

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of Dec. 10, 2019

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Village President Phil Budde at 7:00 p.m., immediately following the Plan Commission meeting. Board members present were Jeff Rasmussen, Garry Bahe, Jim Malmberg, and George Naxera. 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:** Cheryl Anderson introduced Leis Docken as the lead for the Community Festival. Jenifer Morgan will be re-joining the committee in the summer months as she will be traveling this winter. The Committee will meet at the Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. New members are encouraged to participate.

Consideration of a Plan Commission recommendation regarding the Olson Marina was tabled until the January, 2020 Board meeting.

Proposed payments of the Village's outstanding bills were amended to change the General Village amount to \$8,226.24 and the Park Fund amount to \$6,643.39. Malmberg/

Bahe moved to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Agenda and the In Progress Checks report, as amended, along with the prepaid expenses as listed on the Agenda and 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 November 2019. Rasmussen/Bahe moved to accept the reports as presented. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Naxera moved to approve the Minutes from the November 12, 2019 Public Hearing on the proposed 2020 Budget. **Motion carried.**

Malmberg/Bahe moved to approve the Minutes from the November 12, 2019 Village Board Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Naxera/Rasmussen moved to approve the General Engineering 2020 rates and fees for Village building inspections. **Motion carried.**

Rasmussen/Bahe moved to re-affirm the ongoing agreement with Snowbusters Snowmobile Club regarding access to Village sidewalks. **Motion carried.**

Bahe/Malmberg moved to approve the appointment of election inspectors and poll workers for the term January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021. **Motion carried.**

Bahe/Naxera moved to approve the application of Thomas Mueller for an Operator's License to work at the Ferry Crossing Bar & Grill. **Motion carried.**

**Administrator's Report:** Bob provided to the Board members copies of the materials as listed on the agenda.

Geenen provided data on each village loan of payment amount, interest rates, maturity date, and original purpose for potential refinancing options in the current low rate environment. The annual BCPL payment is in March – refinancing at current rates exceed \$5,000 in savings.

A quote for two bays of swings located at Jeff Voll Park at just under \$4,000 without setup and foundation costs. One bay would be infant and parent/infant swings.

**Water & Sewer Operations:** System-wide SCADA System replacement bid of outdated components from L.W. Allen would include Village Office and WWTP radios and components along with well house, water tower, and lift stations. WWTP sand filter maintenance to eliminate ponding awaiting for ground to freeze to prevent road damage.

**Pending Planning & Zoning Items:** Contacted village attorney on the status of the draft ordinance change

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regarding Short Term rentals.

Bahe/Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. All ayes  
**Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

**Fitness Program for Seniors**

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. The program cost is only \$10 per person for the season.

**Classes started in October and runs through April 24, 2020.**

Anyone 50 years of age or older can attend and you don't have to attend every session. *It's not too late to join.*

**When: 9:30-10 am**

**Each Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

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

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Village Board**

Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6:00 PM

**Caucus for Trustee Seats  
Nominations for two Trustees**

Saturday, Jan. 11 at 9:00 AM

**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.

**Upcoming ADRC**

Wed. 10 AM at Village Hall

Pam Fuchs, ADRC  
Baraboo/Sauk County

January 8<sup>th</sup>  
March 11<sup>th</sup>

**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.

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**MERRIMAC COMMUNITY  
FESTIVAL**

The 2020 Community Festival Committee will hold monthly planning meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Village Hall beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>. For info contact Leis Docken at: msleis1960@gmail.com

**Brush Pick-Up Date**  
**Wed. January 15**

*4 feet wide by 4 feet high up to 8 feet long with brush stacked parallel and near the roadway.*

**Please place your Christmas Trees at the curb PARALLEL TO THE STREET for easy pick-up. Thank you!**

**For the winter months, brush pick-up is done once a month through April 2020**

**METALS**

*Can be dropped off behind the Village Hall near the storage building or trailer of metal. NO PLASTIC or TV's.*