

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board May 11, 2021

The Village Board meeting was called to order in the Village Hall Large Meeting Room by Village President Phil Budde at 5:00 p.m. Board members Jim Malmberg, Andrew Gallus, George Naxera, and Kirk Olson were present. Administrator Brian Mooney, Public Works Director Justin Schultz Village, and Village Assistant Margaret Budde were present. Members of the public in attendance were Cheryl Anderson, Bart Olson, Amy Buffardi, Bob Pfaff and Tim Klecker.

Item 1. Call to Order:

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

Item 2. Public Input:

President Budde took a moment to welcome the new Village Trustees and thanked Trustee Gallus for having already completing a Board of Review training for the Village. Mr. Budde inquired as to whether there was any public input. Receiving none, Mr. Budde moved on to Agenda Item 3.

Item 3. Consent Agenda:

Malmberg/Gallus moved to approve items 3a, 3b., 3c., and 3d. of the Consent Agenda as posted. **Motion Carried** Next, Mr. Mooney informed the Board of a recommended Motion regarding funds transfers. Mr. Mooney requested a motion to allow

the transfer of LGIP state-paid revenue funding one-time (\$57,105.75), and continuing as revenues are deposited, to be moved to the Village's Bank of Prairie du Sac General Fund checking account, along with moving \$30,000.00 from the Bank of Prairie du Sac's Water fund to the State of Wisconsin LGIP's Water Fund. Olson/Gallus moved to authorize as requested. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Item 4. Approval of Village Bills:

Gallus/Olson moved to approve payment of outstanding monthly bills as listed on items 4i-4iv of the Agenda. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried** Naxera/Malmberg moved to approved the Village's prepaid expenses as outlined on agenda in item 4v. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Item 5. Report of the Administrator:

Mr. Mooney began his report by notifying the Board that he had secured a loan with the Bank of Prairie du Sac to finance the purchase of a new zero-turn riding mower for the Village. The riding mower was delivered, and the Public Works crew has been very impressed with its abilities. Mr. Mooney inquired whether the Board would be willing to support a motion putting the old Village zero-turn mower up for public bid. Naxera/Olson moved to allow Village Staff to put the old mower up for public bid, with a minimum bid offer of \$1,000. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Mr. Mooney's next topic involved a follow-up from the prior month's meeting regarding recycling debris from Tim's Trucking pickups. Mr. Mooney informed the Board he spoke with Tim's Trucking, and they have assigned a new vehicle to the Village for recycling pick-up. There have been no reports of recycling debris since this vehicle change occurred.

Mr. Mooney informed the Board he had spoken with a representative from Verizon Wireless in regards to pursuing a cellular antenna on the Village's Water Tower. Mr. Mooney reached out to US Cellular, whom the Village has a contract for use of our Water Tower for antenna location use, to notify them of a potential second antenna being co-located on the tower. Mr. Mooney stated he would keep the Board informed on the Verizon site visit plan and potential contract developments.

Lastly, Mr. Mooney informed the Board that the terms the Village sought regarding an approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP) with Taylormade Tops had been reached. Mr. Mooney notified Taylormade of the CUP approval terms. Village of Merrimac Public Works Director Justin Schultz had visited the operations site and confirmed floor drain disconnections are in progress.

Item 6. Consider Appointment of Village Committee Chairs Village President:

President Budde introduced the next agenda item and discussed some of the recent Village Committee Chair

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appointments with the additions of two new Village Trustees. Mr. Budde notified the Board he spoke with Mr. Gallus and Mr. Olson and each has agreed, respectively, to Chair the Village Parks and Village Board of Appeals Committees. Mr. Budde proceeded to announce the updated membership ranks for the Board of Appeals Committee. Malmberg/Olson moved to approve the Committee ranks as announced, Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Mr. Budde next announced the membership ranks of the Village Parks Committee. Malmberg/Gallus moved to approve the Committee ranks as stated, Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Item 7. Water/Sewer Operations:

Village Assistant Mrs. Budde covered the Water/Sewer operations topics on the agenda. Mrs. Budde began her presentation by speaking to the annual requirement for the Board to be notified of the results of the Village's Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR). Mrs. Budde stated that, with the exception of the Village's Nitrogen levels, the CMAR stated the Village's ratings were very positive. Naxera/Olson moved to acknowledge the Village's CMAR 3.36 GPA, and to continue supporting Village staff in seeking cost effective methods to improve the Waste Water Treatment Plant's ability to meet effluent total Nitrogen limits. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes **Motion Carried**

Mrs. Budde next spoke to the Engineer findings on Village Lift Stations 6 and 8. Both Lift Stations were determined to be in need of repairs, but Mrs. Budde spoke to the more urgent needs identified on Lift Station 6 for priority updating. After discussion of the various identified improvements, Mrs. Budde stated she estimated the need for approval of up to \$23,000.00 to

address Lift Station 6. Mrs. Budde stated a public notice for this repair service bid will be posted per State of Wisconsin Statute requirements. Naxera/Olson moved to approve up to \$23,000.00 to repair Lu Foster Lift Station 6. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Mrs. Budde's next topic involved Strand Inc's preliminary findings on our Village well house. Mrs. Budde stated Strand identified numerous areas requiring modifications in well house electrical, equipment enhancement and building code needs. Mrs. Budde informed the Board she intends to assist in filing a Village Conventional Rate Case request with the Public Service Commission. These various upgrades at Well #1 coupled with DNR recommendations to pursue a second well within the Village, will continue to be addressed at Board Meetings.

Mrs. Budde's Utilities Section updates included notifying the Board that the Village Public Works staff had decided to select Core and Main as the new water meter provider to the Village. Core and Main water meters will begin to be placed on all new homes and scheduled meter replacement properties within the Village in the future.

Mrs. Budde last spoke to two recent maintenance updates. The Village had Crane Engineering out to our Wastewater Treatment Plant to repair a few valves and that work has now been completed. The final update was the Village's scheduled Water Tower maintenance and Tower Mixer installation will remain on the calendar for the first week of October, as originally planned.

Item 8. Adjourn:

At 6:20 pm Naxera/Olson moved that the meeting adjourn. **Motion Carried.**

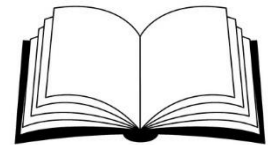
Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Mooney,
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Calendar Reminders

Next Board Meeting
June 8, 2021
5:00 PM @ VILLAGE HALL

Village of Merrimac Annual Open Book Session



Wednesday June 2, 2021
Village Hall 1:00-3:00PM

Village Board of Review
Wednesday June 9th
10am-Noon

AA Meetings

Wednesday Evenings
7:00 @
Memorial Park Pavilion
Questions? Contact Mike
@ 608-643-9521



**Merrimac Fire & Rescue
Annual Fireworks Show!**

Sunday, July 4th

- * Gate Opens at 5:00
- * Music & Concessions
- * Fireworks at Dusk

**Village Scag Mower
For Sale**

The Village is now accepting sealed bids for our 2005 Scag Mower until **Thursday, June 10 at 1:59 pm. Sealed bids will be opened beginning at 2:00pm.** It has a 61-inch deck with 1,400 Hours. It will be sold "as is" with no expressed or implied warrantee.

Email merrimac@merr.com with questions, or call the Village office. Details and photos will be posted to the Village website.

**WE WANT TO KNOW
WHAT YOU THINK!**

The Merrimac Community Festival Committee would like to invite all area residents and friends of Merrimac to participate in a quick survey regarding the 2022 Festival. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and ideas and help shape the future of the Merrimac Community Festival!

To participate in the survey, use your smart phone to scan the QR code or go to the Survey Monkey link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W2MBBNX>

*The survey runs May 26th – June 30th.
Results will be posted to the website.*



Remember:

*To set off fireworks in the village, you need a permit.
Email or call for details.*

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Village Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

*Have a safe & Happy
4th of July!*



BRUSH PICK-UP DATES

Wed. June 2nd

Wed. June 16th

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

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

**HWY 78 ROAD
CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

The Village staff will be posting weekly project updates to the website.

