

VILLAGE VOICE

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Draft Minutes of the Village Board Meeting Oct. 11, 2022

Item 1. Call to Order: The Village Board Meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Village President Phil Budde at 5:00PM. Village Trustees Jim Malmberg, George Naxera, Kirk Olson, and Andrew Gallus were present. Also in attendance were Administrator Jennie Klecker, Director of Public Works Justin Schultz, 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: Trustee Naxera was contacted by a resident asking if the Village could look into lowering the speed limit on Hwy 78 from 35mph down to 25mph. Trustee Olson noted that he has contacted WISDOT about lowering the speed limit in the past and WISDOT replied that 35mph is the proper speed limit for that corridor and they are unwilling to change it at this time. Representatives from the Merrimac Women's Club spoke to inform the public that the club has disbanded and will be donating their remaining funds to the Merrimac Fire Department. They also wished to thank the Village for use of Village Hall for their meetings over the years. Trustee Malmberg suggested that Village staff notify the public via the Village Voice and Website when a fireworks permit is issued, so that residents with pets are not caught off guard.

Item 3. Consent Agenda: Olson/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: Malmberg/Gallus 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. Buffardi Riprap Project: After lengthy discussion, Malmberg/Olson motioned to approve the Buffardi's riprap project providing there will be no dredging involved. Upon roll call vote, Malmberg, Olson and Naxera voted Aye, Gallus voted Nay and Budde abstained.

Item 6. Report of the Administrator: 6.a. Consider Changing Board Meeting Time; Naxera/Olson motioned to keep the Board Meeting start time at 5:00pm. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motioned Carried.** 6.b. Consider Moving November 8th Meeting to November 7th; Naxera/Gallus motioned to move the November Board Meeting to the 7th. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 6.c. Weigmann CUP Project Extension; Malmberg/Gallus motioned to approve Mr. Weigmann's CUP project extension to June 15, 2023. All Ayes. **Motioned Carried.** 6.d. Fire Department-Related Levy Resolution; Naxera/Gallus motioned to approve Resolution No. 2022-02-10 For Exceeding the State Imposed Levy for Merrimac Fire and Rescue Cost Increase. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 6.e. Sewer Rate Increase; Gallus/Malmberg motioned to approve Resolution No. 2022-01-10 authorizing a 6.5% Sewer Rate Increase, effective October 25, 2022. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 7. Report of the Director of Public Works: 7.a. DPW Schultz informed the Board that Sprecher Plumbing will be installing new toilet flush valves in the Village Hall bathrooms for a cost of \$500, due to age and needed repair. 7.b. Mayberry Electric is set to begin working on installing Security Cameras at Memorial

Park on October 12. 7.c. Country Plumber will be here at the end of this month for a fall inspection and pump-out of the Village Lift Stations.

Item 8. Report of the Village Assistant: 8.b. Budget Discussion and Pre-Approval for Posting; Naxera/Olson motioned to approve posting the Proposed 2023 General and Parks Fund budget. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 8.a. Levy for Debt Service Resolution; Gallus/Naxera motioned to approve Resolution No. 2022-03-10 For Exceeding the State Imposed Levy for Post-2005 General Obligation Debt Service. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 8.c. Wellhouse No. 1 Rehab Project, 8.c.i. SDWLP Update; The DNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program has determined that our Well No. 1 Rehab project will receive a 30% Grant. 8.c.ii. Engineering Design Services Amendment; Naxera/Malmberg motioned to approve Strand Associates' Engineering Design Services Amendment in the amount of \$3,600. Upon Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 8.c.iii. Engineering Service Agreement; Naxera/Olson motioned to approve Strand Associates' Bidding and Construction-Related Services Agreement in the amount of \$69,500. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 8.c.iv. Advertisement for Bids; Naxera/Malmberg motioned to authorize Advertising Wellhouse No. 1 Project, for bid opening on November 17, 2022. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 8.d. MicroC Purchase; Naxera/Olson motioned to approve purchase of MicroC in the amount of \$2,700. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 9. Convene to Closed Session to Discuss Employee Salary Increases: Naxera/Olson motioned to convene to closed session to discuss employee salary increases. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

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Item 10. Reconvene to Open Session – Composite Raise Options:

Malmberg/Gallus motioned to approve year-end bonuses and a 5.5% salary increase for staff receiving raises in 2023, effective January 2023. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

11. Adjourn: At 6:23pm Olson/Gallus motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Draft Minutes of the Plan
Commission Meeting Oct. 13, 2022**

Item 1. Call to Order: The Village of Merrimac Plan Commission Meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Chairperson Jim Malmberg at 5:00PM. Commission Members Ann Hoffman and Bob Garrison were present, with Bob Pfaff and Tom Gallus absent. Also in attendance were Administrator Jennie Klecker and members of the public as listed on the sign-in sheet. Chairperson Malmberg examined the affidavit of posting and confirmed that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

Item 2. Public Input: None

Item 3. Kirk Olson – Land Division Application – Parcel 151-0406-00000:

Hoffman/Garrison motioned to recommend the Village Board Approve Mr. Olson’s Land Division Application for his property on Church St. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 4. 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update:

The Plan Commission discussed the S.W.O.T. (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis activity they recently completed along with participation from a team of community volunteers. The Plan Commission began the task of organizing and creating the first of several Action Plans relating to key topics identified during the S.W.O.T. activity.

Adjourn: At 6:11, Garrison/Hoffman motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennie Klecker
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

2023 Budget Hearing &
Next Board Meeting
MONDAY November 7, 2022
5:00 PM @ Village Hall

Brush Pick-up Dates
**November 2 & 16
December 14**
4 feet wide by 4 feet high, up to 8 feet long with brush stacked parallel to and near the road

Scrap metal recycling will end on **November 15, 2022** for the season and resume in April 2023.

AA Meetings
Wednesday Evenings 7:00
@ Merrimac Village Hall. Questions?
Contact Mike @ 608-643-9521

A 6.5% sewer rate increase will go into effect on October 25, 2022 and apply to the November 2022 billing

Village Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday
November 24 & 25



General Election
NOVEMBER 8, 2022



Polls are open from
7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Village Hall
100 Cook Street

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 pick up 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 composts leaves and lawn clippings at our designated site. **Burning leaves is prohibited within the Village.** Because we do not have a street sweeper or vacuum, we ask that you 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!



Fall/Winter Street Parking Regulations Begin
November 15, 2022



Vehicles cannot be left between **2AM to 8AM** on the even numbered side of the street on the even numbered calendar days, and on the odd numbered side of the street on the odd numbered calendar days.

Senior Fitness Program
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays,
9:30 – 10:00am
Merrimac Village Hall