

VILLAGE VOICE

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Draft Minutes of the Village Board Meeting January 9, 2024

Item 1. Call to Order: The Village of Merrimac Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Village President Andrew Gallus at 5:30pm. Village Trustees Margaret Budde, Jim Malmberg, George Naxera, and Nate Taylor were present. Also in attendance were Administrator Jennie Klecker, Deputy Clerk Amy Pieplow-Stevens, Director of Public Works Justin Schultz, and members of the public, as listed on the sign-in sheet. President Gallus examined the affidavit of posting and confirmed that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

Item 2. Public Input: Administrator Klecker invited all Trustees and residents to attend the upcoming Friday Night Eco-Flicks, sponsored by Green Merrimac, on January 26, at 6:30 PM at Village Hall. Two additional movie events are scheduled for February 23 and March 22.

Item 3. Review Consent Agenda: Malmberg/Gallus motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 4. Approval of Village Bills: Naxera/Taylor motioned to approve payment of outstanding monthly bills as listed on items 4.i.-4.iv. of the Agenda. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 5. Original Alcohol Beverage License Application for Class "B" Beer & "Class B" Liquor: Olson Properties of Merrimac, LLC at 327 Palisade Street. Gallus motioned to approve Original Alcohol Beverage License Application for Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor and grant license to Olson Properties of Merrimac, LLC at 327 Palisade Street. Trustee Budde motioned to add that the Board will exempt Olson

Properties of Merrimac, LLC from the provisions of Ordinance No. 2023-05-01 Continuation of Business for a period of 12 months to allow to renovations. Naxera 2nd. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 6. Street Opening & ROW Permit Application DRAFT and Fee Review: Taylor/Budde motioned to table item 6 until the February Board meeting to allow more time for research and revisions to the draft application.

Item 7. Lights and Landscaping for new "Welcome to Merrimac" Signs: President Gallus suggested the Village install lights and rock landscaping around the new Village of Merrimac signs, which are scheduled to be installed next week. DPW Schultz will seek a quote from Mayberry electric.

Item 8. Report of the Director of Public Works: 8.a. Well Vibrations Repaired; CTW performed work and installed shims at the Wellhouse to reduce/remove the excessive vibrations that have been present since the inspection last summer. 8.b. Mid City Corporation to begin Well No. 1 Rehab January 8 & 9; Mid City began Well No. 1 Rehab today by removing and replacing the scale, polyphosphate pump, bleach pump, bleach tank, piping, and removing and filling in old engine stand. DPW Schultz also reported that green safety lights have been installed on the red Dodge and the white dump truck lights will be finished next week. Final paperwork and approvals are almost complete to allow the Village to land spread septage from the WWTP.

Item 9. Report of the Administrator: 9.a. Sauk Prairie Child Care Center - Letter of Support; Malmberg/Gallus motioned to approve sending letter of support for the Sauk Prairie Child Care Center with no financial donation. Gallus, Malmberg, Naxera and Taylor, Ayes. Budde Nay. **Motion Carried.**

Item 10. Adjourn: At 6:48pm, Naxera/Taylor motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Draft Minutes of the Village Caucus Meeting January 13, 2024

The Village of Merrimac Caucus Meeting was called to order at 9:03am in Village Hall by Village President Andrew Gallus, serving as Caucus Chairperson. Village Trustees Margaret Budde, Jim Malmberg, George Naxera, and Nate Taylor were present. Also in attendance were Administrator Jennie Klecker, Deputy Clerk Amy Pieplow-Stevens 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 requirements, Caucus Chairperson Gallus stated the following: "The purpose of this caucus is to secure nominations of candidates for the position of two Village Trustees whose terms will expire on the third Tuesday of April, 2024." Caucus Chairperson Gallus called for the nomination of two Caucus Tellers. Ron Senger/Margaret Budde motioned to nominate Tim Klecker as Caucus Teller. Ron Senger/Margaret Budde motioned to nominate Phil Budde as Caucus Teller. **Motions Carried.** Caucus Chairperson Gallus called for nominations by acclamation for candidates for the position of Village Trustee. Kurt Selje/George Naxera motioned to nominate Jim Ziegler. Margaret Budde/Andrew Gallus motioned to nominate Jim Malmberg. Ron Senger/Tim Klecker motioned to nominate Stan Senger. Upon hearing no further nominations, Caucus Chairperson Gallus declared Village Trustee nominations closed. Margaret Budde/George Naxera motioned to close

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all nominations. At 9:06 AM, Nate Taylor/Margaret Budde motioned to adjourn the caucus. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennie Klecker

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Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer



2024 Dog & Cat License Reminder

Village Ordinances require all dogs & cats over the age of 5 months be licensed no later than **April 1st** of each year. Dog and cat licenses may be purchased at Village Hall or by mail. If mailing, please include a stamped, self-addressed, envelope. Please provide a proof of rabies **vaccination certificate** along with the appropriate fee shown below:

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

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.**

2024 Election Schedule

No February Primary for the Village of Merrimac!

Spring Election - April 2, 2024
Partisan Primary - August 13, 2024
General Election - November 5, 2024



Show the earth some love this Valentine's Day by following these heartfelt tips:

1. A beautiful bouquet of roses is a staple for Valentine's Day, but can have hidden environmental costs. Most flower bouquets have been shipped long distances, which creates a high carbon footprint for a gift that can only be enjoyed for a week. Consider giving a potted plant instead.
2. Keep it sweet with fair-trade chocolate. Fair-trade chocolate is sourced in a responsible way for the farmers, wildlife and the environment. You can find fair-trade chocolate online or in many stores - just look for the certification stamp on the wrapper.
3. Instead of a store-bought Valentine's Day card, make a card with materials you already have on hand. Something homemade is guaranteed to be a lovely surprise. If you're a parent, help your kids make eco-friendly classroom cards by looking for cards made with recycled paper, or go DIY and make them yourself from recycled cardboard.



Friday Nite Eco-Flicks

**Friday, February 26th
6:30pm at Village Hall**

Green Merrimac kindly invites you to attend a showing of the documentary film "Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story." Filmmakers and food lovers Jenny and Grant delve into issues of food waste, from farm, to retail to the darkest corners of their own fridge and freezer. They vow to stop buying groceries and live solely off of discarded food. Run time: 75 minutes.
Light refreshments provided

Next Village Board Meeting

February 13, 2024

5:30 PM @ Village Hall

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



Recycling Pickup Dates:

February 5 & 19

Brush Pick-up Date

February 14th

4 feet wide by 4 feet high, up to 8 feet long with brush stacked parallel to and near the road.

ALL ABOARD 4K Registration

**Monday, February 19
Open House 3:30 - 6:30pm**



Presentations every hour starting at 4:00pm. No RSVP necessary.

Location: Community Center
(730 Monroe Street, Sauk City)

Learn about the District's 4K program and enroll your child for the 2024-2025 school year.