

Town of Merton
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of March 23, 2026

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes of the Marh 9, 2026 Town Board Meeting. No action taken the minutes where not done.

Present: Chairman Klink, Supervisors Herrick, Olson, Fleming and Krogmann, DPW Director Griffin, and Clerk Hann. Absent: Treasurer Kempen and Attorney Murn.
Also, in attendance: Chief Wraalstad, Michael Schulz

Citizen Comments and Concerns:

Chief Wraalstad gave a report on the patrol summary for February 23 to March 23, 2026 for the Town of Merton.

Tim Kay from Lake Country Municipal Court gave the annual report for 2025. Recently the Village of Palmyra was added as a member of the court system.

Chairman Klink stated that the Town has started to work with the Town Attorney on the concerns of residents on wake enhancements of Wake Boats. The Town Board's concern is to make sure the town is working to keep our lakes pristine.

Mary Rode talk about other state lake ordinance on wake surfing and that Lake Keesus is too small.

Mark Davis talked about wake surfing is not supported by scientific reports to Monika Hartl handed out a packet on wake boating and someone spoke on wake boating.

Rick Zimbric talked about flawed studies from the wake boating community.

Paul Wiesehuegel received an email from the State and it stated it is a local issue. He stated the acreage of Lake Keesus is a concern and it too small.

Chuck Mchary talked about Lake Keesus activities that can be done and the size.

William Britt has shoreland concerns on Lake Keesus.

John Tauscher talked about waves and boat displacement.

Peter Janik talked about concerns of Moose Lake and safety factors of wake enhancements.

Charles Luebke talked about studies of surface waves.

Lori Schneider talked about concerns of wake boating

Stacy Bader talked about concerns of people in water during wake boating.

Bridget Essma talked about the size of North Lake and working on guidelines for wake boating and encourage a lake-by-lake approach.

Scott Jankowski talked about North Lake Activities the size of waves is a concern.

Not everyone will follow a hand shake rule and there is an effect on fish spawning.

Chairman Klink stated he has talked to representative at the State Level and nothing seems to be happening. Sad that the State of Wisconsin and the DNR can see an issue and address some of these concerns and it comes back to local government.

John Muehl talked about guidelines that have been established over the years over lake activities.

John Armstrong talked about the type of boat on certain lakes they operated on.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion on Wake Enhancement Restrictions. Chairman Klink will be talking with the Town Attorney on the concerns and look at scheduling a public hearing.

Consider/Act on Grant Sponsorship for Mason Creek West Branch Restoration. Erik Joost talked about a grant opportunity for Mason Creek work. Chairman Klink asked about the requirements from the Town. Clerk Hann read concerns from the Town Treasurer Kempen. Because of the grant amount there could be an audit required and reporting requirements of the bidding requirements. A motion to Sponsor the Grant for Mason Creek West Branch Restoration by resolution was made by Herrick/Fleming. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act 2026 Road Program Petersen Road. DPW Director Griffin stated that a second bid was put out for additional work for the 2026 Road Program. A motion to approve the 2026 Road Program was made by Fleming/ Krogmann. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on Stone Bank Community Connect Corp Lease for Stone Bank Park. Clerk Hann requested that Section B should be updated to reflect the future requests for Stone Bank Park. A motion to approve the Stone Bank Community Connect Corp Lease for Stone Bank Park subject to Exhibit B being updated was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on Stone Bank Community Connect Corp 6-month Beer License for Stone Bank Park. Clerk Hann stated that a six-month license is being offered under the new fee schedule. A motion to approve a 6-month Beer License to Stone Bank Community Connect Corp for Stone Bank Park was made by Herrick/Krogmann. Motion Carried.

Consider/Act on Updated Transfer Site Fees. Clerk reviewed a report on the activity at the transfer site and that less users are using the site. The cost collected is not covering the costs to keep it open. There is a recommendation to raise all the fees. The last time the fees were updated was in 2023. A motion to approve the Updated Transfer Site Fees was made by Fleming/Olson. Motion carried.

Consider/Act on option to refile Town Tax Return for overpayment. Clerk Hann reported of a problem that health insurance portion paid by employees was not taken out pretax. In 2011, when the Town went with the current payroll company it was not communicated that the Town's health insurance program is a cafeteria plan and not subject to FICA tax. We checked with the Town's Audit about the option of refilling to get the overpayment back. A motion to approve the Town of Merton to refile past tax returns with the Town's Auditors for an overpayment of FICA Tax was made by Olson/Krogmann. Motion Carried.

Clerk, Board, Highway, Treasurer and Attorney Reports. DPW Director talked about an incident where a tree fell on the Town truck while the staff was cutting a different tree that fell. A claim will be filed with the insurance company and no staff was hurt during the incident.

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

Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Krogman. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Hann, Town Clerk