

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Draft Minutes of the Village Board Meeting January 10, 2023

**Item 1. Call to Order:** The Village of Merrimac Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Village President Phil Budde at 5:00PM. Village Trustees Andrew Gallus, Jim Malmberg, George Naxera, and Kirk Olson were present. Also in attendance were Administrator Jennie Klecker, Director of Public Works Justin Schultz, Village Assistant Margaret Budde and members of the public as listed on the sign-in sheet. President Budde examined the affidavit of posting and confirmed that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

**Item 2. Public Input:** Cheryl Anderson suggested that the Village continue tradition and hold the 2023 Merrimac Community Festival on August 5<sup>th</sup> – the first Saturday in August. She recommended early planning for the festival should begin in February. Phil Budde gave an update on the Buffardi Rip Rap project with a handout showing the proposed project that was approved by the Board on 10/11/2022 alongside post construction photos from 11/27/22. Mr. Budde pointed out that it appears the rip rap is more extensive than the project proposed, and argued that the existing drainage and topography has been altered in a way that adversely affects the adjoining Natural Resource Conservancy property, which may be in violation of Village zoning ordinance. The Board agreed to place the topic on the February 14, 2023 Village Board meeting agenda.

**Item 3. Consent Agenda:** Gallus/Naxera motioned to approve items 3.a., 3.b., 3.c., 3.d. of the Consent Agenda as posted. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

### **Item 4. Approval of Village Bills:**

Gallus/Naxera motioned to approve payment of outstanding monthly bills as listed on items 4.i.-4.v. of the Agenda. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

### **Item 5. Electronic Speed Limit Sign Update:**

Trustee Olson gave an update on efforts to contact WISDOT regarding lowering the speed limit and placement of electronic speed limit signs on Hwy 78. Despite repeated attempts, WISDOT has not yet returned calls or responded to emails.

### **Item 6. Discussion on Purchasing Pallet Fork for Village Tractor:**

Naxera/Malmberg motioned to authorize DPW Schultz to purchase pallet forks for the Village tractor from Mid-State Equipment in the amount of \$950.00. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

### **Item 7. Report of the Administrator:**

7.a. Peterson Sanitation Contract; Gallus/Naxera motioned to authorize Administrator Klecker to sign the 5-year contract with Peterson Sanitation for Village garbage and recycling collection. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** 7.b. Caucus Information Handout; Administrator Klecker gave the Board an informational hand-out as a refresher on Village caucus procedures ahead of the Saturday caucus meeting.

### **Item 8. Report of the Director of Public Works:**

8.a. Dump Truck Updates; The new Dump Truck has arrived and is now in full service. 8.a.i. Safety Lights; Strobe lights have been installed to increase safety and visibility. 8.a.ii Snow Plow Flaps; Snow plow flaps have been added to prevent snow and gravel from piling up on the hood. 8.a.iii Salt Spreader; The Salt Spreader is scheduled to be installed tomorrow. 8.b. Huber Fine Screen Maintenance – Energenecs Quote; Gallus/Naxera motioned to authorize DWP Schultz to hire

Energenecs to provide routine maintenance on the Huber Fine Screen at the WWTP in the amount of \$2,883.80. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

### **Item 9. Report of the Village Assistant:**

9.a. Wellhouse No. 1 Project: Confirmation of Bid Award and Authorization for Notice to Proceed; Naxera/Gallus motioned to confirm award of Wellhouse No. 1 Improvements Project to Mid-City Corporation in the amount of \$406,450, as decided at the December 13, 2022 Board Meeting. Naxera/Gallus motioned to authorize President Budde or Administrator Klecker to approve Notice to Proceed, if they deem it advantageous or necessary. 9.b. Wellhouse No. 1 Preconstruction Meeting 1/16/2023; A pre-construction meeting will be held at 10:00am at Village Hall on January 16, 2023 with Representatives from Strand and Mid-City Corp in attendance as well as Administrator Klecker, DPW Schultz, Village Assistant Budde, Trustee Gallus and President Budde.

**Item 10. Adjourn:** At 5:37pm Gallus/Naxera motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

## Draft Minutes of the Village of Merrimac Caucus January 14, 2023

The Village of Merrimac Caucus Meeting was called to order at 9:00AM in Village Hall by Village President Phil Budde, serving as Caucus Chairperson. Village Trustees Andrew Gallus, Jim Malmberg, George Naxera, and Kirk Olson were present. Also in attendance were Administrator Klecker, Deputy Clerk Spradlin and members of the public as listed on the sign-in sheet. After examining the affidavit of posting and confirming that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory

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requirements, Caucus Chairperson Budde stated the following: "The purpose of this caucus is to secure nominations of candidates for the position of Village President and Two Village Trustees whose terms will expire on the third Tuesday of April, 2023." After announcing the method of breaking a tie, should there be a vote, will be to hold a second vote, Chairperson Budde called for the nomination of two Caucus Tellers. Andrew Gallus/Margaret Budde motioned to nominate Ron Senger as Caucus Teller. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** George Naxera/Andrew Gallus motioned to nominate Margaret Budde as Caucus Teller. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Chairperson Budde called for nominations by acclamation for candidates for the position of Village President. George Naxera/Margaret Budde motioned to nominate Andrew Gallus. Upon hearing no further nominations, Chairperson Budde declared Village President nominations closed. Chairperson Budde then called for nominations for candidates for the position of Village Trustee. George Naxera/Andrew Gallus called for the nomination of Kirk Olson. George Naxera/Jim Malmberg called for the nomination of Nate Taylor. Ron Senger/Andrew Gallus called for the nomination of Margaret Budde. Upon hearing no further nominations, Chairperson Budde declared Village Trustee nominations closed. Naxera/Gallus motioned to close all nominations. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** At 9:04 AM Gallus/Malmberg motioned to adjourn the caucus. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennie Klecker  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Next Board Meeting  
**February 14, 2023**  
5:00 PM @ Village Hall

**2023 Dog & Cat License Reminder**

Village Ordinances require all dogs & cats over the age of 5 months be licensed each year. Fees below:

	DOGS	CATS
Neutered or Spayed	\$7.00	\$4.00
Unaltered	\$12.00	\$8.00

**AA Meetings**  
Wednesday Evenings 7:00  
@ Merrimac Village Hall. Questions?  
Contact Chuck @ 608-795-0050

**Senior Fitness Program**  
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays,  
9:30 – 10:00am  
Merrimac Village Hall  
*Join us anytime! Only \$10*



Merrimac Community  
Blood Drive

Merrimac Village Hall  
100 Cook Street

Friday, February 24, 2023  
11:00AM – 4:00PM



Spring Primary Election  
Tuesday, February 21, 2023



Polls Open  
7:00am – 8:00pm

Merrimac Village Hall  
100 Cook Street  
Questions? Call 608-493-2122

Winter Brush Pick-up Dates  
**February 8, March 8, April 12**  
*4 feet wide by 4 feet high, up to 8 feet long with brush stacked parallel to and near the road*

2nd Annual  
Moon Valley Fisheree

Saturday, February 18, 2023  
7:00AM – 3:00PM




Sponsored by  
**Merrimac Snow Busters**

**Day of Registration:** 6:30AM at Moon Valley Boat Landing.  
**Entry Fee:** \$20 per person – 100% of entry fees will fund prizes.  
**50/50 raffle & other raffles to benefit:** Sawyer Martin BE KIND SP 33 & Kyle Ertmer Skilled trade Scholarship.  
Questions? Call (608) 438-2857.  
Special Thanks to H's Place, McFarlanes', & Wilderness Fish and Game for their support!

Fall/Winter Street Parking

Vehicles cannot be left between **2AM to 8AM** on the even numbered side of the street on the even numbered calendar days, and on the odd numbered side of the street on the odd numbered calendar days.



Snow Removal

Clearing snow from sidewalks and ensuring access to mailboxes is the property owner's responsibility pursuant to Village Ordinance 129-5. Sidewalks shall be cleared within 24 hours following the end of a snowfall event. **If walks are not cleared within 48 hours, the Village will clear the walks and bill the homeowner for this service.**