

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of Nov. 12, 2019

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Village President Phil Budde at 6:09 PM, following the Public Hearing on the proposed 2020 Budget, Board members present were Phil Budde, Garry Bahe, Jeff Rasmussen, George Naxera, and Jim Malmberg. Bob Geenen, Village Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer, was also present.

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

### Public Input: None

Rasmussen/Naxera moved to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Agenda and In Progress Checks report along with the prepaid expenses as listed on the Reprint Check Register. Upon roll call vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the monthly financial reports (Balance Sheets & Budget Comparison by fund account) for the individual Water, Sewer, and General Funds for the month of October, 2019. Geenen elaborated on the reclassification of loan required Sewer Reserve funds from local bank account to Local Government Investment Program Account. Malmberg/Naxera moved

to accept the reports as presented. **Motion carried.**

Naxera/Bahe moved to approve the Minutes from the October 8, 2019 and October 15, 2019 Village Board meetings. **Motion carried.**

No action was taken on the rate approvals for GEC and village attorney. Geenen to provide comparison rates for building inspections along with current GEC rates. More options were requested on the refinance the remaining 10 year loan from 5.5% to 3.25% and the required specifics of 25% additional loan and if it coincides with a capital purchase plan including 1998 & 2002 village trucks.

Naxera/Malmberg moved to accept the proposal on the Gift to Voll Park (on LakeView Avenue) of a Shelter in the amount of \$19,000. **Motion carried** with all Ayes.

Naxera/Bahe moved to accept the application of Daren Dobratz for an Operator's License to work at Mac's Pub & Grub. **Motion carried.**

Village President Phil Budde wanted to begin a conversation on a Village wide Sidewalk plan. Discussion ensued on prior Safe Routes to School – monies drying up and potential for reworking in the Comprehensive Plan. Bob to look for potential funding sources.

### Administrator's Report:

Bob provided to the Board members copies of the materials as listed on

the agenda. Good details were noted on the Village Inspection Reports by trustees and Bob. Merrimac Community Festival plans to hold off meeting until February or March of next year – a true lead is still needed for the event.

Staff met with two trustees to discuss and review the village equipment and a Capital Improvement Plan. The current daily used utility truck is a 1998 Chevrolet with a tool box in the bed. The staff suggest a newer used ¾ ton, 4 wheel drive, high(er) mileage, gas truck along with a composite utility box. The non-rusting utility box to be re-used on future trucks. A trustee noted a dealer could bid at auction given a range for a set handling fee.

### Water & Sewer Operations:

Bob noted 41 water valves were exercised by Village Operators with the WRWA lending program tool. Justin to work with Seiler concrete on topping off the WWTP sand filter.

### Pending Planning & Zoning Items:

Olson rezone of 6 parcels for 2020 marina & parking including docking the Lake Wisconsin Cruises boat. Rezoning from Business B-1 and Multifamily R-3 to Business B-2.

Bahe/Naxera moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

**Brush Pick-Up Date**

Wednesday, Dec. 11

**Beginning in December**  
**Brush pick-up will be once a month**  
**through April 2020**

Throughout the winter, **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.

**Upcoming ADRC**

Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 10 AM



Pam Fuchs,  
Baraboo/Sauk County  
100 Cook Street Village Hall

**Candidates for Public Office WANTED!**

Interested Village residents wishing to run for the position of Trustee of the Village of Merrimac should plan to attend the Village Caucus on Saturday January 11, 2020, at 9:00 am at the Village Hall. The Caucus process is used to secure nominations for candidates for two Trustee positions that will expire in April, 2020. Immediately following the Caucus, Declaration of Candidacy & Campaign Registration forms must be submitted to the Sauk County Clerk for candidates to appear on the official ballot at the April 7, 2020 Spring Election. Please contact Bob Geenen if you are interested or have questions.

**VILLAGE SCHEDULE**

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Village Board:**

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:15 PM  
*Immediately following Plan Commission*

Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:00 PM

**Plan Commission:**

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:00 PM

**Caucus:**

Saturday, Jan. 11 at 9:00 AM  
*for Candidates*

**100 Cook Street Village Hall**

Pay Utility bills via ACH Direct from your checking. Convenient. Save

**Fitness Program for Seniors is Currently in Session**

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 Township of Merrimac.

**Classes run through April 24, 2020.**

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

**When: 9:30-10 am**  
**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

**Where: All sessions are held at the Merrimac Village Hall, 100 Cook St.**

Instructor: Deb Raschka

Program cost: \$10 for the season.

**Merrimac Community Festival**

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 1, 2020 for next year's festival and consider taking a roll on the festival committee and volunteering on the day of the event. The Merrimac Community Festival Committee is leading the event.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The Village office will be closed:

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at noon  
Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> all day  
Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> all day

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> Open  
*Typical 9 AM but **extended to 5PM** to accommodate R/E Tax Payments.*

**Website:** villageofmerrimac.org **Email:** Merrimac@merr.com  
**Village Hall:** 608-493-2122 **Fax:** 608-493-9908  
**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**