

Town of Montrose

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2025

Minutes are a DRAFT until approved by the Board at the next board meeting

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

Present: Roger Hodel, Town Chair; Randy Francois, Town Supervisor; Dan Palmer, Town Supervisor; Jennifer Armstrong, Treasurer/Clerk

Meeting Attendance:

Residents Attending: Tim Schmitt, Jenny DeLorme, Kevin DeLorme, Laura Beutel, Cody Salisbury

Non-residents Attending: Chris Hensue from Shue Consulting, Mitchell DeLorme, Jodi Igl

Meeting was posted according to law.

Jennifer Armstrong, Town Clerk, read the minutes from the December 3, 2024 Board Meeting. Randy Francois made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Dan Palmer seconded, Roger Hodel approved.

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

Announcements:

Roger Hodel announced that Jerry Derr, District 1 representative passed away on November 1. Jerry was heavily involved in Wisconsin politics at a local level - he was the Town of Bristol town chairperson and served on Wisconsin Towns association for 3 decades. Town of Montrose extends condolences to his family.

Jennifer Armstrong received correspondence from the Dane County Parks Division that they will be demolishing and restoring building sites on 861 acres of acquired property between Riverside Road and Schaller Road beginning in mid-December. The land will be closed to the public until all demolition is complete and access points complete, with a target date of opening in the fall of 2025. Map and documentation are posted in the hall.

Jennifer Armstrong received additional correspondence from Attorney Knoke & Kind Law Office intending to confirm that Hayden Drive was laid out as a Town of Montrose road. The Board discussed and agreed that it has never been or recorded as a town road but was a driveway

that the township plowed as a courtesy for the School District bus barn over 20 years ago. Jennifer will draft a letter back to the attorney relaying this information.

Tim Schmitt provided details of the findings of the Land Use Committee on the proposed request brought forward by the DeLormes. The request requires a shared driveway agreement and Ed McSherry has agreed, and Kevin Eslick from the county has approved the shared driveway application. Ed Short relayed that the county mandates the specifics of a very comprehensive permit and agreement. Tim Schmitt confirmed that splits are available for this zoning request.

Dan Palmer made a motion to approve the Glen and Elaine Morricks Revocable Trust request to rezone 7.3 acres from FP-35 to RR-4 with access to County Highway PB utilizing the driveway that serves the Ed McSherry residence with Ingress/Egress and a multi-residential shared driveway agreement as mandated by the county. Randy Francois seconded the motion, and Roger Hodel made unanimous.

Ed Short provided information on the progress on Edgehill Lane. He relayed that they flattened the radius so that it wasn't such a hard corner and widened it out and that Kevin Eslick from the country stated the project looked good.

Chris Henshue was present from Charter Communications with a plan to bring fiber to the "downtown Paoli" area. The project will begin at Sayles Trail and Sun Valley Parkway. The board reviewed the plan and path of the fiber. J and R Underground out of Blanchardville will be running the fiber, with an estimated project completion date of two months. The board will sign off on the project as proposed. The clerk will correspond with Chris Henshue to finalize so that they may proceed.

Jodi Igl from Southern Wisconsin Art in the Park asked if next September their committee can place additional porta potties at the southeast end of park. The Board thought that would be fine for their event weekend.

A request was received by the clerk for Dead End sign to be placed on Sunrise Lane. The complaint is that people who are visiting Paoli are going down the road thinking it is an outlet. The clerk will meet with Randy Francois, and when signs are ordered they will order one for Sunrise Lane.

The various rates of poll workers hourly salary in WI were discussed. **Randy Francois moved to increase the rate of pay from \$ 10 an hour to \$ 12 an hour for all election officials. Dan Palmer seconded, Roger Hodel approved.** The rate change is effective immediately.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Randy Francois, seconded by Dan Palmer, unanimous by Roger Hodel. Meeting adjourned.

Special Meeting of the Electors
January 7, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Electors was reconvened at 7:45PM

The initial discussion regarding increasing the Town Board's compensation was initiated at the April Annual meeting but because of an impending tornado, the meeting was quickly adjourned and discussion was paused. January 7, according to state statute, is the last day that Board compensation can be reviewed and changed for the next term of entering officials and remain the same for the next two years.

Randy Francois suggested a 20% increase be considered for incoming officials.

Laura Beutel made a motion to increase the salaries of the Town Board for the newly elected officials in April 2025 by 20%: \$ 4634 for the Town Chair per year and \$ 3693 per Supervisor per year. Meeting compensation rates will remain the same at \$ 35 for Chair and \$ 25 for Supervisors. Motion seconded by Jennifer DeLorme.

All in favor by responding: Aye (All)

All opposed: None

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Randy Francois, seconded by Dan Palmer, Roger Hodel. Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Armstrong
Town Clerk

