,000 fund. So a new calculation, using the 62.5%/37.5% split and the amounts each municipality put towards the fund, the Town of Merton would owe an additional \$37,294.93 for the truck. Herrick stated that the percentage was different when the purchase was agreed to. Weishar agreed that this was a reasonable argument, but the old percentage was 59%, which is not a large difference. Morris stated that the sinking fund was the issue. He agrees that this seems a more realistic split than the original number. A motion to amend the budget for the \$37,294.93 to Stone Bank Fire Department was made by Morris/Herrick. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Request from North Lake Rec Club for Financial Assistance for Holiday Decorations - Jeanne Ann Fredrickson from the North Lake Rec Club received a bill for the purchase, installation, and removal of holiday lights at the Fireman's Park and Community Center for \$825. Fredrickson stated the NLRC is a volunteer organization, but does not have funds for this tree lighting expense. Weishar stated perhaps this could be taken out of the Park Fund. Morris stated that this should have been budgeted for last year. Herrick asked what the \$12,500 that the NLRC gets from the Town goes towards. Morris answered maintenance. Nawrocki told Fredrickson to give the bill to Clerk Bright and the town would look into the matter.

Town of Merton Employee Overpayment Reconciliation - Treasurer Weishar stated that a mistake was made when the town switched from monthly paychecks to bi-weekly paychecks. Salaried employees were overpaid. Those employees are the board, the library director and assistant director, clerk, and building inspector. The Town can offer to take it back all at once, or over multiple paychecks. Nawrocki stated the simplest way would do. Weishar suggested a split of anyone overpaid by \$50 or less, recoup in one paycheck. Anyone over \$50 in overpayment, adjustments could be made over multiple checks. A motion was made by Nawrocki to make a full adjustment to anyone overpaid by \$100 or less in one paycheck, but for anyone overpaid by more than \$100, to work with the treasurer and repay over multiple paychecks. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk, Board, Highway and Attorney Reports -

Chairman Nawrocki stated that it was nice to have Attorney Chapman back at the meetings.

Clerk Bright stated that there will be a Spring Primary on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The primary will be for State Supreme Court Judge and if in the Oconomowoc School District, School Board.

Supervisor Fleming stated that WCTC would be hosting an event in June that would allow participants to haul fire equipment and see how hard the job is.

Supervisor Morris stated that at the district Wisconsin Towns Association meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, the meetings offer Board of Review training. The meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> is in Juneau, while March 5<sup>th</sup> is in Whitewater.

Superintendent Klink spoke of the Request for Proposal for engineering firms. He wishes the RFP out next week, and to make a determination at the beginning of March. Klink's final day will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. He wants to get the ad for a new hire in the paper in the next couple weeks. The town will purchase a Ford F150 from Ewald, since they are the municipal pricing group in this area. Klink spoke to Lynch to do a comparative price, it was not close.

Attorney Chapman thanked the town for sending flowers and for their concern during his time away.

Operator's Licenses - None

Journal Entries as Presented - None

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

Future Agenda Items - Treasurer Weishar stated that the bids for property insurance will be coming up soon.

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

Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bright  
Town Clerk