

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board November 10, 2020

The Village Board meeting was called to order in the Village Hall Large Meeting Room by Village President Phil Budde at 5:01 p.m., immediately following the Budget Hearing. Board members present were Jim Malmberg, George Naxera, and Amy Buffardi. Village Administrator Brian Mooney was present, as well as Village Assistant Margaret Budde. Village Trustee Garry Bahe joined the meeting by telephone during the 2021 Budget review. Member of the public in attendance was Cheryl Anderson.

Item 1. Call to Order: President Budde examined the affidavits of posting and verified that advance public notices of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

Item 2. Public Input: Mrs. Anderson wanted to commend Deputy Clerk Jennie Klecker for her efforts on this month's election within the Village. Mrs. Anderson also extended her appreciation for the Board of Trustees and Village Staff for the great work they do for the Village.

Item 3. Consent Agenda: Naxera/Buffardi moved to approve items 3a.,b.,c.,d. of the Consent Agenda as posted. **Motion Carried**

Item 4-5. Approval of Village Bills:

Naxera/Malmberg moved to approve payment of outstanding monthly bills as listed on the Agenda. Upon roll call vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Item 6. : 2021 Budget: Trustee Garry Bahe joined the meeting by telephone for the Budget discussion and vote. Upon final review of all Budget and corresponding Resolutions, Village President Budde moved include items 6a. Resolution 2020-01-11 Personnel Cost Allocation 6b. Resolution 2020-02-11 Use of Parks Fund Reserve for Tree Removal, 6c. Resolution 2020-03-11 Use of Fund Balances for Purchase of a Mower., 6d. Resolution 2020-04-11 Use of Fund Balance for 2021 General Fund Budget Deficit, 6e. Resolution 2020-05-11, Use of Parks Fund Reserve to transfer to Parks Fund and 6f. Adoption of 2021 Budget to one comprehensive vote. Naxera/Bahe moved to approve all 6 items within the 2021 budget proposal. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Item 7.: Report of the Administrator:

Mr. Mooney informed the Board of Trustees of his intent to pursue a contract with Wipfli CPA's out of Madison, to conduct the 2020 Village of Merrimac Financial Audit. Malmberg/Buffardi moved to approve Mr. Mooney to sign contract with Wipfli for the 2020 Audit. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Mr. Mooney briefed the Board of Trustees of the contract renewal terms of Gardiner Appraisal Service LLC with the Village, for the 2021-2022 calendar years. Naxera/Buffardi moved to allow Mr. Mooney to renew contract. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

It came to the attention of the Administrator during the Election that the Village does not currently have a firearms prohibited ordinance within Village Hall. Board of Trustees was in

concurrence that Village Hall should not allow weapons to enter the premises. Mr. Mooney stated he will work on a Resolution for inclusion in an upcoming Village Board Meeting.

Final noteworthy miscellaneous items were covered by Mr. Mooney included his contacts and conversations with Tim's Trucking about the increase in recyclable debris located on Village roads on trash pickup days. Mr. Mooney spoke with Tim about using a different truck on the Village route, and this week Tim's complied. No resident reports of debris upon completion of this Monday's pick-up.

Item 8.:Water/Sewer/Maintenance:

Village Assistant Margaret Budde spoke to a few of the recent Village maintenance updates. First, Mrs. Budde informed the Trustees that LW Allen had completed the Pump replacements within Lift Station 1. Overall immediate returns have been shown in the form of reduced utility payments due to the replacement. The Village President and Public Works Team met with a representative from the Rural Water Association to discuss recent improvement initiatives at the Village Waste Water Treatment Plant. Overall, the report of findings was quite positive, and recognition was given regarding overall efforts to improve performance of the facility.

Item 9. Adjourn: At 5:45 pm Naxera/Malmberg moved that the meeting adjourn. **Motion carried.**

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

Calendar Reminders

Board of Trustees

Next Board Meeting
December 8, 2020
VILLAGE HALL

Fall/Winter Street Parking Regulations begin November 15th.

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.

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 this service.

Get Involved Locally!

Interested Village residents wishing to run for public office for the Village of Merrimac should plan to attend the Village Caucus on Saturday January 9th 2021 at 9am at Village Hall. The Caucus process is used to secure nominations of candidates for trustee posts that will expire in April 2021. Immediately following the Caucus, Declaration of Candidacy (forms) and Campaign Registration Statements must be submitted to the Sauk County Clerk for candidates to appear on the official ballot at the April 6th, 2021 Spring Election. Please contact Brian Mooney if you have questions.

Brush Pick-Up

Wednesday Dec. 16th

Note: Brush Pick-up will only be 1x per month from December until March 2021

Sign Up Today!

The Village encourages all residents to sign up for Auto-Pay with e-Billing for monthly utilities.

See Village Website:
villageofmerrimac.org>
utilities and billing>
Direct Debit form & Email
Bill Sign-Up.



Holiday Office Hours

Village Hall will be closed on December 24th-25th for Christmas. Village Hall will resume normal business hours on Monday December 28th.

Memorial Park and Baseball Field

Please note the bathrooms at both parks are closed for the winter season. Staff will re-open bathrooms by May 1, 2021 for the summer season.