

Town of Montrose
Minutes from September 2, 2025
Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Roger Hodel, Town Chair; Paul Schaller First Supervisor; Cory Brown, Second Supervisor; Jennifer Armstrong, Clerk/Treasurer

Residents Attending: Brian Brown, John Sayles, Ann Sayles, Jean Hodel, Cody Salisbury

Non-Residents Attending: Tom Mathies

Roger Hodel called the meeting to order at 7:01pm on September 2, 2025.

The meeting was posted according to law.

Jennifer Armstrong read the minutes from the August 5, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion made by Paul Schaller, seconded by Cory Brown, approved by Roger Hodel.

There was no Treasurer's Report due the Lakeridge Bank was unable to access August bank statements. The August Treasurer's Report will be presented with the September report in October. Paul Schaller made a motion to pay all bills, seconded by Cory Brown, approved by Roger Hodel.

Announcements:

The Town would like to extend condolences to the family and friends of Audrey Rear. The Town would also like to offer congratulations to Gary and Janice Hageman on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Town would like to thank the Garage Building Committee for their dedication and work on the new Town Garage: John Sayles, Brian Brown, Randy Francois, Kelly Maynard, David Nolden, and Cody Salisbury.

The pathway leading up to the bridge in Paoli was covered by 6" of wood chips donated by Tanner Peschl.

The new town truck has arrived and has been paid for in the amount of \$ 170,000 including a \$ 3,000 tariff fee. The truck will be kept at the town garage until it is ready to be outfitted.

Art Fair in the Park offered to contribute to the cost of the repair of the roof of the Paoli Park gazebo.

Dane County Highway and Transportation is planning a project on County Highway A; the project will consist of an asphalt overlay, lane widening, culvert replacements, and grading in 2026 and will take approximately 3 months.

Dane County reached out regarding the progress of the update of the town's comprehensive plan. A committee will be formed to work on the plan.

Dane County Parks will be opening the Sugar River Wildlife Area to the public in the fall of 2025. There will be a canoe/kayak launch on the north side, gates, signage, temporary bridge improvements, and the addition of driveways on Riverside, Schaller, and Speedway Road.

Correspondence was received by two citizens after the Paoli Art in the Park weekend. One citizen expressed concern about parking and recommended enhanced traffic control during events. Another citizen

raised concern about the lack of safety accommodations for crossing the bridge and roadway for individuals with disabilities.

Public Input

John Sayles brought to the board's attention that during a recent memorial service, the noise level was significant and made it difficult to conduct conversations. He proposed following up on soundproofing; Ann Sayles offered to contact Brian Novinska for his recommendations.

Tom Mathies, Town Board Supervisor from the Town of Verona and President of the Dane County Town's Association, was present to introduce himself.

The annual meetings for both the EMS and Fire districts will be held this fall.

Paul Schaller made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, Brian Brown seconded, Roger Hodel approved. Motion adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Armstrong, Town Clerk