

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Draft Minutes of the Village Board Meeting April 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 Deputy Clerk Amy Pieplow-Stevens, DPW 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:** Cheryl Anderson spoke about Green Merrimac's Earth Day Street Cleanup to be held on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00am to Noon. She encouraged residents and Board Members to participate. She asked the Board for their continued support for a Low Mow May policy of not requiring 4 inch lawn length until June 1st.

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

**Item 4. Approval of Village Bills:** Budde/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. WWTP Solar Project:** Budde/Gallus motioned to have The Village of Merrimac decline to enter into the proposed General Contract for Services with Olson Solar Energy, based on the Village attorney's advice regarding the contractor's proposed Agreement and based on concerns regarding the proposed approach for the panel support structure. All Ayes, **Motion**

**Carried.** Budde/Taylor motioned to authorize Trustee Budde to perform inquiry into the second lowest bidder for the proposed WWTP Solar Project, All Sky Energy. All Ayes. **Motions Carried.**

**Item 6. School Street Project RFP:** The Trustees discussed the pros and cons of having a local referendum added to the November 2, 2024 General Election ballot to fund the School Street repair (with added sidewalk) project. The design, cost, and scope of engineering will need to be determined before making a decision on how to fund the project. Gallus/Taylor motioned to authorize sending School Street RFP to Strand Associates, GEC, Grothman & Associates, and MSA. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

**Item 7. Report of the Director of Public Works:** 7.a. Sludge Pumping West Tank at WWTP; DPW reported successfully pumping 90,000 gallons of sludge and spreading on neighboring farm fields, a total of 21 loads. He asked the Board to budget for the East Tank next year. 7.b. Lift 8 Check Valve Replacements; Budde/Gallus motioned to authorize staff to purchase from Crane Engineering Sales the following items for Senger Lift Station 8: two 4" check valves, two 4" plug valves, and necessary hardware and spacers, up to \$7,000, for expected delivery in August. Upon Roll Call Vote. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

**Item 8. Report of the Administrator:** Deputy Clerk Amy Pieplow-Stevens gave the Report of the Administrator, as Administrator Klecker was not present. 8.a. Fishing University; Charlie Ingram, host of the TV show, "Fishing University" contacted the Village with interest in filming a show here on Lake Wisconsin in Merrimac. There are some hosting fees associated with the proposal. Administrator Klecker and Sauk Prairie Chamber of Commerce Director, Tywana

German will be having a zoom call with him next week to discuss further details. 8.b. Board of Review & Open Book Dates; Budde/Naxera motioned to hold open book on May 1 from 1:00-3:00pm and Board of Review on May 15 from 1:00-3:00pm. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** 8.c. Assign Trustee to Complete Board of Review Training; Budde/Naxera motioned to select Trustee-Elect Stan Senger to complete 2024 Board of Review Training. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** 8.d. Liquor License Quota; At the request of the owner of the Varsity Club, Administrator Klecker researched archived Board records to determine exactly how many "Class B" Liquor Licenses are available to the Village. She is confident the Village has 4.

**Item 9. Resolution 2024-04-01 Honoring George Naxera for His Outstanding Service to the Village of Merrimac:** The Board expressed their gratitude to George for his lengthy tenure as Village Trustee. President Gallus read aloud Resolution 2024-04-01 Honoring George Naxera for His Outstanding Service to the Village of Merrimac. Budde/Taylor motioned to approve. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Trustee Naxera was presented a framed copy of the resolution as a token of the community's appreciation.

**Item 10. Swearing in of Elected Officials:** President Gallus administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Trustee, Stan Senger and re-elected Trustee Jim Malmberg. Their two-year terms begin on April 16, 2024.

**Item 11. Adjourn:** At 6:30pm, Naxera/Budde motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennie Klecker



Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

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

Next Village Board Meeting

**May 14, 2024**

5:30 PM @ Village Hall

**AA Meetings**

Wednesday Evenings 7:00

@ Merrimac Village Hall

Questions?

Contact Chuck @ 608-795-0050



Recycling Pickup Dates:

**May 13 & \*TUES\* May 28**

(No Pickup on Memorial Monday)

Brush Pick-up Date

**May 8 & 22**

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

Scrap metal recycling is available at Village Hall. Please place items in the dumpster located in the Village Hall parking lot.

**METAL ONLY! No TV's Please!**

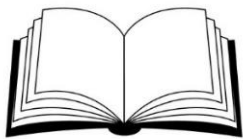
**2024 Election Schedule**

Partisan Primary - August 13, 2024

General Election - November 5, 2024

**Open Book: May 1, 2024**

1:00-3:00pm



**Board of Review: May 15, 2024**

1:00-3:00pm

@ Merrimac Village Hall



**and the Village of Merrimac Supports Low Mow May to help protect pollinators!**



**Want to join the Festival Team?**

**Next Meeting is May 8, 5:00pm  
At Village Hall**

**Merrimac Fire & Rescue  
Annual Pancake Breakfast**



**Saturday, May 25th**

7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

120 School Street

*All you can eat breakfast!*

\$10 Adults, \$5 Kids Age 4-8

3 & Under FREE

Carry outs available.

**Merrimac Women's Club:**

Our first 2 meetings have had small attendance but it has been a very enjoyable experience. Our May meeting will be Thursday May 2nd. We plan to meet at Fitz's on the Lake in Okee at 11:00 for lunch. To join us, please RSVP to Ann at (608) 493-9444 so we can let them know how many will be coming. Our future meetings will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Merrimac Village Hall from 9:00 - Noon, unless we notify you otherwise. We look forward to seeing you at Fitz's. Thanks! - Ann H.

**MEMORIAL DAY  
PARADE**

Monday, May 27, 2024  
7:00am at the Fire Station

Village Hall will be closed on  
**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
in Observance of  
Memorial Day



**Merrimac  
Fire & Rescue**

Where Service

Runs in Families

Merrimac Fire & Rescue isn't just a family. **We're a family of families**, with traditions of service going back to 1952. Our current roster includes family names where several members have served over the years, names you probably recognize:

**Zurbuchen, Gallus, Jensen, Schultz, Ostrowsky, Palmer and Muth.** So, when members Heather and Kevin got married in 2019, we were proud to add yet another family name: **MacIntyre.**



Are you looking to serve your community and become part of a family of families?

JOIN OUR FAMILY

You need us. We need you.



Kevin MacIntyre & Heather Muth, fighting fire together in 2018