

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board July 13, 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 DPW Justin Schultz, and Village Assistant Margaret Budde were present. Members of the public in attendance were Bart Olson, Pat Gallus, Tim McCumber and Cheryl Anderson.

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:

Ms. Gallus described a neighboring fence that does not adhere to the Ordinances, both in terms of appearance and location relative to the property line. The Board directed the Administrator to send a letter to the resident to remove the fence, on the basis of Ordinance 185-50 (C), failure to obtain a survey by a registered land surveyor, where the location of the boundary line is in doubt.

Mr. McCumber, Town of Merrimac Administrator, described his experience with Ordinance enforcement, particularly in cases where compliance is not forthcoming and requires involvement of the municipal attorney.

Item 3. Consent Agenda:

Malmberg/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:

The total of Prepaid expenses on the agenda was corrected to \$19,731. Naxera/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**

Item 5. Report of the Administrator:

In late June, staff from Verizon visited the Water Tower, as a first step in determining whether there is capacity for an additional set of antennas. If Verizon elects to move forward, the Board directed Administrator to contact KLM for an independent review of the tower's structural capacity for an additional array.

The Merrimac Community Festival (MCF) survey received 58 responses, six of whom indicated an interest in serving in leadership roles. Because approximately 15 leaders are needed for a well run Festival, the MCF committee will meet again to determine if the 2022 Festival has enough volunteer interest.

Although the Village requires Merrimac Fire Chief-approved permits for setting off fireworks, there were many unlicensed fireworks displays on July 4. Means of achieving improved compliance next year was discussed.

TASC informed the Village that our ICHRA benefit is non-taxable only to employees not on a group health plan. The Board directed the Administrator to research other options for non-taxable benefits.

Naxera/Malmberg moved to authorize Administrator to move \$60,000 from LGIP General Fund to Bank of Prairie du Sac Checking Account. **Motion Carried.**

The Administrator reported that one resident on Lu Foster Lane has received three notices of non-compliance regarding Ordinance violations. The Board directed the municipal attorney to write a letter indicating the Board's intention to proceed with legal action.

Item 6. Report of the DPW:

Sewer televising/jetting performed in June showed that the seam tape on the Lake Wisconsin Drive CIPP-lined sewer was beginning to come off and create possible points for grease to build up, possibly resulting in a blockage or harm to Lift Station 4. The Board directed the DPW to contact the CIPP-installer for recommendations.

Public Works staff addressed potholes on Cemetery St, and the DPW will be contacting Scott Construction regarding the planned road work on Elma and Darwin.

The WWTP Dosing Chamber transducer failed over the July 4 weekend, and LW Allen replaced it the following week.

Item 7. Water/Sewer Ops Report:

Village Assistant Budde presented the anticipated timeline for planned Well No. 2 project that will require that the Village obtain interim financing of approximately \$800k in advance of the DNR's loan closing in about April 2023. Naxera/Gallus moved to Authorize the Administrator to sign Strand Associates Task Order 21-02 for Well No. 2 Preliminary Design and Test Well. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

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Gallus/Naxera moved to approve corrected Resolutions 2021-01-07 and 2021-03-07 for Reimbursement of Well-related expenses from Safe Drinking Water Loan Program. **Motion Carried.**

Gallus/Naxera moved to approve corrected Resolution 2021-02-07 for 100 percent direct charging of Public Fire Protection through the Property Value Method. **Motion Carried.** Trustee Olson offered to review the preliminary determination of land and improvements assessment-equivalent values for tax-exempt parcels.

Experiments during the spring at our WWTP have shown MicroC product is effective in reducing TN in the effluent. Olson/Gallus moved to approve expenditure of \$2,142 for the purchase of MicroC. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

When Dosing Pump No. 2 was replaced, LW Allen discovered severe damage to the wiring in the starter buckets. Olson/Naxera moved to authorize hiring an electrician to assess condition of WWTP equipment wiring. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Item 8. Adjourn:

At 7:20 pm Naxera/Olson moved that the meeting adjourn. **Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Mooney

Brian Mooney,
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Calendar Reminders

Next Board Meeting
August 10, 2021
5:00 PM @ VILLAGE HALL

AA Meetings

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

Merrimac Fire and Rescue

Horseshoe & Bags
Tournament
& Brat Stand
Saturday, August 7th
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!**

BRUSH PICK-UP DATES

Wed. August 4th
Wed. August 18th

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 trailer located in
the parking lot at Village Hall.

Considering a Building Project?

Don't Forget the Permit!

Most construction projects in the Village require a building permit. If you are thinking of a renovation project, a new deck or pool, driveway, or an addition, *please contact our building inspector before you start!* If you begin a construction project without a permit, you may be charged a \$150.00 Red Tag Fee.

Don't risk it, just call.

 Contact our Building Inspector, David Bieno at 608-617-9869 or email dbieno@generalengineering.net



Reminder:

In order to maintain a neat and attractive appearance, grass should be kept at a minimum of 4 inches.

