

Town of Merton
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of June 10, 2024

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink at 7:28 pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes- Minutes of May 13, 2024. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Fleming/Morris. Motion carried.

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

Also, in attendance: John Marchek, John Hanrahan, Anne Flack, Mark Adams, Maureen & Paul McBroom, Liesl Ackley, Matt Schneider.

Citizen Comments and Concerns: Chief Wraalstad, Town of Oconomowoc Police presented the patrol summary for the board. John Marchek talked about the Fire Inspection Fee Bill sent by the Village of Merton Fire Department and the dramatic budget increases paid to the fire departments to should cover this type of service.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Consider/Act on Producer Full-Service Retail Sales Application for Raised Grain Brewing Company as required by 2023 Wisconsin Act 73 for Beer Garden At Nashotah Park, W330N5113 County Trunk Hwy C, Nashotah. Clerk Hann explained that this is a new approval for board with recent law changes to beer gardens. Normally this was approved by the State of Wisconsin. They have an agreement with Waukesha County since this is a County Park. A motion to approve the Full-Service Retail Sales Application for Raised Grain Brewing Company at Nashotah Park, W330N5113 County Trunk Hwy C was made by Herrick/Olson. Discussion followed. Supervisor Morris stated that they should have to pay a fee to the municipality like the other establishment. Motion to amended the original motion to include the organization paying a picnic license fee by Morris/Fleming. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Outdoor Event for John & Karne Gardner, W315N7573 State Rd 83, North Lake. Supervisor Herrick asked if they were conditions on what requires some to complete an outdoor event application. Chairman Klink stated that it is an informal way for the town to give the information to the police in case of park problems, etc. A motion to approve an outdoor event for John & Karne Gardner was made by Herrick/Morris. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Outdoor Event for Kutzt General Store for a Beer & Food Tent on July 4th. A motion to approve an outdoor event for Kutzt General Store for a Beer & Food Tent on July 4th was made by Fleming/Morris. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Outdoor Summer Events for Boondocks BBQ in June/July/August. A motion to approve the outdoor Summer Events for Boondocks BBQ with the condition that music stops at 11:00 pm was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Outdoor Event for Stone Bank Lions Annual 4th of July Parade and Festival at Stone Bank Community Park. A motion to approve the outdoor event for Stone Bank Lions Annual 4th of July Parade and Festival at Stone Bank Community Park was made by Fleming/Olson.

Consider/Act on 2024-2025 Alcohol Licenses per Attached List. A motion to approve the 2024-2025 Alcohol Licenses for:

CLASS “A” BEER & “CLASS A” LIQUOR, Dottie’s Convenience Store Inc, W335N6805 Stone Bank Road, Stone Bank; Dottie’s Convenience Store Inc., N55W29411 County Rd. K, Hartland; Small Town Gas Corp., W314N7686 Hwy 83, North Lake.

CLASS “B” BEER

Monches Recreation Club, LLC./Monches Park, W300N9223 County Rd. E, Monches; North Lake Recreation Club/North Lake Fireman’s Park, N75W31465 Park Rd, North Lake; Stone Bank Lions Club/Stone Bank Community Park, W335N7065 Stone Bank Rd, Stone Bank; Valley Rod & Gun Club, W292N8191 Camp Whitcomb Rd., Hartland.

CLASS “B” BEER and “CLASS B” LIQUOR

Carl Schurz Memorial Park, N67W33275 County Rd. K, Stone Bank; Hanson’s Pub., N76W31364 County Rd. VV, North Lake; Hollywood’s Roadhouse LLC, W322N6629 County Rd. C, Nashotah; Kutzt General Store LLC, W335N6939 Stone Bank Rd, Stone Bank; North Lake Inn, W315N7707 State Hwy. 83, North Lake; Ox & Cats Sports Bar & Grill, W302N9510 County Rd. E, Monches; Kim’s Pizza Pub LLC, N67W33395 County Rd. K, Stone Bank; Boondocks BBQ, LLC, N67W33525 County Rd. K, Stone Bank; Stone Bank Farm Market, N68W33208 County Rd. K, Stone Bank; North Lake Bear Trap, W314N7770 State Hwy. 83, North Lake; Woodys Bar & Grill, W314N7788 Kilbourne Road, North Lake;

Motion was made by Morris/Fleming subject to a complete fire inspection fee. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on 2024-2025 Cigarette Licenses per Attached List. A motion to approve 2024-2024 Cigarette Licenses for:

Dottie’s Convenience Store, W335N6805 Stone Bank Road, Stone Bank; Dottie’s Convenience Store, N55W29411 County Rd. K, Hartland; Kutzt General Store LLC, W335N6939 Stone Bank Rd, Stone Bank; Small Towne Gas Corp, W314N7686 State Hwy 83, North Lake.

Motion was made by Morris/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on verbal agreement to waive the audit requirement in Section 10 of the Lease Agreement between the Town of Merton, the Village of Merton & Western Lakes for the Merton Community Fire Department. Chairman Klink stated the original agreement with the Village of Merton was for an audit to be done on the Merton Community Fire Department however the Village is having trouble finding an audit firm to do an audit. A recommendation is to have Town Treasurer Melissa Kempen and Village Administrator Ed Henschel meet and review the numbers. Clerk Hann stated the Treasurer Kempen had been meeting with the Merton Community Fire Department Treasurer and reviewed ending numbers for 2022 to have starting numbers for 2023. The 2023 agreement stated that Merton Community Fire Department was to come to the Town Board if they spent those care over funds. When the Community Fire Department Disbanded and became a Village Fire Department, the funds distributed from the disbanding did not match the numbers they started with at the beginning of 2023. That sheet is in the boards packet. A motion to agree to waive the audit requirement in Section 10 of the Lease Agreement between the Town of Merton, the Village of Merton & Western Lakes for Merton Community Fire Department contingent on having Melissa Kempen review the numbers with the Village Administrator Ed Henschel, present those numbers back to the Town and condition upon the Town being reimbursed for Treasurer Kempen's time was made by Morris/Herrick. Motion carried.

Discussion on Fire Inspection Bills sent by the Village of Merton Fire Department for Non-residential properties and Multi-family properties three or more dwelling units. Chairman Klink stated he had a meeting with the Village of Merton President and Administrator if the department was going to send out letters/bills wouldn't it be good to let the Town know that the Village Fire Department were now billing Town of Merton Property Owners for fire inspections that the Village Fire Department does. Clerk Hann state the Village of Hartland does not charge for Fire Inspection Fee. Brad Bowen from the Western Lake Fire Department spoke on what Western Lakes does for inspections. Western Lake does show revenue for the inspection fees that they receive and the cost for the inspector to do those inspections is listed in the expense.

Update from Brad Bowen on the Western Lakes Inter-Municipal Agreement. Chief Bowen brought the board up to date on the proposed agreement for the Town of Merton to become owners with the other municipalities that makeup Western Lakes Board. Morris asked the requirements for a board member. Bowen stated that they would have to be a citizen of the town, not employed by western lakes, not employed by the Town of Merton and not an elected official. There are monthly fire board meetings and few special meetings like budgets, etc.

Consider/Act on closing the Town Hall on July 5, 2024. Clerk Hann asked if the Town Hall could be closed on Friday, July 5 for the clerk and deputy clerk to be off. Staff would use vacation/personal time to make up those hours. A motion to approve closing the Town Hall on July 5, 2024 was made by Morris/Herrick. Motion carried.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports. Morris stated that the Tamron Ridge work was looking very good. Fleming stated that the condition of the soccer park is not good and recommends the soccer club come in. Chairman Klink said that they can come in to talk at a plan commission meeting. Clerk Hann reminded the board of an invitation of a Western Lakes Meeting to review the Inter-Municipal Agreement and that a letter was received from Waukesha County that there is no dividend

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

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Hann, Town Clerk