

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN HALL LIBRARY
TOWN OF MERTON, WISCONSIN**

JULY 21, 2025

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm by President Cull. Also attending were Trustees Dolphin, Fleming, Mesenbrink, Rogers Blum, Ruck, and Library Director Iyengar.
- II. Public Input:** None.
- III. Consent Agenda:**
- a. The Minutes of the June 16, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved on Motion by Cull, seconded by Dolphin.
 - b. The Statistics report was accepted as presented.
- IV. Committee Reports:**
- i. Director's Report:
 - Statistics for June increased in all categories, and also increased from June of last year. Program attendance also increased last month.
 - The Summer Reading Program has registered 462 children and 51 adults. We have seen many patrons from other communities participating in the Journey of Dragons program; the Snake Discovery and Touch-A-Truck programs were very popular, and our Makerspace continues to be very popular at all times of the day.
 - A number of programs will be presented in July; programs for children and young adults are quite popular; adult programs, however, have not had good attendance.
 - Strategic planning surveys have been posted on the web site and sent electronically; print copies are available at the library until August 1. WiLS consultants will meet with this board on July 30 at 1:00 pm; questionnaires have been shared with library staff.
 - Iyengar and Trustee Fleming met with a roofing company for an inspection of the roof; hail damage was noted. The Town Board approved filing an insurance claim. Iyengar and Fleming will meet with an insurance inspector on July 22.
 - The painter will begin work on the outside of the building the first week of August.
 - ii. Bridges Library System:
 - The reports were accepted as presented.
 - iii. Friends Liaison:
 - Rogers Blum stated the Friends will not meet again until August; she had no report.
 - iv. Foundation Liaison:
 - No report.
 - v. Town Board Liaison:
 - Roof damage report as noted in Director's report.
 - vi. School Board Liaison:
 - No report.

V. Financial Reports:

- a. June, 2025 invoices for \$49,535.96 were unanimously approved on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Ruck.
- b. June, 2025 petty cash report for \$233.00 was approved unanimously on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Mesenbrink.

VI. Unfinished Business:

None.

VII. New Business:

- a. 2026-2030 strategic planning was discussed, as were increasing costs and decreasing revenue which are anticipated.
- b. Digital content and databases were next discussed. Hoopla was eliminated on August 12; it will not be replaced.
- c. The certificate of deposit for the fund balance has been renewed for nine months.
- d. The operating budget for 2026 was discussed; we do not yet have revenue information.
- e. In future meetings the trustees will discuss priorities for a 5-year capital budget plan.

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm on Motion by Cull, Seconded by Ruck and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Rogers Blum
Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Library Board of Trustees
August 18, 2025 at the Town Hall Library at 3:45 pm

