

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 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 3:42 pm by President Cull. Also attending were Trustees Boettcher, Dolphin, Mesenbrink, Rogers Blum, Ruck, Stover, and Library Director Iyengar.
- II. Public Input:**  
None.
- III. Consent Agenda:**
- a. The Minutes of the July 15, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved on Motion by Cull, seconded by Boettcher.
  - b. The Statistics report was accepted as presented; it was suggested that the relatively new UdeMy service be highlighted in a newsletter so that patrons know it is available.
- IV. Committee Reports:**
- i. Director's Report was accepted as presented, including:
    - Summer statistics have been excellent; the summer reading program has been popular throughout all patron categories.
    - The system-wide program of travel adventure has been popular, as have our children's programs.
    - Michelle Milford has been hired as office manager.
  - ii. Bridges Library System:
    - Karol Kennedy presented an overview of county library funding and Waukesha County minimum to exempt to the Town of Merton Board.
    - Online Trustee training sessions will be held this week.
  - iii. Friends Liaison: No report.
  - iv. Foundation Liaison: No report.
  - v. Town Board Liaison: No report.
  - vi. School Board Liaison:
    - North Lake School is celebrating its 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year; the library will collaborate on events being planned. Iyengar will also collaborate on an outreach for parents of new open enrollment students.
- V. Financial Reports:**
- a. July, 2024 invoices for \$52,650.23 were unanimously approved on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Boettcher.
  - b. July, 2024 Petty Cash Report for \$143.80 was approved unanimously on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Ruck.
- VI. Unfinished Business:**  
None.

**VII. New Business:**

- a. Discussion was held regarding the 2025 budget.

At 5:04 p.m., Motion by Cull, seconded by Rogers Blum, to extend the meeting to 5:25 p.m., carried unanimously.

Motion by Cull, seconded by Rogers Blum, to approve the 2025 budget as presented by Iyengar. Motion passed unanimously.

The Trustees then discussed their duties and responsibilities should the Town of Merton decline to vote in favor of exempt status for the library.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. on Motion by Cull, seconded by Boettcher and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Rogers Blum  
Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Library Board of Trustees  
September 16, 2024 at the Town Hall Library at 3:45 pm