

Town of Montrose
November 7, 2024 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Monthly Board Meeting called to order at 7:23pm following the Special Town Board Meeting.

Meeting was published according to law.

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

Attending Residents: Sonya Tourdot, Allan White, John Sayles, Brian Brown, Cody Salisbury, Tim Bahls, Magdalena Wijaya

Attending Non-Residents: Nic Mink

The minutes from the October 1, 2024 monthly board meeting were read by Jennifer Armstrong, Clerk.

Dan Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Randy seconded, and Roger Hodel approved.

The October Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, Jennifer Armstrong.

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

Roger Hodel, Town Chair, made the following announcements:

The township wishes to send condolences to the families and friends of Chuck Fahey, Ron Fahey, Bob Sarbacker, Jim Babler, Father Ken Klink.

The improvements to Edgehill Lane are completed, the visibility is greatly improved in both directions.

The Town of Montrose signed an insurance policy with Tri-Insurance in Monticello.

Jennifer Armstrong, Town Clerk, made the following announcements:

The first invoice has been received for Edgehill Lane in the amount of \$28,539.93. We are still expecting invoices, once received the total cost will be divided among the 6 landowners.

The Clerk received correspondence from Knoke & Kind Law Office out of Monroe asking whether Hayden Drive was still maintained by the Town of Montrose. The Board agreed that Montrose hadn't maintained the road in many years, the care of the road was taken over by the school district. The Clerk will respond to the attorney.

The Clerk has been in contact with the Highway Engineer at the Dane County Highway Department. The County will be moving ahead to conduct the speed study on Dianne Avenue necessary to reduce the speed. The department provided a quote of \$ 1500 if the town chooses to move forward in the future to conduct a speed study on Schaller Road. The Highway used cautionary language regarding townships deciding to decrease speeds on rural roads.

Agenda Items:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding dog license fees in the Town of Montrose.

The clerk presented that the County rates are increasing for dog licenses. In response, the Board approved the following increases, on a motion made by Randy Francois:

Spayed or Neutered Dog: \$ 20.00 (County \$18.75)

Un-Spayed or Un-Neutered Dog: \$ 30.00 (County \$ 27.86)

Neutered/Spayed Puppy (5 months old by July 1): \$ 20.00 (County \$ 17.25)

Un-Neutered or Un-Spayed Puppy (5 months old by July 1): \$30.00 (County \$ 23.75)

Kennel License (Multiple Dogs)(Includes up to 12 dogs): \$ 60.00 (County \$ 54.75)

Additional Tags (For dogs over the 12 included in the Kennel License: \$ 30.00 (County \$ 27.75)

Dan Palmer seconded the motion, and Roger Hodel approved. Motion passed.

2. The Clerk recommended an increase in Trash pick-up and Recycling:

We are charged by Pelliterri for 471 carts. $471 \text{ carts} \times \$ 196.50 = \$ 92,551.50$. In 2025 we anticipate paying \$ 98,660.00. The difference is: $\$ 6108.51$. $\$ 6108.51 / 471 = \$ 13.00$ per household.

Randy Francois made a motion to raise the trash pick-up charge from \$ 196.50 to \$ 209.50, Dan Palmer seconded, and Roger Hodel approved. Motion passed.

3. John Sayles provided an update on the Garage Rebuild Project:

The Building Committee recommends moving forward with the pressure washer model from Badger Spray. The pressure washer was already approved by the Board in October, clerk will order.

John Sayles went over the three items on the change proposal received from McKee and Associates.

1. Brings the shower into ADA compliance to modify brickwork in the amount of \$2,695.
2. There was a flag by the state inspector that the exit door needs a sidewalk to the gravel pad and the driveway area to make code at the back of the building. Cost is \$ 2,200.
3. Fire rated spray foam insulation in the amount of \$ 10,450.

Dan Palmer moved to accept the garage project changes as proposed in the amount of \$ 15,345.00, Randy Francois seconded the motion, and Roger Hodel approved. Motion passed.

The hoist is being delivered this week. Cost to install will be in the neighborhood of \$2000 rather than \$ 7000 as originally quoted.

Sonya Tourdot at the Area Chamber said to contact her to help spread the word when we are ready to have an Open House for the new garage.

4. Nic Mink was present to renew the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Seven Acres. He is asking we renew the current CUP as is, with the removal of the 60-decibel limitation. His request is to have the same allowance to play music at the decibels allowed at other Paoli businesses. Discussion followed about acceptable decibels and potential conflict when other businesses have live music simultaneously. The Board wants to avoid competing music and encourages cooperative and respectful relationships and consideration between the businesses. Nic Mink

asked to go on record that “The Mill’s music is great and an exceptional amenity that brings value to all the other businesses in Paoli. He is appreciative of what they have brought to Paoli and wants to be respectful and does not want to ruffle any feathers.”

Dan Palmer made a motion to approve the renewal of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Seven Acre Dairy (2021-02544) as the original CUP but with the removal of the 60-decibel restriction, and to include the same hours as the approved CUP for the Mill. The CUP covers 1) Indoor Entertainment/Assembly, 2) Outdoor Entertainment/Assembly, and 3) Commercial Indoor Lodging. This allows the owners to operate 1) two indoor restaurants 2) outdoor and patio dining, and 3) a 10-room boutique hotel in the Old Paoli Creamery on the existing building footprint. This property is zoned HAM-M (Hamlet Mixed Use). Additional conditions that: 1) Outdoor entertainment allows for music on a Sunday through Thursday to end no later than 8:00pm, and on a Friday and Saturday to end no later than 11:00pm. The motion was seconded by Randy Francois with the stipulation that the permit is approved for another three years unless the CUP receives complaints about the volume of the music, which would require the decibel restrictions to be revisited, Roger Hodel approved and the Motion passed.

Public Input

Sonya Tourdot presented that she would like to do a craft fundraiser on behalf of the Town of Montrose. The Town of Montrose would receive the raised money as a donation to improve the hall or other project as the board sees fit. Sonya Tourdot will connect with the clerk to establish two craft fair dates in 2025.

Allan White brought up that the gutters and lighting need maintenance in the back of the town hall building. Dan Palmer also noted and directed the clerk to contact the patrolman to repair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm on a motion made by Dan Palmer, seconded by Randy Francois, and approved by Roger Hodel. Meeting adjourned.