

Town of Merton
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of January 23, 2023

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink @ 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes- Minutes of January 9, 2023. A motion was made to approve the minutes was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Herrick, Olson, Fleming and Morris, DPW Director Griffin, Treasurer Kempen, Planner Haroldson and Clerk Hann. Absent: Attorney Murn
Also, in attendance: Kaushalya Iyengar, Richard Nawrocki, Debra Cull, Mary Rogers Blum, and Robyn Vidas.

Citizen Comments and Concerns: Josh Paral of the Merton Fire Department gave a report on capital item purchased in 2022. All the purchases were made in 2022 to lock in the price and stated things are going good at the Fire Department. Treasurer Hamilton will meet with Treasurer Kempen to review year end numbers.

Old Business:

Consider/Act on Repealing Moose Lake Town Ordinance 20-05 and updating the ordinance approved on January 9, 2023. Chairman stated that we have to do the final step to repeal and approve the new ordinance. A motion to repeal Moose Lake Town Ordinance 20-05 and updating the ordinance approved on January 9, 2023 was made by Morris/ Herrick. Motion carried.

New Business:

Consider/Act on New Mileage Rate for 2023 to 65.5 cents per mile driven. A motion to approve the mileage rate for 2023 to 65.5 cents per mile was made by Herrick/Fleming. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on the Plan Commission Resolution to amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to change the Density from Suburban 1 Density to Low Density Residential on 3.8 acres, N83W28695 Center Oak Road, zoned R-1 District acting on January 18, 2023. Planner Haroldson explained the procedure when a resident asks to amend the density to split an existing parcel and the board has to review the request to allow low density which was recommended by plan commission. The board would act on taking this request to a public hearing and action item at a future meeting. A motion to approve the resolution from the Plan Commission and set up a future Public Hearing to Amend Comprehensive Land Use was made by Morris/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Special Event Permit for Hanson's Pub, Frosty Fest Fundraiser for Veterans in Hanson's Pub Barn on February 4, 2023 from 1 to 5 pm. A motion to

approve Hanson's Pub, Frosty Fest Fundraiser for Veterans in Hanson's Pub Barn on February 4, 2023 from 1 to 5 pm was made by Olson/Fleming. Motion carried.

Consider/Act request from Town Hall Library Board to review funding, shared services, building maintenance and operations. The library board members asked for clear understanding on what the Library is responsible for. Chairman Klink stated the town has a limited staff and the library would be responsible for certain costs such as snow shoveling and mowing. Clerk Hann reviewed a request she sent to Library Board to cover increased costs that townhall staff has incurred however nothing has been approved. Treasurer Kempen stated that Town Staff has started to keep track of the work that is being done to give more information to the library board and show the costs associated specific to the library. Chairman Klink stated that the Library Board was the board that was in charge of the improvements at the library. Clerk Hann stated that the dollar amounts of the project will determine if a project has to be sent out for bids. DPW Director Griffin asked about the contractor that was used by the Library Board. He could contact someone to address the concerns that Library Director Iyengar has for the building. Library Board thanked the board for allowing them to come and look forward to continuing discussion going forward.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports. Supervisor Morris mentioned that there is a Towns Association Meeting in The Town of Ottawa on January 25, 2023. Supervisor Herrick reviewed the Lake Country Municipal Court report and mentioned Judge Kay will be coming to a future meeting.

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

Budget Amendments Resolution as Presented - Treasurer Kempen reviewed the budget amendments for the board. A motion to approve the budget amendments as presented was made by Herrick/Olson. Motion carried.

Library Budget Amendments Information Only. Clerk Hann stated that included in the board packet were the library budget amendments and was information only.

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Hann, Town Clerk