

Town of Montrose  
August 4, 2026 at 7:00PM.

Meeting Minutes from July 7th:

Minutes are not final until approved at the next board meeting.

Roger Hodel called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m. on July 7, 2026.

Present: Roger Hodel, Town Chairman; Paul Schaller, Supervisor; Jean Hodel, Deputy Clerk.  
Absent: Cory Brown, Supervisor; Jennifer Armstrong, Clerk/Treasurer.

Residents: Tim Schmitt, John Ciioci, John Sayles, Jeanne Blasberg, Mike Klonsinski, Tarna Hunter, Deb and Jerry Brucaya, Tim Bahls, Magdalena Wijaya, Jr and Jeannie Eichelkraut

Non-Residents: Julie Walser

The meeting was posted according to law.

**Jean Hodel read the minutes from the June 2, 2026 regular Town Board meeting. Paul Schaller moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Roger Hodel.**

**Jean Hodel presented the Treasurer's report prepared by Jennifer Armstrong. Paul Schaller moved to accept the treasurer's report and to pay all bills, seconded by Roger Hodel.**

Roger Hodel stated that Jennifer Armstrong found documents and a potential agreement between the Village of Belleville and the Town of Montrose, it was not clear if it was recorded and whether there was an expiration date. Roger is going to present them to the Village's Planning and Development Committee before their next meeting.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Lillian Weiss who turned 107 on June 16, 2026.

Roger Hodel extended a big thank you to Cody Salisbury and all the volunteers who helped with the clean-up from the tornado on June 17th. Much of the damage was from fallen trees. There was much appreciation for all the work between the Town of Montrose and the Village of Belleville. Unfortunately after meeting with Dane County Emergency Management, expenses do not meet the threshold criteria and disbursement aid from the Wisconsin Disaster fund will not be forthcoming.

On Monday, July 22nd, Roger Hodel, John Sayles, and Jennifer Armstrong met with Clement Abongwa and staff regarding traffic in Paoli. Clement Abongwa will contact maps to have truck traffic routed to Dianne Avenue rather than through Paoli. John Sayles stated that the transfer of jurisdiction of County PB through Paoli would be beneficial for the township in order to have control of the highway. There was discussion about the added truck traffic and the safety of the residents on Dianne Avenue. A previous existing plan for a bypass around Paoli was brought up and thought it would be something to bring before the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Roger Hodel reported that on Tuesday, July 7th, John Sayles, Jr. Eichelkraut, Jennifer Novinska, Jennifer Armstrong, and himself met with Dane Co Parks in Madison regarding the possibility of leasing or purchasing land to be used as a parking lot. There seemed to be many conditions to meet, possible hurdles, and no financial backing available. It was asked if any grants may be available. It was estimated by the County that the very earliest possible project completion would be summer of 2028.

It was noted that there have been many Town Hall improvements: Ceilings and LED lights, women's bathroom vanity, new used kitchen cupboards, the bubbler and men's urinal fixed, and lots of cleaning. A big thank you to Jeannie Eichelkraut and her committee for all their work.

**Paul Schaller made a motion to approve the following people: Roger Hodel, Tarna Hunter, Nic Mink, Julie Walser, and Andrea Ziegler to serve on the Town of Montrose Tourism Commission to oversee the Town of Montrose Municipal Room Tax funds for a one year term. The Room Tax will take effect on August 1, 2026. Roger Hodel seconded, motion passed.**

**Paul Schaller made a motion to authorize the Town Board into negotiations with Dane County concerning a potential jurisdictional transfer of a portion of County Highway PB in the Paoli hamlet. Roger Hodel seconded, motion carried.**

**Paul Schaller made a motion to authorize the Town Board to enter into negotiations with Dane County Parks to lease or purchase land for the purpose of creating a public parking lot. Roger Hodel seconded. Motion carried.**

It was noted that if there are any Town Hall building repair, maintenance or improvement questions to contact Jeannie Eichelkraut. John Sayles is heading the concrete at the front entrance improvement.

Paul Schaller reported that our new EMS District Service was awarded an annual grant of \$ 241,209.00 over the next five years.

It was noted that all paperwork and fees have been received for the operator's licenses that were previously approved with that contingency.

Tim Bahls stated that the Comprehensive Planning Committee is working hard and that the completion date will probably be sometime next year. The next monthly meeting will be the second Thursday of the month in August from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Jean Hodel, Deputy Clerk