

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of November 13, 2018

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Village President Nick Hahn at 6:00 p.m. 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.

The Board moved to item 5B Consideration of the application of Sean McLaughlin's application to take over the liquor license at CG's Pub & Grub as both the owner and buyer were present. Naxera/Malmberg moved to approve the application of Sean McLaughlin to take over the liquor license of George Milas upon his purchase of CG's Pub & Grub. **Motion carried.**

The board recessed at 6:08 PM into Special Session to consider the proposed 2019 budget. Following the Special Session, the Board reconvened to regular session at 7:12 p.m.

Public Input: None.

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 October, 2018. Hahn/Budde moved to accept the financial reports. **Motion carried.**

Bahe/Malmberg moved to approve the Minutes of the October 9 and October 25, 2018 Village Board meetings. **Motion carried.**

Malmberg/Bahe moved to reaffirm the agreement with Snowbusters Snowmobile Club to close 300 ft. of sidewalk on the south side of Main Street for access from the snowmobile trail to the Ferry X-ing Bar & Grill. **Motion carried.**

No action was taken on the Resolution for joining the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Ordinance enforcement discussion continued: Bob spoke about one of two requested trees that had been taken down, a misplaced fence to be corrected in the spring, and the Moonshine Yacht.

Administrator's Report:

Bob provided to the Board members copies of the materials as listed on the agenda. The administrator

pointed out the movement for Small Cell Towers located in the Right of Way with little control by local municipalities per League of Wisconsin Municipalities; the discontinuation of domain and web hosting of village website by Merrimac Communications; reaching out to Sauk County and State for Speed Indicator signs (due to cost); and Village Inspection Report noted how Memorial Park looks awesome.

Water & Sewer Operations:

Discussion on a resident with a 1 inch water line request if reducing coupler to a 5/8 line to lower water and sewer costs. Bob noted the water fees are set per PSC and trustees spoke of utility costs for services are indeed based on size and documented budgeting for cost recapture.

Planning & Zoning Items:

Administrator noted the Plan Commission will meet on November 20, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to review the incorporation of past ordinances updates into Village ordinances.

With no further matters brought before the Board, Naxera/Bahe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Direct Payment of Utility Bills

We encourage our customers to pay their monthly bills directly from a bank account by completing the ACH Direct Debit Form available on our Village website under the tab "Municipal Forms." This automated payment method provides one more way to simplify your life and save time and money. Now nearing 50% of our customers are using this simple payment method. Please call the Village office if you have questions, or need help with the form.

**DECEMBER SPECIAL
ON MERRIMAC FLAGS**

MERRIMAC

1899



The ♥ of Lake Wisconsin

*On Display and available
AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE.*

\$30.00 EACH

½ OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO
TO THE VILLAGE PARKS.

Memorial Park and Ball Park

Please note the bathrooms at both parks are closed for the winter season. Staff will re-open bathrooms by May 1, 2018 for the summer season.

WANTED!

**Candidates for Public
Office**

Interested Village residents wishing to run for public office for the Village of Merrimac should plan to attend the Village Caucus on January 12, 2019, at 9:00am at the Village Hall. The Caucus process is used to secure nominations of candidates for trustee posts that will expire in April, 2019. 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 2, 2019 Spring Election. Please contact Bob Geenen if you are interested or have questions.

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 winter 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 this service.

**CALENDAR
REMINDERS**

Village Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 6 p.m.

Village Caucus

**Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, 9 am
To receive nominations for
Village Board President and
Trustees**

Brush Pick-Up Date

Wednesday, Dec. 12

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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Village office will be closed the afternoon of December 24th and on Christmas Day. Normal business hours will resume on December 26th.

**Fitness Program for
Seniors**

**Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9:30 – 10:00 AM
Through April 20, 2019
Village Hall, 100 Cook St.
Instructor: Deb Raschka
\$10 for the whole season!**

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.