

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Draft Minutes of the Village Board Meeting December 12, 2023

**Item 1. Call to Order:** The Village of Merrimac Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Village President Andrew Gallus at 5:30PM. Village Trustees Margaret Budde, Jim Malmberg, George Naxera, and Nate Taylor were present. Also in attendance were Administrator Jennie Klecker, Director of Public Works Justin Schultz, and members of the public, as listed on the sign-in sheet. President Gallus examined the affidavit of posting and confirmed that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

**Item 2. Public Input:** Administrator Klecker shared that Discover Wisconsin featured the Village of Merrimac in their most recent program "Sauk Count Hidden Gems." The video, Season 36, episode 12, is available at watch.discoverwisconsin.com. Trustee Naxera informed the Board that the Ambulance Committee has ordered a new ambulance, which should arrive in 6 to 8 months.

**Item 3. Review Consent Agenda:** Budde/Taylor motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 4. Approval of Village Bills:** Gallus/Naxera motioned to approve payment of outstanding monthly bills as listed on items 4.i.-4.iv. of the Agenda. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 5. Merrimac Snowbusters Trail Land Use Agreement:** Naxera/Taylor motioned to approve the Merrimac Snowbusters Trail Land Use Agreement. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 6. Operator's License Application - Dayna Hannah for Mac's Pub & Grub:** Naxera/Gallus motioned to approve the

Operator's License Application for Dayna Hannah at Mac's Pub & Grub. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 7. Election Inspector Appointments:** President Gallus nominated the following individuals as Election Workers for the term from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025: Gale Bahe and Sheila Burton as Chief Inspectors, Kitty Midthun, Ann Hoffman, June Anderson, Rita Mathers, Joyce Ogden-Portz, Mark Anderson, Pat Gallus, and Pastor Erick Hunter as Election Inspectors. Budde/Malmberg motioned to appoint the Village President nominated election workers. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 8. Select January 2024 Caucus Date:** Budde/Taylor motioned to schedule the January Caucus for Saturday, January 13th at 9:00am. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 9. Village Christmas Decoration Replacement Budget:** President Gallus expressed concern that the Village Christmas Light Pole decorations are continuing to fail each year and suggested the Village consider upgrading to newer LED decorations in the near future. Since new decorations are \$400 to \$800 or more a piece, the Board agreed to look into a variety of purchasing options over the next year.

**Item 10. Report of the Director of Public Works:** 10.a. LED Streetlights Installed; DPW Schultz informed the Board that every streetlight in the Village has now been converted to LED. 10.b. Landia Mixer; The Landia mixer is back from being repaired and will be re-installed next week. 10.c. Flushing Hydrant Installed; The Flushing Hydrant on Crown Court has been installed and is up and running. 10.d. WWTP Valve Replaced; S&L has replaced a Valve at the WWTP. New orange and green flashing lights will soon be installed on the Village Truck. CTW will be out to fix the vibrations in the well sometime next week.

## Item 11. Report of the Administrator:

11.a. Approve 2024 Water & Sewer Budget; Naxera/Budde motioned to approve the proposed 2024 Water & Sewer Budget. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 12. Adjourn:** At 5:59pm, Naxera/Budde motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennie Klecker

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Next Village Board Meeting

**January 9, 2024**

5:30 PM @ Village Hall

## Village Caucus

To Nominate Board of Trustee  
Candidates for the April 2, 2024 Election

To be Held at Village Hall

**Saturday, January 13 @ 9:00am**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME!

## AA Meetings

Wednesday Evenings 7:00

@ Merrimac Village Hall

Questions?

Contact Chuck @ 608-795-0050

## Senior Fitness Program

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays,

9:30 – 10:00am

Merrimac Village Hall

**Join us anytime! Only \$10**



Recycling Pickup Dates:

**January 8 & 22**

**Website:** [merrimacwi.gov](http://merrimacwi.gov)

**Email:** [merrimac@merrimacwi.gov](mailto:merrimac@merrimacwi.gov) **Village Hall:** 608-493-2122

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

Brush Pick-up Date

**January 11th**

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

**Fall/Winter Street Parking**

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.**



Introducing...

**Friday Nite Eco-Flicks**

**Friday, January 26th**

**6:30pm at Village Hall**

Green Merrimac kindly invites you to attend the movie "2040," the first in a series of environmentally focused films to be shown this winter at Merrimac Village Hall. Described as a funny, entertaining, upbeat climate documentary, award winning director Damon Gameau embarks on a journey to explore what the future would look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet and shifted them into the mainstream. Run time: 90 mins.

**Light refreshments will be provided.**

*Celebrate* **WINTER**

**\*COMMUNITY\*FRIENDS\*FAMILY\*  
\*FUN\*GAMES\***

**Community Potluck**

**Merrimac Community School**

**Friday, January 19**

**6:30pm to 8:30pm**

**Bring a dish to pass and your favorite board game!**

**(No alcohol is allowed)**

***Sponsored by the  
Merrimac Snowbusters***

Bring a little cash!

50/50 cash raffle: with proceeds going to Merrimac Home & School Club & more!

Questions? Contact Claire Walmer

Call/Text: (608)576-2223



**WE WANT YOU!**

**TO RUN FOR TRUSTEE**

Interested Village residents wishing to run for public office for the Village of Merrimac should plan to attend the Village Caucus, to be held at Merrimac Village Hall (100 Cook Street) **January 13, 2024 at 9:00am**. The Caucus process is used to secure nominations of candidates for Trustee's posts that will expire in April 2024. 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 2nd, 2024 Spring Election. Please contact Village Administrator, Jennie Klecker if you have any questions.



**2024 Dog & Cat License Reminder**

Village Ordinances require all dogs & cats over the age of 5 months be licensed no later than April 1st of each year. Dog and cat licenses may be purchased at Village Hall or by mail. If mailing, please include a stamped, self-addressed, envelope. Please provide a proof of rabies **vaccination certificate** along with the appropriate fee shown below:

	<b>DOGS</b>	<b>CATS</b>
Neutered or Spayed	\$7.00	\$4.00
Unaltered	\$12.00	\$8.00

**ALL ABOARD  
4K Registration**

**Monday, February 19  
Open House 3:30 - 6:30pm**



Presentations every hour starting at 4:00pm. No RSVP necessary.

**Location:** Community Center (730 Monroe Street, Sauk City)

Learn about the District's 4K program and enroll your child for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Holiday Office Hours**

**Village Hall will be closed  
December 29 - January 1**

**Wishing Merrimac  
A Safe and**

