

Town of Merton
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of July22, 2024

- Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Morris at 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Morris
- Minutes- Minutes of July 8, 2024. A motion was made to approve the minutes was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried.

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

Also, in attendance: Ed Schlumpf, Karol Kennedy, Glenda & Gerald Dolphin, Mary Roger Blum, Buzz Blum, Debra Cull, Mark Thompson, Chief Wraalstad.

Citizen Comments and Concerns:

Ed Schlumpf talked about a letter he received about paying for a second garbage pick and would like to talk to the board about his concerns. Supervisor Morris stated that he will be added to next month agenda. Glenda Dolphin thanked the board for her appointment to the Library Board earlier this year and spoke about all the events that she has attended thru the Town Hall Library. Chief Wraalstad presented a report on calls in the Town from June 24 through July 21, 2024. Mark Thompson spoke about continued fund-raising efforts at Stone Bank Park. He was instruction to meet with the Town Planner.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Presentation from Bridges Library from Karol Kennedy. Karol Kennedy Director from the Bridges Library which services Waukesha and Jefferson County Libraries. They are one of fifteen library systems in the State of Wisconsin. She presented a report on County Library Funding and Waukesha County Minimum to Exempt Requirements for Municipalities with Libraries. Supervisor Morris stated that currently 25% of the Town of Merton's Allowable Levy Goes to the Library which is up considerably from the 19% in past year which creates a short fall with other departments in the town. Karol Kennedy stated she understands the concerns the town has. Supervisor Morris thanked Carol for her time and coming in to talk to the Town Board.

Consider/Act on Outdoor Permit for Kuhtz General Store. A motion to approve the outdoor permit for Kuhtz General Store was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Outdoor Permit for Amy & Doug Bova. A motion to approve the outdoor permit for Amy & Doug Bova was made by Herrick/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on Re-appointing Town Hall Library Board Members. Clerk Hann stated that the Town Hall Library Board has staggering terms. Two members, Glenda

Dolphin and Bernadette Mesenbrink are up for renewal of their term. A motion to approve renewing their term was made by Herrick/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on AARP Funds. Treasurer Kempen presented a report on AARP Spending for 2024 and staff recommendations to projects and equipment yet to purchase. Some numbers don't have the final cost yet however if there is an overage, the interest could be used for that and is not part of the required funds that need to be spent. A motion to approve the recommendations from staff was made by Olson/Herrick. Motion carried.

Discussion on Updating Fire Fee Calculation for 2024 Tax Bills. Clerk Hann presented to the board some options for recalculating the fire fee for 2024. Since there were some problems on charges for land acreage paying too much; wrong square footage being listed; and now commercial properties have to pay a fire inspection fee; there are some options to change the breakdown on land and lower the cost of the square footage for commercial properties. Once the 2024 assessment report is completed by the assessor, Catalis will send the updated report for the acreage and square feet. Clerk Hann would come back to the board and review options on how those changes would be applied.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports. DPW Director stated the drains in the highway are completed and the road work is completed. He will be starting interviewing. Clerk Hann stated that budget workshop meetings will be starting in early September. Supervisor Morris stated the next unit meeting of the Waukesha County Towns Association is Wednesday, July 24 at the Town of Oconomowoc.

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

Budget to Actual - Treasurer Kempen presented the first quarter budget to actual report for 2024.

Quarterly journal - A motion to approve the quarterly journal entries was made by Herrick/Olson. Motion carried.

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Herrick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Hann, Town Clerk