

**MINUTES OF JULY 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 3:45 pm by President Cull. Also attending were Trustees Boettcher, Herrick, Mesenbrink, Rogers Blum, Stover, and Library Director Iyengar.
- II. Public Input:**  
None.
- III. Consent Agenda:**
- a. The Minutes of the June 17, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved on Motion by Cull, seconded by Boettcher.
  - b. The Statistics report was accepted as presented; it was noted that increased numbers were typical in Summer.
- IV. Committee Reports:**
- i. Director's Report was accepted as presented, including:
    - Summer Reading Program has 424 registrants.
    - Children's programs have been well attended and popular.
    - Weed barriers and mulch have been placed in all garden areas.
    - Eagle Scout Lucas Godgluck made two Adirondack chairs and a picnic bench which he donated to our Library.
    - The office manager resigned in order to accept a full-time position elsewhere. The opening will be advertised and interviews conducted.
    - In collaboration with Pantheon Industries in Stone Bank, two volunteers will assist the staff with various tasks.
  - ii. Friends Liaison: No report.
  - iii. Foundation Liaison: No report.
  - iv. Town Board Liaison: Herrick reported Town officials plan to meet with the County regarding revenue shortfalls and whether or not to exempt our Library.
  - v. School Board Liaison: No report.
- V. Financial Reports:**
- a. June, 2024 invoices for \$47,018.87 were unanimously approved on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Boettcher.
  - b. June, 2024 Petty Cash Report for \$71.39 was approved unanimously on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Boettcher.
- VI. Unfinished Business:**  
None.

**VII. New Business:**

- a. Discussion was held regarding digital sign installation. The Town Planner must be consulted before any decisions are made.
- b. A bid for tree removal and trimming was tabled until Iyengar contacts the Town's public works department to see if they will be able to do some or all of this work.
- c. Discussion regarding the 2025 budget. Herrick will present at a future meeting a letter from the Town's attorney regarding the Town's authority to use Library funds for other purposes and whether or not they will denote the library exempt or non-exempt. Herrick stated the revenue numbers should be available by the end of August or early in September.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02pm on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Cull and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Rogers Blum  
Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Library Board of Trustees  
August 26, 2024 at the Town Hall Library at 3:45 pm