

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of December 11, 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.

**Public Input:** Dave Wiegman purchased one of three parcels contain a 50' easement on the East side of Lu Foster from the Steve Weynand Estate Sale. The easement would allow access to 151-0270 thru these two lots. The new owner of 151-0270 intends to attach the lot to the existing residential parcel. Tax Parcel 151-0294 provides water access to the off-water lot members of the West Westwood Covenants. Mr. Wiegman provided that eight neighbors indicated affirming removing the easement and he did not receive feedback from three neighbors. The board referred this to the Plan Commission - noting the issue rests with combining lots to eliminate the need for easement access.

Following review of the Village's Outstanding bills, Bahe/Malmberg 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 November, 2018. Hahn/Naxera moved to accept the financial reports. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Bahe moved to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Village Board meetings. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Bahe moved to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Special Budget Hearing. **Motion carried.**

### **Administrator's Report:**

Bob provided to the Board members copies of the materials as listed on the agenda. Reminder – Village Caucus January 12<sup>th</sup>. Hahn, Bahe & Budde terms expire April 2019.

### **Water & Sewer Operations:**

Residential cross-connection surveys are underway. The DNR requests all homes are inspected to prevent contamination of municipal potable water supply every ten years (as a low risk classification).

**Planning & Zoning Items:** State of Wisconsin is offering options for Commercial Electrical Inspections beginning in 2020. These options are

continue to utilize local appointed Inspection Service or State contracted service. Forwarded to Plan Commission for input.

Moved by Naxera for a \$50 Holiday Bonus for all employees: Second by Malmberg. Roll call vote - **Passed unanimously.**

With no further matters brought before the Board, Naxera/Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

## **Get Involved Locally!**

### **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. Contact Bob Geenen if you are interested or have questions.

**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.**

**TDS CABLE INSTALLATION WORK**

The underground boring of the plastic conduit lines have been completed for the season. Early spring will bring the installation of the fiber optics lines through the conduit to hub distribution boxes and then street pedestals (which serve two to four homes). The lines will then be brought to homes and businesses either aerial or underground from street pedestals. TDS is planning download and upload speeds of 300/mps throughout the Village of Merrimac. Cable lines are expected to be removed in 2020.

**Direct Payment of Utility Bills**

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 to request the form.

**Keeping you informed**

Water / Sewer utilities will be requesting/verifying phone and email information in 2019. This will allow us to communicate urgent or ongoing work in your neighborhood of the Village.

**CALENDAR  
REMINDERS**

**Village Caucus**

**Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019  
9:00 AM  
To receive nominations for  
Village Board President  
And Two Trustees**

**Plan Commission**

**Tuesday, January 8  
6:00 PM**

**Village Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 8  
Immediately following Plan  
Commission meeting**

**Brush Pick-Up Date**

**Wednesday, Jan. 16**

**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 2019**

**Senior Fitness Program**

**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!**

**HELD OVER!**

**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.**

**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.