

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2024 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 3:46 pm by President Cull. Also attending were Trustees Mesenbrink, Rogers Blum, Ruck, Vidas, and Library Director Iyengar.
- II. Public Input:**
None.
- III. Consent Agenda:**
- a. The Minutes of the December 18, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved on Motion by Cull, seconded by Ruck.
 - b. The Statistics report was approved as presented; there has been a steady increase in all areas, and overall statistics for 2023 look good.
- IV. Committee Reports:**
- i. Director's Report was accepted as presented, including:
 - December's program attendance was better than expected; the Spice Kit program is popular and will continue this year; Makerspace attendance is steady; a local author will present a program on January 20; Winter Story Time will begin on January 17.
 - Patronage of the Young Adult area has increased significantly. Reorganization of the Lower Level has provided some additional space for YA books. Iyengar will do some research on increasing the YA space and report at a future meeting.
 - ii. The Bridges Library System report was accepted as presented.
 - iii. Friends Liaison: Due to member retirements, moving, and other issues, the Friends Board no longer has the number of members needed to conduct its activities, and has put out a call for help from the Trustees, the Foundation, and the general membership. The Friends Board will meet again on February 12 to study the issue and determine the future of the organization and its functions.
 - iv. Foundation Liaison: No report.
 - v. Town Board Liaison: No report.
- V. Financial Reports:**
- a. December, 2023 invoices for \$54,137.94 were unanimously approved on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Ruck.
 - b. The December, 2023 Petty Cash Report for \$109.55 was approved unanimously on Motion by Rogers Blum seconded by Mesenbrink.
- VI. Unfinished Business:**
None.
- VII. New Business:**
- a. Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Cull to approve the Budget Amendment Resolution for 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion by Ruck, seconded by Cull, and unanimously approved to accept the bid from Culver's Painting for \$3,980.00 to paint the Upper Level of the Library.

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Ruck and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Rogers Blum
Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Library Board of Trustees
February 19 ,2024 at the Town Hall Library at 3:45 pm