

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN HALL LIBRARY  
TOWN OF MERTON, NORTH LAKE, WISCONSIN**

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:51 pm by President Cull. Also attending were Trustees Herrick, Mesenbrink, Ploch, Rogers Blum, Ruck, Vidas, Library Director Iyengar, Town of Merton Chairman Klink, and Town of Merton Clerk Hann.
- II. Public Input:**  
None.
- III. Consent Agenda:**
- a. The Minutes of the August 21, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved on Motion by Cull, seconded by Mesenbrink.
  - b. The Statistics report was approved as presented.
- IV. Committee Reports:**
- i. Director's Report was accepted as presented, including:
    - Makerspace has opened, and there has been much interest. There will be an open house for teens and families, and a policy will be developed regarding unattended youth.
    - Book club programs have begun; the library participated in Harvest Fest in North Lake.
    - ADA compliant signage has been purchased; parking lot striping and sealing will be completed before the end of September.
    - Motion by Vidas, seconded by Rogers Blum and unanimously approved to close the library on September 22 at 2:00 pm to facilitate well pump installation.
  - ii. The Bridges Library System report was accepted as presented.
  - iii. Friends Liaison: No report.
  - iv. Foundation Liaison: No report.
  - v. Town Board Liaison: Herrick stated that Klink and Hann are present to participate in budget discussions.
- V. Financial Reports:**
- a. August, 2023 invoices for \$55,371.71 were unanimously approved on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Vidas.
  - b. The August, 2023 Petty Cash Report for \$150.71 was approved unanimously on Motion by Herrick, seconded by Mesenbrink.
- VI. Unfinished Business:**  
None.

**VII. New Business:**

- a. The 2024 budget was discussed at length. Motion by Cull, seconded by Mesenbrink and unanimously approved to extend the meeting until 5:15pm. After additional discussion it was agreed to seek legal counsel regarding fiduciary responsibilities of library trustees. Motion by Cull, seconded by Ploch and unanimously approved to extend the meeting until 5:30pm.
- b. Indoor painting is needed; Motion by Ploch, seconded by Vidas and unanimously approved, that the custodian will paint on a room-by-room program to spread the expense over a number of months.
- c. Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Vidas and unanimously approved, to close the library from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm on September 29 for a staff education day.
- d. Iyengar presented her Smart Goals for 2023 and her achievement of the goals.
- e. Ploch announced she will resign as a trustee at the end of 2023.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm on Motion by Cull, seconded by Rogers Blum, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L Rogers Blum  
Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Library Board of Trustees  
October 16, 2023 at the Town Hall Library at 3:45 pm