

Town of Montrose
Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Montrose Town Hall, 1341 Diane Avenue
Belleville Wi 53508
Bills to be reviewed by Board after Board Meeting

Call to Order
Approval of Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Announcements

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

Present: Roger Hodel, Chair; Randy Francois, Supervisor;
Dan Palmer, Supervisor; Ann Sayles, filling in for Jennifer
Armstrong, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Residents attending: John Sayles, Junior Eichelkraut, Ann
Sayles, Lynn Breedlove, Amos Mayberry, James Knuteson, Burr
Fontaine, Mike Klonsinski, Tarna Hunter, Carol Argall. Non-
residents attending: Jodi Igl, Julie Walser.

Meeting was posted according to law.

Minutes of the September 3, 2024 meeting were read by Ann
Sayles. **Motion to approve minutes as read by Dan Palmer,
seconded by Randy Francois, made unanimous by Roger
Hodel. Passed.**

Ann Sayles read the Treasurer's report. **Motion to approve
treasurer's report as read by Randy Francois, seconded by
Dan Palmer, made unanimous by Roger Hodel. Passed.**

Announcements by Roger Hodel

Half of the work on Edgehill Road has been completed. The site approach has been finished. The road can be widened now, probably in a couple of weeks after Alliant and Verizon move their lines. Tom and Jennifer Gillette submitted a letter expressing concern about the expense of the improvements. Jennifer Armstrong will check on the other concern about whether Dane County will pay costs of improvements done on its property.

Rural Insurance declined from insuring the Town of Montrose. There are other companies interested, and the townships hopes to have quotes in hand by the end of the week.

Public Input

Jodi Igl spoke on behalf of the Southern Wisconsin Arts Council. She states that the Art in the Park event held in Paoli in 2024 was a success for the 77 vendors who attended. She requested permission to have the event Labor Day weekend (Friday – Sunday) 2025. Roger Hodel stated that as of now there is no objection.

Lynn Breedlove, owner of a condo in Paoli, expressed concern about traffic on Diane Avenue. Speeding, loud trucks, and many other traffic problems including crashing into the condo closest to the road. The board notes that Diane Avenue is a county road. The board referred him to Pam Dunphy of the Dane County Highway Department.

Concern about parking on Range Trail was expressed by residents Burr Fontaine and James Knuteson. They would like to see parking only on the west side of the Range Trail, the side without mailboxes. They are concerned about safety for all, and also about their mail deliveries occasionally being prevented by the congestion of parked cars. The board stated that it is responsible for parking on Range Trail, and that parking has been

a problem. They stated that they may need to address the matter by passing an ordinance.

Agenda Items

Insurance Carrier

Information presented by Roger Hodel in the announcements.

Garage Update

John Sayles reported that the electrical upgrade to the garage, including extension of power to the garage, will cost about \$ 11,000 for the electrician and \$ 5000 for Alliant. **Motion to approve electrical upgrade by Randy Francois, seconded by Dan Palmer, made unanimous by Roger Hodel. Passed.**

John Sayles also stated that a wall mounted hot water pressure washer will cost up to about \$ 12,000; and that a portable washer would cost about \$ 5000 to \$ 7000. **Motion to approve installation of a wall mounted hot water pressure washer by Dan Palmer, seconded by Randy Francois, made unanimous by Roger Hodel. Passed.**

Date of Budget Workshop

Will be decided when Jennifer Armstrong is back.

Roger Hodel noted that the Town of Montrose will be able to defer its contribution for a fire truck, as the district will not be receiving its truck until 2026, rather than 2025 as previously expected.

Election Poll Workers

Motion to approve Dione Tyler, Susan Doyle, Brenda Frary and high school volunteer Adalyn Hendrickson as poll workers

by Randy Francois, seconded by Dan Palmer, made unanimous by Roger Hodel. Passed.

Operators licenses for Paoli Cheese Factory Association LLC, d/b/a Seven Acre Dairy Company bartenders. **Motion to grant operators licenses for Jack Dotta, Doe Starbird, Arjay Litscher and Jenny Kiewat, contingent upon receiving all necessary paperwork and fees, by Randy Francois, seconded by Dan Palmer, made unanimous by Roger Hodel. Passed.**

Motion to adjourn by Randy Francois, seconded by Dan Palmer, made unanimous by Roger Hodel. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.