

Town of Montrose
Board Meeting Minutes
Feb 3, 2026
7:00pm

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

Residents: Tim Schmitt, Jeannie Blasberg, John Cioci, John Sayles, Ann Sayles, Mary DeGroot, Junior Eichelkraut, Darren Eichelkraut, Tim Bahls, Jean Hodel

Non-residents: Julie Walser, Dave Jenkins, Nic Mink

Roger Hodel called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Jennifer Armstrong read the minutes from the January 6, 2026 monthly board meeting. Cory Brown approved with amendment, seconded by Paul Schaller. Roger Hodel abstained as he wasn't at the January 6, 2026 meeting.

Jennifer Armstrong presented the January Treasurer's report. Paul Schaller made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and to pay all bills, Cory Brown seconded, Roger Hodel approved.

Announcements

Town of Montrose would like to send condolences to the family and friends of Jerry Remy.

Town of Montrose would like to send condolences to the family and friends of Pete Burns.

Town of Montrose would like to send condolences to the family and friends of Charlene Ray.

Agenda:

1. Discussion and possible action of Adoption of Residential and Commercial Building Codes Ordinance and granting Todd Parkos with delegated authority to administer the building codes ordinance on behalf of the Town of Montrose.

Paul Schaller made a motion to remove Section 1 (d) from the presented Residential and Commercial Building Code Ordinance, seconded by Cory Brown, made unanimous by Roger Hodel.

Paul Schaller moved to adopt the Residential and Commercial Building Codes Ordinance, seconded by Cory Brown, made unanimous by Roger Hodel.

Paul Schaller moved to grant Todd Parkos with delegated authority to administer the Residential and Commercial Building Codes Ordinance on behalf of the Town of Montrose, seconded by Cory Brown, made unanimous by Roger Hodel.

2. Jim and Mark Fahey of Prairieland Dairy are requesting approval to create a one-lot Certified Survey Map (CSM) for approximately 6.25 acres of parcel 040/0508-101-9001-0 and to rezone the subject parcel from FP-35 (Farmland Preservation) to RR-4 (Rural Residential). The purpose of this request is to separate the existing farmstead, including the current farm buildings and associated surrounding land, from the remaining agricultural acreage, which will continue to be retained and actively farmed by Prairieland Dairy.

Junior Eichelkraut presented the committee findings. There was no splits analysis from Dane County to document the number of splits remaining on this farmstead. The committee approved the zoning request contingent on the county allowing driveway access onto County Hwy PB, which is a heavily traveled access controlled highway. Dave Jenkins was present to represent the Fahey's, and provide documentation that the county preliminary approved the proposed new access location north of the cemetery on February 2, 2026. **Paul Schaller moved to approve the request by Prairieland Dairy, LLC to rezone 6.25 acres in Section 10 on the east side of County Road PB from FP-35 to RR-4 to create a buildable lot as shown on the preliminary CSM provided to the township and to separate existing farm building from the remaining agricultural acreage, using a split. Approval of this request is contingent on approval from Dance County for access on the highway or finding another access solution. Cory Brown seconded, Roger Hodel made unanimous.**

3. Discussion of possible parking solutions for future Paoli business events.

Discussion was held regarding the general needs of Paoli, including infrastructure, safety, and lighting. Julie Walser, representing Paoli businesses, requested consideration of forming a tourism committee, which could also explore whether and how a room tax might be implemented. Interest was expressed in establishing a dedicated committee to address ongoing concerns.

Recommendations were made to contact County Board Representative Pat Downing. Discussion included the possibility of leasing land from Dane County parks for the purpose of creating a gravel parking lot. Much of the discussion focused on parking limitations and traffic control challenges during large events. There was consensus on the value of consulting with experts in the County Highway and Planning Departments, and on utilizing county resources to help identify and implement potential solutions.

The appointment of an ad hoc committee to focus on Paoli issues will be added to the March agenda. John Sayles, Julie Walser, Nic Mink, Tarna Hunter volunteered to serve on the committee. Nic Mink stated that he would invite a representative from the Wisconsin Hotel and Lodging Association to speak at the March meeting to provide additional information regarding room tax.

Due to the election scheduled for the first Tuesday in April, the Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned after unanimous approval of Paul Schaller's motion at 8:25pm.