

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

JUNE 15, 2026

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm by President Mesenbrink. Also attending were Trustees Cull, Dolphin, Fleming, Haas, Rogers Blum, Ruck, and Library Director Iyengar.
- II. Public Input:** Iyengar reported some teen patrons have asked for an area with comfortable furniture where they can read and play games. She said a patron from Sussex told her that our library has the best programs and is the best library in the area.
- III. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes of the May 18, 2026 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 remain level; attendance at children's programs has increased significantly because children's librarian Matt Amenda visited many schools to promote the summer reading program.
 - The summer reading program had a great kickoff registration, and she hopes this year will exceed last year's record-breaking participation.
 - Many varied and interesting programs are being offered in June; she anticipates continued good attendance.
 - Garden care continues to be a problem, as she continues to have to weed and water. The master gardeners have not responded to her request for help. Mulch has been replenished. Iyengar will look for a person to hire for garden help for 5 to 10 hours a week.
 - Modernization quotes have been requested from several companies for the young adult area to make it more welcoming and comfortable for teen patrons.
 - The Friends of the Library are working on a Library Quilt. They have provided materials to community members who will make quilt squares relating to the library.
 - ii. Bridges Library System:

The reports were accepted as presented.
 - iii. Friends Liaison:

The Annual Meeting event qualified for a \$2,500 grant from Modern Woodmen, which was used to fund the summer reading program.
The Friends are planning an October event celebrating the library's 60th birthday.
 - iv. Foundation Liaison:

No report. Mesenbrink will contact Mary Lou Findley for an update.
 - v. Town Board Liaison:

No report.
(Mesenbrink stated that when she speaks with Chairman Klink, he always emphasizes he hopes the Town and the Library Board will work together.)
 - School Board Liaison:

No report.

V. Financial Reports:

- a. May, 2026 invoices for \$75,526.83 were unanimously approved on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Dolphin.
- b. May, 2026 petty cash report for \$98.00 was approved unanimously on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Ruck.

V. Unfinished Business:

a. Following last month's discussion about earning more interest on library funds, Iyengar reported statutes require library funds other than gifts, endowments, or donations, are to be deposited only in FDIC insured institutions. Motion by Cull, seconded by Rogers Blum and unanimously approved, to talk with the town to request that our board choose how our funds are apportioned on our budget.

b. Two samples prepared by library staff of promotional information to be included with the Town tax bills were considered. The sample with the smaller photo of the library building was chosen unanimously on Motion by Cull, seconded by Mesenbrink.

VII. New Business:

- a. Since Waukesha County has appointed a new member to our board, we have one more than the approved number of voting members. Motion by Mesenbrink, seconded by Rogers Blum, to table this issue until all board members are in attendance at a meeting. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Mesenbrink, to amend the Annual Report for 2025 to correct how the Foundation's donation for the electronic sign was listed. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm on Motion by Dolphin, seconded by Fleming and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Rogers Blum
Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Library Board of Trustees
July 20, 2026 at the Town Hall Library at 3:45 pm