

Town of Merton
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of August 22, 2022

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink @ 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes- August 8, 2022 Town Board Meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried.

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

Also, in attendance: William Rehm, Cindy Nagel, Peggy Kass, Karen Gosewehr, Lara Ehram, Tera Olsen, Ryan Kaiser, Rick & Gail Pollak, Liz & Steve Noack, Sharon Hipp, Eric and Jeff Haanstad, Deb Seeger, Beth and PJ Raab, Betty and Louisa Kleimenhagen, Marshall Harper, Sue VanVleet, Chris Shepard, Donna Vincent, Marcella Francis, Julie Hunt, Jane Peiffer, Bob Cull, Karen Kindel, Gary and Marianna Luther, Ann Audley, Edward Horn.

Citizen Comments and Concerns: Bill Rehn asked the town to do something about the deer herd. Chris Shephard stated that deer are a nuisance to driving and would like to cull the deer. Liz Noack stated the deer are bold and don't run away. Sharon Hipp would like to encourage the board to consider options. Lara Ehram stated that there is an increase in deer and has concern about ticks. Marshall Hopper stated that the deer population is increasing and way too many deer in this area. Beth Raab talked about Town Ordinance 9.01 Discharge of Firearm and Use of Bow & Arrow. Chairman Klink stated that the Town of Merton will reach out to the DNR and will have to work thru the process. Edward Horn questioned the use of Badger Books for the next election.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Update on Town of Merton Referendum Question Results from the August 9th Election. Clerk Hann reviewed the election results for the referendum question. 1105 voted for the referendum and 1404 voted against the referendum. 548 voters did not vote for the question at all.
- Consider/Act on Trick or Treat Date & Time Policy was made by Morris Olson. Clerk Hann asked the board to adopt a policy that is Halloween is on a Saturday or Sunday, then Trick or Treating will be on October 31 from 5 to 8 pm. If Halloween is not on a Saturday or Sunday, then trick or treating will be on the last Saturday in October from 5 to 8 pm. A motion to adopt the policy for Trick or Treating was made by Morris/Olson. Motion Carried.
- Consider/Act on Special Event Permit at Hanson's Pub Barn. A motion to approve the Special Event Permit at Hanson's Pub Barn was made by Herrick/Fleming. Motion Carried.

- Consider/Act on Updating Boundary Agreement with the Town of Oconomowoc. A motion to update the boundary agreement with the Town of Oconomowoc was made by Herrick/Morris.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports.

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

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports - DPW Director Griffin stated that the highway department is working on patching. Supervisor Morris stated that county supervisor would like to come to one of our board meeting. Chairman Klink talked about the NLMD meeting coming up. Clerk Hann talked about the Western Lake meeting coming. Up.

Immediately following Board Meeting On Monday, August 22, 2022 the Town Board will meet for a Special Town Board Meeting with Western Lakes and then with Town Attorney Tracy Murn in Closed Session.

Chairman Klink read the notice of close session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e), Wis Stats: For deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Fire Departments).

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink by roll call vote.

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

A motion to Reconvene to Open Session was made by Morris/Herrick. Chairman Klink called roll call vote.

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

No action taken.

Chairman Klink read the notice of close session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e), Wis Stats: For deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of

public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Eminent Domain by Easement).

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink by roll call vote.

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

A motion to Reconvene to Open Session was made by Morris/Herrick. Chairman Klink called roll call vote.

Tim Klink	yes
Jim Fleming	yes
Dick Morris	yes
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Attorney Murn reviewed the existing easement on Park Drive between and the Town of Merton. Due to public safety and the requirement for snow plows to turn around in this easement there is an issue if this easement is not renewed. The Town received notice to not renew the easement on Park Drive. The town has improved the easement by paving it and seal coating it over the years. A motion was made by Morris/Herrick to give Attorney Murn authorization to negotiate with Jeff Pollack and discuss eminent domain to keep the easement. Motion carried.

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Morris/Herrick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Hann, Town Clerk