

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of October 9, 2018

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Village President Nick Hahn at 6:41 p.m., following the adjournment of the Plan Commission meeting. Board members present upon roll call were Nick Hahn, George Naxera, Phil Budde, Garry Bahe and Jim Malmberg. Bob Geenen, Village Administrator- Clerk-Treasurer was also present.

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

Public Input: None.

Bahe/Budde moved to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission to approve the application for a Conditional Use Permit by Ron Senger to place a 14X28 accessory building for storage on his property. **Motion carried.**

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

The Board reviewed the monthly financial reports (Balance Sheets and Budget Comparison by fund account) for the month of September, 2018. Hahn/Malmberg

moved to accept the reports as presented. The Detail Ledger of the Municipal Building expense account was provided – this illustrated much of these expenses were the addition of the raised garage air compressor with piping to area near bench and overhead door access along with additional electrical outlets and additional service panel.

Malmberg/Naxera moved to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Following review and discussion of bids received for the construction of the salt/sand crib storage cover with alternate add of 12 ft. sliding door to close off salt, Naxera/Bahe moved to accept the bid from T2 Contracting, LLC of Tomah with the option for the administrator to negotiate raising hillside height allowing removal of gutters with 5% flexibility with T2Contracting. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

General discussion of preliminary working budget included wage increases, review of health savings accounts which reimburse expenses, not premiums, paid by employees. (Village does not provide health insurance at this time.) Health stipends are allowable but taxable and in effect are a taxable wage. Administrator will continue to work with Trustee President Hahn who will call for a specific budget meeting for board to provide inputs prior to November Board meeting.

Ordinance enforcement discussion continued: cited abandoned vehicle within the Village was taken off jacks & awaiting final repair; two property owners with dead trees near the Post Office are working together to remove these dead trees this fall. Two trailers illegally parked on Main Street were given second notices and were moved by owner. Administrator had conversations with residents with messy or garbage ridden areas on Grove Street and maintenance operators painted the handicap curb blue which also serves as an access point for a rolling dumpster which occasionally was inaccessible for service.

Administrator's Report:

Bob provided to the Board members copies of the following: Sauk Prairie School Board Minutes for 8/27/2018, Merrimac Area Fire Commission Minutes for 8/6/2018, Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission Minutes from 7/17/2018, the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission 2019 Approved Budget and Municipal Assessments, and the Municipal Rate Sheet from the Village's attorneys, Stafford Rosenbaum. Bob reminded the Board that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Water & Sewer Operations: Cross-Connection Inspections will be coming up for residents. Need access to your meter & connection.

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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Geenen advised the Board that the Plan Commission will meet on Nov. 20 from 3-5 PM at the Village hall to discuss codification of past changes to Village ordinances.

With no further matters brought before the Board, Naxera/Bahe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of October 25, 2018

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Village President Nick Hahn at 6:02 p.m. Members present upon roll call were Nick Hahn, George Naxera, Phil Budde and Jim Malmberg. Garry Bahe was absent. Bob Geenen, Village Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer was also present.

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

General budget discussion of wage/modest benefit scenarios. Village wide budget goals for General Fund – including street repair on Cemetery Street, Sewer Utility, and Water Utility. Trustees provide necessary inputs for annual Special Budget Hearing in November. Malmberg/Budde moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Fitness Program for Seniors
It's Not Too Late!

Please come join us for a fun exercise program designed to help you achieve and maintain a healthier fitness level. Our program is jointly sponsored by the Village of Merrimac and the Town of Merrimac. The program cost is only \$10 per person for the whole season.

Classes just started and will run through April 20, 2019.

Anyone 50 years of age or older can attend and you don't have to attend every session.

When: 9:30-10:00 am
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
Where: All sessions are held at the **Merrimac Village Hall, 100 Cook St.**

Instructor: Deb Raschka

Fall Leaf Clean-up Policy

Residents should either compost their leaves on their own property, or pile them near the curbside on the Village's designated brush pickup days. Leaf remnants that are not picked up by the village tractor bucket can be placed in clear plastic bags for future pick up. Village staff compost leaves and lawn clippings at our designated site, co-located where brush and limbs are burned. Burning leaves is prohibited within the Village.

Because we do not have a street sweeper or a street vacuum, we ask you please do not rake or blow your leaves into the Village's gutters, or streets. Heavy rains then wash this debris into our storm sewers, impeding proper drainage and flow. Thank you for your cooperation throughout the coming fall season!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Special Public Meeting for Proposed 2019 Budget

The Village of Merrimac will hold its annual public hearing on the proposed budget for 2018 at **6pm on Tuesday, November 13, 2018**, preceding the Village Board meeting.

Village Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Brush Pick-Up Dates
Wednesday, Nov. 7 & Wednesday, Nov. 21

Beginning in December
Brush pick-up will be once a month through April 2019

Metals can be dropped off behind the Village Hall near the storage building. If you are unsure if we can accept a particular item containing metal, please call the office.

GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOV. 6

Polling Place: Village Hall

Hours:
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

National, Statewide and County offices will be on the ballot.