

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of February 11, 2020

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Village President Phil Budde at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Garry Bahe, Jim Malmberg, George Naxera, and Jeff Rasmussen. Bob Geenen, Village Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer, was also present.

President Budde examined the affidavit of posting and verified that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

### Public Input:

Trustee Naxera noted a local radio station 92.5 may broadcast live from the Merrimac Community Festival on the first Saturday of August this year.

### Discussion of Plan Commission Recommendation:

The conditional use permit for a larger storage outbuilding by Ethan Kent lot 151-0304 on Lu Foster Lane was discussed at the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The consensus was the excess 80 sq. ft. size for storage was acceptable with a recommendation: Move the outbuilding far north as possible and plant trees at the original location in the event it is moved back to current position (Passing 3-1). Ethan Kent and his neighbor Mike Cummings attended

& spoke at the table. Mr. Cummings asked that the building remain where it is located having agreement with Mr. Kent that it is fine where it is. Mike did apologize for not attending the plan commission meeting and that too much concern has been made of the situation. Budde/no second: Move as far north as possible but no less than the original location on the submitted plans. Motion failed without a second. Naxera/Malmberg moved to approve the building at current location for the purpose of storage and be painted. **Motion carried with 3 Ayes; 2 abstaining.**

Bob noted a 2018 Menards credit was applied earlier in the day to the outstanding balance & no check was needed. Payments of the Village's outstanding bills were amended to make the following changes: the General Village amount to \$17,702.82; the Sewer Utility amount to \$4,010.45; the Water Utility amount to \$698.45. Phil noted the prepaid expenses on the In Progress check report was \$431,156.07.

Rasmussen/Bahe moved to approve payment of the bills as amended and clarification total of the prepaid expenses as listed on the Reprint Check Register report. Upon roll call vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

Monthly financial reports (Balance Sheets & Budget Comparison by fund) for the Water, Sewer, and General Funds for the month of January 2020 will not be available

until the final 2019 year-end compilation report is completed by Wegner CPAs.

Bahe/Malmberg moved to approve the Minutes from the January 14, 2020 Village Board Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Jim Malmberg offered to lead (not participate in a village SWOT discussion of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. A varied makeup of 12-15 residents would discuss these areas and create a two-three page document. The SWOT document than can be used as a resource for Village future planning and updating the Comprehensive Plan. This would be coordinated through the Plan Commission upon the return of Tom Gallus. Naxera/Rasmussen moved to begin this process. **Motion Passed.**

Naxera/Bahe moved for Administrator to Apply for the Alliant Energy Grant for playground equipment at Voll Park on Lake View Avenue. **Motion Passed.**

**Administrator's Report:** Bob provided to the Board members copies of the materials as listed on the agenda except Fees for Services staff review due to recent snow. Although approved in 2020 budget; motion by Bahe/Rasmussen for \$500 of support to the Oak Hill Cemetery Association. Upon roll call vote, all ayes, **motion carried.** Board extends a note of thanks to the association.

Minutes Cont.

**Water & Sewer Operations:**

Residential outbuilding could be located within a village water main easement between Lu Foster Lane & Weynand Road. Bob to review.

**Pending Planning & Zoning Items:**

Bob to route Short Term rental documents from attorney to trustees. Recruiting locals with various perspectives for participation in SWOT analysis in April.

Bahe/Naxera moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

**PLEASE REMEMBER**  
**Alternate-Side Parking**

To aid the Village's staff in winter snow removal from our streets, the Village's alternate-side parking policy is now effect for the season.

On odd-numbered days, residents must park on the odd-numbered side of the street. On even-numbered days, residents shall park on the even-numbered side of the street. We thank you all for your cooperation throughout the winter season!

**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.

**PRESIDENTIAL  
PREFERENCE PRIMARY  
AND  
SPRING ELECTION  
VOTE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

**POLLING PLACE: VILLAGE HALL  
100 COOK STREET  
HOURS: 7:00 am to 8:00 pm  
TWO POSITIONS FOR VILLAGE  
TRUSTEE ARE ON THIS BALLOT**

**Driveways and Culverts**

If a culvert runs under your driveway not only do you own that culvert, it is your responsibility to keep it clear and in operating condition. It is very similar to the responsibility of any village property owner has to keep an adjacent storm drain clear.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

We encourage you to do so before Election Day. Please call or stop by the Village office to obtain a Voter Registration form.



**REWARD!!!**

*Happy  
Residents*

**Please help us keep our Village  
clean –**

**Pick up your pet's mess  
& dispose of properly!!**

**Thank You!**

Village Ordinance 47-9 Animal Defecation

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Village Board**  
**Tues, March 10 @ 6:00 PM**  
100 Cook Street Village Hall

**MERRIMAC COMMUNITY  
FESTIVAL**

The 2020 Community Festival Committee is holding monthly planning meetings at 6:30 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Village Hall.

For info contact Leis Docken at:

[msleis1960@gmail.com](mailto:msleis1960@gmail.com)  
**Next Meetings: March 12<sup>th</sup>  
April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Brush Pick-Up Date**

**Wed. MARCH 18**

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

**For the winter months, brush pick-up is done once a month through April 2020**

**METALS**

*Can be dropped off behind the Village Hall near the storage building or trailer of metal. NO PLASTIC or TV's.*

**Upcoming ADRC**

Wed. 10 AM at Village Hall  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>  
May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Pam Fuchs, ADRC  
Baraboo/Sauk County

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**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**