

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Draft Minutes of the Village Plan Commission Meeting July 6, 2022

**Item 1. Call to Order:** The Village of Merrimac Plan Commission Meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Chairperson Malmberg at 5:00PM. Commission Members Present: Gallus, Garrison, Hoffman and Pfaff. Also in attendance were Administrator Klecker and members of the public, as listed on the sign-in sheet.

**Item 2. Public Input:** None

### **Item 3. Tom Luck Commercial Building:**

Garrison/Hoffman motioned to recommend approval of issuing a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Tom Luck for his proposed Commercial Building at 127 W. Main Street. The CUP designates the business type as "E-tail" and calls for (6) parking stalls, including (1) ADA Accessible for car or van parking. As Mr. Luck is still awaiting WISDOT approval for his Hwy 78 Driveway Application, the Plan Commission agreed that both submitted site plans should be approved, with preference to the Hwy 78 driveway location, rather than School St. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 4. Chicken Ordinance:** Hoffman/Pfaff motioned to recommend the Village Board approve Draft Chicken Ordinance No. 47-13 & 15, Series 2022. Upon Roll Call Vote of 4 ayes; 1 nay, **Motion Carried.**

### **Item 5. 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update:**

The Commission directed Administrator Klecker to contact the Comprehensive Plan S.W.O.T. analysis activity volunteers to check their availability to hold the event on Saturday, September 10, from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

**Item 6. Adjourn:** At 5:45pm, Hoffman/Pfaff motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

## Draft Minutes of the Village Board Meeting June 12, 2022

**Item 1. Call to Order:** The Village of Merrimac Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Village President Phil Budde at 5:00PM. Village Trustees Andrew Gallus, Jim Malmberg, George Naxera and Kirk Olson were present. Also in attendance were Administrator Jennie Klecker, Director of Public Works Justin Schultz and members of the public as listed on the sign-in sheet. President Budde examined the affidavit of posting and confirmed that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

**Item 2. Public Input:** Public comment was given with many residents expressing opinions both in favor and against the proposed Draft Chicken Ordinance. Nicole Hartman of the Festival Committee gave the Board an update on the festival planning, stating things were coming together very nicely.

**Item 3. Consent Agenda:** Malmberg/Gallus motioned to approve items 3.a., 3.b., 3.c., 3.d. of the Consent Agenda as posted. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 4. Approval of Village Bills:** Gallus/Naxera moved 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. Presentation by Bob Spencer, President of the Baraboo Bluffs**

**ATV/UTV Club:** Mr. Spencer gave a presentation regarding current ATV/UTV routes in Sauk County, and explained how The Baraboo Bluffs ATV/UTV Club could assist the Village with enacting an Ordinance regulating ATV/UTV usage on

Village streets, if they so choose. Malmberg/Gallus motioned to have the topic of an ATV/UTV Ordinance on the August agenda. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 6. Tom Luck Conditional Use Permit:** Naxera/Gallus motioned to approve Tom Luck's Conditional Use Permit for his property at 127 W. Main Street, as recommended by the Plan Commission. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 7. Pat Gallus to Speak on Chicken Ordinance:** Pat Gallus outlined several concerns regarding allowing the housing of chickens in the Village including; waste management and odor control, number of chickens allowed, ordinance enforcement and village staff resources.

**Item 8. Chicken Ordinance:** After lengthy discussion, Olson/Gallus motioned to table the topic until the next board meeting. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

### **Item 9. Report of the Administrator:**

9.a. Administrator Klecker informed the Board that the 2021 Financial Audit is complete and copies are available for review. 9.b. Olson/Gallus motioned to approve the Liquor License for Varsity club. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 9.c. Budde/Gallus motioned that the Village take no further action and formally reject the cell tower Land Lease Agreement presented by TowerNorth/Verizon. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 9.d. Naxera/Gallus motioned to authorize up to \$1,000 for the purchase of security cameras and signage to be installed at Memorial Park. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 9.e. Budde/Gallus motioned to table the topic of Garbage and Recycling Quotes to the next meeting to allow more time to receive an updated quote. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

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**Email:** [merrimac@merrimacwi.gov](mailto:merrimac@merrimacwi.gov) **Village Hall:** 608-493-2122  
**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Item 10. Report of the Public Works**

**Director:** 10.a. DPW Schultz updated the board on Public Works Staff efforts to remove downed tree limbs and branches after a recent storm. Mr. Schultz asked residents to continue to exercise patience, as our small staff of (2) has already removed more than 50 loads of debris so far, with more work to go. 10.b. Polishing work at the WWTP is a continuing success. 10.c. New DNR regulations require dechlorination of water discharged as a result of flushing hydrants, which will include additional costs. 10.d. The party responsible for damaging a toilet at the Ball Park has offered to replace it.

**Item 11: Adjourn:** At 6:16pm, Naxera/Gallus motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennie Klecker  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

**PROPOSED CHICKEN  
ORDINANCE**

The Merrimac Plan Commission has recommended to the Village Board that the housing of up to (6) female chickens in residential districts be permitted. The conditions to do so are identified in the ordinance and include provisions to protect the interests of neighbors. An annual license is part of the proposal. A vote by the Village Board may take place at the meeting on **Wednesday August 10**. A copy of the Draft Ordinance can be viewed on the village website [merrimacwi.gov](http://merrimacwi.gov). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Village Administrator, Jennie Klecker at 608-493-2122.

The Village would like to thank Kit Eilertson and the MCS Garden Club Kids for planting flowers in the Village planters and the following residents for volunteering their time to keep them watered and looking beautiful this summer: Mike Cummings, The Klecker Family, Ross Pearson, Steve Kind, Emma Noyola, Tammy Noble, Dawn Best & Jennifer Klingemeyer.

Splendid work everyone!



**THANK YOU!**



**August 6, 2022**

9:00AM – 8:00PM

@ Memorial Park

- \*Color walk/run 9-11AM
- \*Horseshoe/Bags Tourney 10AM
- \*BBQ Chicken 'til it's gone!
- \*Barrel Train 10AM-5PM
- \*Dunk Tank 11AM - ON
- \*Raffle Prizes 3PM - ON
- \*Beer Tent 11-8PM
- \*Food Vendors 11-8PM
- \*Arts/Craft Show 10-4PM
- \*Clown, Face Painting & Kids Activities 10-4PM
- \*Mad-City Ski Team
- Water Ski Show 1:00PM

**Live music all day!**

Bill Koncar Band (Polka )11-1PM,  
Crosstown Drive (Country) 2-5PM  
and Warehouse 4 (Rock)5-8PM

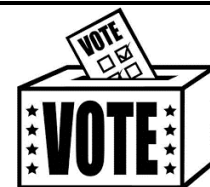
**We can't wait to see you there!**

Next Board Meeting  
**Wednesday August 10**  
5:00 PM @ Village Hall

Brush Pick-up Dates  
**August 10 & 24**  
*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 in the dumpster located in the Village Hall parking lot.  
No TV's Please!  
**METAL ONLY**

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



**Partisan Primary**  
**AUGUST 9, 2022**

**Polls open from**  
**7:00AM – 8:00PM**  
**100 Cook Street**

\*Electors may vote early  
July 26 – August 5  
At Village Hall  
To request an Absentee Ballot, or check your registration status, please visit [MyVote.WI.Gov](http://MyVote.WI.Gov)