

Town of Montrose  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
May 5, 2026 7:00PM  
1341 Dianne Avenue  
Belleville, WI 53508

*Bills to be reviewed by Board after Board Meeting*

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

Residents: David Moore, Esther Moore, John Cioci, Ann Sayles, John Sayles, Mary DeGroot, Vicki Funseth, Noreen Pinkston, Bruce Pinkston, Jerry Brucaya, Deb Brucaya, Halley Jones, Tim Schmitt, John Wagner, Jr Eichelkraut

Non-Residents: Lori McGowan, Kelly Hickman, Teresa McMann, Cory McMann, Cheyanne Blevins, Julie Walser, Eric Maves, Nic Mink

On April 2nd, Roger Hodel, Town Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. Meeting was posted according to law.

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Montrose will be held on April 14, at 7:00PM.

The new EMS district agreement has been signed, and the innovation grant has been applied for.

**Paul Schaller seconded Cory Brown's motion to approve the minutes that were read from the March 3, 2026 Regular Board meeting. Approved by Roger Hodel.**

**Treasurer's Report was presented by Jennifer Armstrong. Paul Schaller moved to approve the report and to pay all bills, seconded by Cory Brown, approved by Roger Hodel.**

Mary Mussehl passed away and the Town of Montrose extends condolences to her family and friends; Mark Mussehl was the patrolman for the town for over 20 years.

The sound acoustics panels that were approved to be ordered at the Special Meeting in April have arrived.

Open Book is scheduled for April 22nd from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, Board of Review is scheduled on April 30th from 6pm to 8pm. The Annual meeting will be held on April 14th at 7:00PM, followed by a social hour and a light lunch.

A question was raised about an Open House being scheduled at the town garage; the Board stated the plan is for one to be held when the doors can be open this summer.

**Paul Schaller moved to approve the request by Robin L Zander for an operator's license at The Cottage Goddess, LLC, d/b/a The Tipsy Gypsy and The Cottage Goddess, LLC d/b/a The Lazy Squirrel, contingent on receiving all paperwork and fees, Cory Brown seconded, and Roger Hodel approved.**

**Motion was made to appoint Bailey Armstrong as a poll worker for the Town of Montrose for 2026-2027 by Cory Brown, seconded by Paul Schaller, and Roger Hodel approved.**

Roger Hodel attended a Wisconsin Town's Association Board of Review training. WTA is asking Wisconsin towns to pass a resolution that supports approval at the state level for funding of roads, bridges, and culverts by May 1st so that they can present to legislature. The resolution provides adequate and reliable revenue, includes responsible and prudent use, adjusts any new and existing transportation, and ensures transportation aid continues for Wisconsin.

**Paul Schaller made a motion to approve Town Board Resolution 2026-01 Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution, seconded by Cory Brown, unanimous by Roger Hodel.**

The Board engaged in discussion regarding the possible adoption of a temporary moratorium on all zoning changes and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) requests within the Hamlet of Paoli. It was determined that the Town should defer on acting on any moratorium until the County has finalized and approved the CUP applications currently pending at the county level. Any further discussion will be held in abeyance until at least the summer of 2026 to allow for the resolution of these existing zoning requests.

John Sayles provided an update regarding ongoing efforts to secure parking solutions and address safety concerns in Paoli. A virtual meeting was held with County Commissioner Abongwa, attended by John Sayles, Jennifer Armstrong, and Roger Hodel. There was preliminary discussion of the potential of a jurisdictional transfer of the section of County Hwy PB that runs through Paoli. This would grant the town authority to reroute semi-traffic and to lower speed limits. It was noted that the County would complete road improvements to bring the section to a higher standard prior to any formal transfer. All contractual elements and responsibilities must be thoroughly reviewed before entering any agreement. The assessment of potential parking lot solutions remains ongoing. An open meeting with the County is scheduled for April 6th. It was noted that Roger Hodel will be unable to attend.

#### Public Input

Bruce Pinkston addressed the Board regarding safety concerns in Basco related to congested parking. He reported that parking overflow can reduce Henry Road to one lane, particularly during the summer months when food trucks further restrict road capacity. Vehicles are reportedly parking on or too close to corners, creating visibility issues. Roger Hodel acknowledged these concerns, and noted that he has had previous

discussions with the owners of Dot's Tavern and will follow up with them regarding potential solutions.

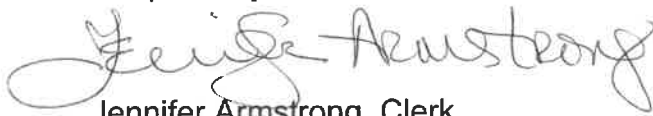
A concern was raised regarding the use of jake braking by semi-trucks entering Paoli. This request will be added to the list of items for discussion with the County Commissioner.

The Board was asked what the next step would be to further consider a municipal room tax. To better evaluate the impact and possibility of implementing a tax, it was suggested that the local businesses provide documentation to the clerk regarding their annual lodging revenue to assist the Board in determining the potential revenue and impact. The Board asked the Merchant Association for more specifics regarding their proposed projects and use of funds, noting that there remain concerns about managing public safety needs.

A thank you to the Comprehensive Plan committee for conducting the review survey of the town. The surveys are due by May 1st.

**Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:15PM. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Armstrong".

Jennifer Armstrong, Clerk  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Montrose