

# VILLAGE VOICE

June 2021

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## Minutes of the Village Board June 8, 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, Village Public Works Director Justin Schultz, Village Deputy Clerk Jennie Klecker and Village Assistant Margaret Budde were present. Members of the public in attendance were Bart Olson, Bob Pfaff, Ron Senger and Vern and Marie Weisensel.

### **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:**

None.

### **Item 3. Consent Agenda:**

Naxera/Gallus moved to approve items 3a., 3b., 3c., 3d. and 3e. of the Consent Agenda as posted. **Motion Carried**

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

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

### **Item 5. Report of the Administrator:**

Mr. Mooney notified the Board that he had just received the final Village financial audit report and provided each Trustee with a copy of the summary report letter provided by Wipfli.

Mr. Mooney next briefed the Board on the Village's Open Book and scheduled Board of Review meetings. Mr. Mooney let the Board know the Open Book meeting took place on June 2, and the Board of Review will take place on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon. To date, the Village had not received any correspondences from residents looking to appear at the Board of Review.

Mr. Mooney's next topic was based on feedback from the Village's DNR Water Supply Engineer Ms. Kubly's recent visit. During Ms. Kubly's on-site review in the Village, she requested a copy of the most recent Emergency Water Operations Plan. Mr. Mooney informed Ms. Kubly he is in the process of updating the document, and will have the Trustees review and sign the new document and provide the DNR with this updated copy.

Mr. Mooney provided a quick update on the status of Verizon Wireless' intent to pursue an antenna on the Village's Water Tower. Mr. Mooney stated Verizon hoped to have a site visit within the next two weeks to inspect the Water Tower, and hoped to begin the process for a formal contract shortly thereafter. Mr. Mooney stated the terms of a lease contract with Verizon would need to be discussed with the Board. Mr.

Mooney will reach out to some of the local municipalities to determine co-location of Wireless antennas to see what course of action would be most beneficial for the Village.

Mr. Mooney's final topics included informing the Board of the recently posted 2022 Village Festival Survey. This survey is currently open for completion on the Village website, and encourages residents to provide feedback on what events they would like to see if the Village Festival returns in 2022. Flyers with QR code scanning options are posted at local businesses to seek a high level of participation and volunteers. Mr. Mooney will brief the Board on the results at a future Board Meeting.

Mr. Mooney's last item covered involved a recent property concern in the Lu Foster neighborhood. Mr. Mooney stated a letter was issued to a resident requesting adherence to Village Ordinances related to property maintenance. Mr. Mooney sought the advice of the Village Attorney in crafting this correspondence, and hopes to have the matter resolved in the coming weeks.

### **Item 6 Water/Sewer Operations:**

Village Assistant Mrs. Budde covered the Water/Sewer operations topics on the agenda. Margaret discussed the overall structure of the Village's finances, focusing on the water fund's revenues and expenses. She explained how the PSC evaluates our Water Utility's revenue needs, and how that will impact 2022 Utility Billing and the Tax Levy. She also stressed the

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importance of keeping our Water Utility finances healthy, to be able to afford the anticipated Well projects.

Naxera/Gallus moved to authorize the expenditure of approximately \$4,700 for LW Allen to rebuild Dosing Pump No.2 as listed on item 6A. b. of the agenda. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Naxera/Malmberg moved to amend the budget for Account Numbers 100-00-52205-000-000 and 600-00-46450-000-000, from \$41,587 to the correct value \$42,582, based on the PSC-calculated Fire Protection Charge as listed on item 6B. c. of the agenda. **Motion Carried**

Naxera/Olson moved to approve item 6F. i. of the agenda, Resolution 2021-01-06, authorizing the following; President and the Administrator to sign a Task Order with Strand Associates to proceed with the next steps for the Well Projects, President and Village Assistant to identify candidate parcels for siting well No. 2 and approach property owners regarding their interest, and the President to draft a Letter to Village Residents explaining the Water Utility's Well and Financing Needs, for inclusion with the June 2021 Utility Bills and Village Voice. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Malmberg/Naxera moved to approve item 6F. ii., Resolution 2021-02-06, to submit the Conventional Rate Case application to the PSC to secure adequate revenue for the Water Utility, and to transition to Property-Value-Based Direct Billing for Water Utility Public Fire Protection/Hydrant Rental Charges in early 2022, when the PSC has completed its rate case. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Naxera/Gallus moved to approve item 6F. iii., Resolution 2021-03-06, to

maintain the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) of \$5,955 for 2021 and 2022, unless changed by the Board by subsequent action. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

### **Item 8. Adjourn:**

At 7:00 pm Naxera/Olson moved that the meeting adjourn. **Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Mooney,  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

## **Calendar Reminders**

**Next Board Meeting**  
**July 13, 2021**  
5:00 PM @ VILLAGE HALL

**Village Hall Will Be Closed**  
**July 12-16**  
to allow office staff to attend the annual Clerk Treasurer Institute  
  
Email will be monitored for URGENT items and phone messages will be checked on a regular basis.



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

**Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

- \* Gate Opens at 5:00
- \* Music & Concessions
- \* Fireworks at Dusk
- \* \$5.00 a Car Load

**\$7116 Bluff Road, Merrimac**

**Remember:**  
*To set off fireworks in the village, you need a permit. Email or call for details.*  
[merrimac@merr.com](mailto:merrimac@merr.com)

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

## Merrimac Community Festival

Thank you to all who participated in the survey!

Results will be posted to the website in the coming weeks.

Next festival meeting is  
**July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
6:30PM @ Village Hall

## Sign Up Today!

The Village encourages all residents to sign up for Auto-Pay with e-Billing for monthly utilities.

See Village Website:  
[villageofmerrimac.org](http://villageofmerrimac.org)>  
utilities and billing>  
Direct Debit form & Email Bill  
Sign-Up,  
Or call Village Hall for more information

## Merrimac Fire and Rescue

Horseshoe & Bags  
Tournament  
& Brat Stand  
**Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Merrimac Memorial Park

\$10.00 Per Person  
Registration @9:00am  
Tournament @10:00am

Pre-register Horseshoe  
Contact Justin Schultz  
608-697-2862

Pre- register Bags Contact  
Ryan Schultz 608-697-6715

**Show your support for  
Merrimac Fire & Rescue!**

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### BRUSH PICK-UP DATES

Wed. July 7th

Wed. July 21st

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

### HWY 78 ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

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



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

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

*Have a safe & Happy  
4<sup>th</sup> of July!*





## **Important Information**

for

Village of Merrimac

Water Utility Customers:

The 2020 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

of the

**MERRIMAC WATERWORKS**

(Public Water System ID 15700938)

is now available.

**Official copies are posted in the following places:**

Villageofmerrimac.org/officialpostings

Merrimac Post Office

Merrimac Village Hall

**OR**

You may also request to receive a copy of the CCR

By mail, by email, or by hand.

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