

Town of Montrose Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025 Monthly Board Meeting

Meeting minutes are not final until approved by the board at the next monthly meeting

Roger Hodel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Attending: Roger Hodel, Town Chairman; Randy Francois, First Supervisor; Dan Palmer, Second Supervisor; Jennifer Armstrong, Town Clerk and Treasurer

Residents Attending: Kevin Grinvalsky, Brian Brown, Cory Brown, Laura Beutel, Paul Schaller, Deb Brucaya, Jr Eichelkraut

Non-residents Attending: Erik Farrar, Grace Anne Ogle, Jim Schmitt, Julie Walser

The minutes from the January 7 Town Board Meeting were read by the clerk and approved on a motion made by Dan Palmer, seconded by Randy Francois, approved by Roger Hodel.

The Treasurer's report was read by Jennifer Armstrong. Dan Palmer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and to pay all bills, seconded by Randy Francois, made unanimous by Roger Hodel.

Announcements

Roger Hodel made an announcement that he will attend the Board of Review session on Feb 7 at Barneveld, state statute requires at least one member of the Board of Review attend a training session approved by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue each year.

Art Fahey, not a resident but an owner of property in the Town of Montrose is celebrating his 101 birthday today.

The town offers condolences to the family and friends of John Lamberty who passed away.

Jennifer Armstrong announced that we received our final loan approval from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. We have four months in which to draw the loan funds.

The School District of Belleville has an operational referendum question on the April 1, 2025 ballot. Jim Schmit, District Administrator; and Erik Farrar, District Business Manager; presented a powerpoint to provide information on the referendum, emphasizing the objectives of the referendum were to maintain staff, services, and current programs, as well as increased safety and security. A failed referendum would result in a reduction of staff and services, as well as an increase in class sizes and a loss of programming. The school website has a calculator to figure out the impact on your tax bill. There are opportunities to tour the school district to receive more information, as well.

Grace Anne Ogle from Brazen Cycling Club out of Madison presented a race proposal with a route primarily in the Town of Montrose for August 2025. After much discussion, the board chose to not approve the race due to general apprehension in regard to a number of concerns including the effects of a one-way lane closure, the impact of accommodating 400 people and their parked vehicles, and high-speed cyclists racing and circling the Paoli area.

Kevin Grinvalsky was present on behalf of the residents of Little Lakes Road to ask the board to move forward with the road's abandonment. Junior Eichelkraut was present at the meeting and will take the lead in connecting with the county to determine what will be necessary to proceed.

The Board reviewed the change order proposal submitted by McKee Associates. Randy Francois made a motion to approve the change order as proposed to install caulk joints at the four garage doors and to install two protective bollards at the Power Washer in the amount of \$ 2,193.00, seconded by Dan Palmer, and approved by Roger Hodel.

The Board reviewed the document from Dane County amending Chapter 10 2024 0A-23. Dan Palmer moved to support the document that revises the CUP process, seconded by Randy Francois, and made unanimous by Roger Hodel.

Randy Francois made a motion to adjourn at 8:42pm, seconded by Dan Palmer, approved by Roger Hodel.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Armstrong, Town Clerk