

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Draft Minutes of the Village Board Meeting August 9, 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 Jim Malmberg, George Naxera and Kirk Olson were present, with Andrew Gallus absent. Also in attendance were Administrator Jennie Klecker, Village Assistant Margaret Budde 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:** Cheryl Anderson thanked everyone involved with the Merrimac Festival. Collin Bourgeois of the Festival Committee gave a recap and thanked all of the committee members, volunteers, sponsors and Village Staff along with the Board for all of their hard work that lead to a very successful and well attended Festival. Bart Olson suggested that in the future, the Village Board should hold public hearings when considering new legislation. Several others commented with support for the Chicken and ATV/UTV Ordinances.

**Item 3. Consent Agenda:** Naxera/Olson 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:** Malmberg/Olson 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. Varsity Club Operators Permits:**

Naxera/Olson motioned to approve Varsity Club Operator's Permits for Traci Pomeroy, Jill Garcia-Richmond and Heather Showers. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 6. Chicken Ordinance:** Naxera motioned to approve the original Draft Chicken Ordinance as recommended by the Plan Commission. Citing property owner's rights, Malmberg suggested removing the line "No application shall be approved if fifty percent (50%) or more of the adjoining property owners of the applicant's property object to the granting of the license." Naxera/Olson motioned to approve the Draft Ordinance with the suggested line removal. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 7. ATV/UTV Routes Ordinance:** Olson/Naxera motioned to approve Draft Ordinance No. 144-7: All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility-Terrain Vehicle Routes. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 8. Report of the Administrator:** 8.a. Garbage and Recycling Quote Update. Southwest Sanitation recently provided a proposal for garbage and recycling collection. Malmberg/Naxera motioned to authorize Administrator Klecker to ask Peterson Sanitation for a draft contract. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 8.b. 2023 Preliminary Budget Discussion. Administrator Klecker informed the Board that much progress has already been made on the 2023 Budget. She anticipates having a preliminary budget for the Board to review by the end of September, with a goal of presenting a draft budget ready for approval at the October 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Village Assistant Margaret Budde gave a presentation to talk about budget highlights and outlined upcoming

decisions that the Board will need to make. 8.c. Dump Truck. Olson/Malmberg motioned to purchase a 2022 Ram 3500 Regular Cab Chassis 4x4 Dump Truck from Kayser Chrysler in Sauk City for \$82,000. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes.

**Motion Carried.** Olson/Naxera motioned to authorize Administrator Klecker, President Philip Budde, and Trustee James Malmberg to sign a 7 year, 3.7% Loan Agreement with the Bank of Prairie du Sac in the amount not to exceed \$82,000 for the purchase of a Dump Truck. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes.

**Motion Carried.** Olson/Malmberg motioned to approve proposed Resolution 2022-01-08 for Loan Agreement. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** Olson/Malmberg motioned to signal intent to levy for 100% of the Dump Truck Loan Payment on property taxes. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 9. Report of the Director of Public Works:** As DPW Schultz was unable to attend the meeting, Administrator Klecker gave the report. 9.a. Lift Station 8. Due to recent electrical issues with LS 8, LW Allen will be coming next week to assess the problem. 9.b. LED Street Lights; All but 3 street lights in the Village have been converted to LED with plans to finish the remainder next year. The Village received a quote for \$800 from Mayberry Electric to finish converting the Shop lights to LED.

**Item 10. Report of the Village Assistant:** 10.a. Well No. 1 Electrical Rehab Project. The Funding Application and Plans & Specifications have been submitted to the DNR and are currently under review. The Village should know in December how much the grant reimbursement will

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be, with 25-30% being the most likely scenario.

10.b. Authorization Reimbursement Resolution 2022-02-08. Naxera /Malmberg motioned to approve Authorization Resolution 2022-02-08 declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 11: Adjourn:** At 6:13pm, Olson/Naxera motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennie Klecker  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Next Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, September 13**  
5:00 PM @ Village Hall

Plan Commission Meeting  
**Wednesday, September 7**  
5:00 PM @ Village Hall

Brush Pick-up Dates  
**September 14 & 28**  
*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

**Village Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5th, in observance of**



## What a Festival!

The Village would like to thank everyone involved with helping to make the return of the Merrimac Community Festival an incredible success! This event brought friends, family and neighbors together to celebrate our wonderful community, have fun and make memories, all while raising funds for our beautiful parks.

### Festival Committee Members:

Brad & Kari Zeman  
Nicole Hartmann  
Collin Bourgeois  
Michelle Hofer  
Mark Lyon  
Nehomah Thundercloud  
Victor Purcel  
Sean McLaughlin  
Lisa Tank  
Cheryl Anderson  
Justin Schultz  
Jennie Klecker  
Cindy Spradlin

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Ferrylanding Marina  
Frosch Tree Service  
Boss Pressure Washing  
Classic Custom Homes/Nicole Hartman

We would also like to thank the many residents who sent in cash donations and event day volunteers for all of their hard work. And last but certainly not least, we would like to thank all of **YOU** for showing your support by attending the Festival.

**THANK YOU!!!**



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General Election  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2022**



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