

**Military Veterans’
Memorial Page**

If you are a military veteran and a Village resident (or you have been a resident in the past), we would be honored to have your photo and information added to our website on the Veterans’ Memorial Page. Veterans or their families may submit information and a photo to be posted. If you would like to participate, please call or email your information and a photo to the Village and include the following:

- Name & Rank (current or highest rank achieved while on duty)
- Branch of Service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard)
- Specialty or Career Field (e.g. infantry, special ops, intelligence, pilot, navigator, etc.)
- Dates of service (e.g. 1970-1974)
- Veteran’s photo (in uniform); digital photo or an image (4” x 6” size minimum). Our contact information is listed at the bottom of this page. Thank you!

Lake Wisconsin Alliance

The Lake Wisconsin Alliance will host an educational meeting at the Village Hall on Tuesday, February 16, 2017 from 6-8 pm. The meeting is open to the public and the program is titled “The Merrimac Railroad Bridge: Past, Present, and Future.” Last August the Wisconsin Department of Transportation had approved the railroad’s project plans for a \$17 million repair and reconstruction project. Virgil Kasper will outline the planned bridge repairs and improvements that will occur over the next two years. Please come join us to learn more about the future of our local railroad bridge.

Alternate-Side Parking

To aid the Village’s staff in winter snow removal from our streets, the Village’s alternate-side parking policy is now effect for the season. On odd-numbered days, residents must park on the odd-numbered side of the street. On even-numbered days, residents shall park on the even-numbered side of the street. We thank you all for your cooperation throughout the season!

Snow Removal

Clearing snow from sidewalks and ensuring access to mailboxes is the property owner’s responsibility pursuant to Village Ordinance 129-5. Sidewalks shall be cleared within 24 hours following the end of a snowfall event. If walks are not cleared within 48 hours, the Village will clear the walks and bill the homeowner for the service.

**Statewide Primary Election
February 21, 2017**

The Spring Primary Election will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, February 21st. Polling place hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The ballot will include the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, which has 3 candidates running. Only two will be on the ballot on April 4.

**Spring Election
April 4, 2017**

Registered candidates on the ballot for two expiring Village trustee positions will include Garry Bahe, Phil Budde, and Jeff Rasmussen. Nick Hahn is the sole registered candidate for the expiring Village President position.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Village Board Meeting

**Please note date change
for the next meeting:**

Tuesday, February 22, 2017, 6pm

**Next Brush Pick-Up Date
February 8, 2017**

NOTE: *Brush pickup returned to once a month beginning in November.*

Please place your yard waste at curbside in **CLEAR** plastic bags (or in neat 4’ x 4’x 6’ piles, readily accessible for pick up by our grapple bucket).

Fitness for Seniors

We still have room for you to join in on our fun exercise program designed to help you achieve and maintain senior fitness and flexibility. Invite a friend, or come and join your friends here at the Village Hall. All seniors are welcome to participate.

When:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10 for the entire season

Instructor: Deb Raschka

Direct Payment of Utility Bills

Utility customers can pay their monthly bills directly from a bank account by completing the Direct Debit Form available on our Village website under the tab “Municipal Forms.” It’s one more way to simplify your life and to save time and money. We are here to help so please call the Village office if you have questions, or need assistance with the form.

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of January 10, 2017

President Hahn called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present upon roll call included Nick Hahn, Jeff Rasmussen, George Naxera, Garry Bahe and Jim Malmberg. Also present was Village Administrator Ron Senger.

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

Public Input: None

Following review of the Village's outstanding bills and prepaid expenses, Rasmussen/Malmberg moved to approve payment of the bills as listed on the agenda. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Rasmussen/Bahe moved to approve the monthly financial reports including the balance sheet and budget comparison for December, 2016. **Motion carried.**

Hahn/Naxera moved to approve the draft Minutes of the December 13, 2016 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

The Board considered a request from a Village resident who currently has an existing

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loan that was approved and administered through the Village in 2008. The resident is seeking to refinance her home at a lower interest rate and wishes to subordinate the CDBG loan to a new mortgage if she is approved. Following discussion by the Board, Rasmussen/Bahe moved to approve the loan subordination request incumbent upon the review and recommended approval by Kari Justmann, the appointed MSA CDBG Contract Administrator. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Ron distributed copies of the Minutes of the Sauk Prairie School Board Meeting of November 28, 2016 and the Village Inspection Report for January 6, 2016. The Inspection Report noted we recently found three flushing valves had split on the south side of the recirculating sand filter bed at the wastewater treatment plant from the severe cold spell we experienced during the first week of January. Ron noted we will be able to use a different section of the sand filter bed until we can replace the cracked, 3" PVC ball valves in the early spring. Ron also reminded the Board of the Village Caucus scheduled for Saturday, January 14th at 9:00 AM. (Terms for Village President Nick Hahn and Trustees Garry Bahe and Jeff Rasmussen will expire in April 2017.) The Village's annual financial audit field-work dates are set for February 6-9, 2017. A team from Wegner CPAs, LLP will complete the audit.

Sewer Operations:

Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

Water Operations:

Ron provided an update on the elevated water tank's depth sensor located in the control panel within the base of the water tower. In mid-December, the sensor had frozen and failed to function properly during a week of sub-zero, cold temperatures. Failure of the sensor to turn off the well house pump caused the pump to run continuously until the water tower tank was filled and overflowing. As a result, the sensor failure caused several thousand gallons of water to overflow before the problem was identified and rectified. Utility staff have subsequently placed an additional small space heater under the control panel (within the pedestal). The heater will be operating during all extremely cold periods to prevent the sensor from freezing again in the future.

Planning & Zoning:

Nothing significant to report.

With no further matters brought before the Board, Rasmussen/Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger
Administrator

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