

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of April 10, 2018

President Hahn called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present upon roll call included Nick Hahn, George Naxera, Phil Budde, Jim Malmberg and Garry Bahe. Ron Senger, Village Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer was also present along with Bob Geenen (Ron's replacement as Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer effective May 1st).

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

Public Input:

Ron summarized an email update provided by Steve Flottmeyer, WI DOT's Southwest Region Planning Chief, regarding the Highway 78 situation. Steve's email mentioned their preliminary investigation from the pavement core samples shows the issue is not really with the asphalt, but most likely water being trapped in the base course. DOT is having additional internal discussions whether a bigger sampling set from the underlying base course will help in better understanding what is happening throughout this 11-mile section of highway. As of April 9th, the DOT had not yet scheduled the next round of investigation. In the meantime, DOT is discussing what the next steps may be for

improvement on Hwy 78. DOT's direction will depend on what they find out from their next investigations. The Board suggested Bob continue requesting monthly updates until a solution is set in motion.

Following review of the Village's outstanding bills and prepaid expenses, Naxera/Bahe moved to approve payment of the bills as listed on the agenda. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Hahn/Malmberg moved to approve the monthly financial reports including the balance sheet and budget comparison by major fund accounts for March, 2018. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Naxera moved to approve the draft Minutes of the March 13, 2018 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Naxera/Bahe moved to approve the application of Cody Wood for an Operator's License at CG's Pub & Grub. **Motion carried.**

Documents required by the Bank of Prairie du Sac relating to the Administrator's position transition were signed by all required parties.

Bahe/Hahn moved to approve the Village's \$500 payment to the Oak Hill Cemetery Association based on their request in support of their annual operations and maintenance budget. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Malmberg/Bahe moved to approve the Municipal Agreement between the Village and the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Association. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Following the Village's drinking water sanitary survey in February, the DNR water quality engineer directed our water utility to create and implement its own program for regulating private wells located within the Village. As a result, the Board reviewed three example ordinances from other local communities in order to create and establish acceptable regulatory guidance.

Administrator's Report:

Ron conducted the swearing-in of two recently re-elected Village Trustees, Jim Malmberg and George Naxera. Each will serve 2-year terms beginning April 17, 2018 and ending the third Tuesday in April, 2020. Ron provided Board members copies of the Minutes of the Sauk Prairie School Board meeting of 2/26/18, the Merrimac Area Fire Commission meeting of 2/5/18 and the Village Inspection Report for 4/6/18. He commended Justin and Derek for their recent hard work accomplished in cutting and removing heavy brush and small trees from the street right-of-way on both sides of the west end of Church Street. With the help of a team of contractors working on behalf of Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, in one day the group cut and removed more than 20 large dump truck loads of brush from

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the south side of the street alone.

Ron reported Derek Peetz is scheduled to attend the Basic General Wastewater Class hosted at Wisconsin Rural Water Association's Plover training facility on April 16, 2016. This class will help prepare Derek for taking the WI DNR's Basic General Wastewater Operator certification exam and the Basic Recirculating Media Filters subclass exam on May 2, 2018. In late April Derek will provide tours of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), explaining its operations, processes and capabilities to some of the trustees; these tours are intended to deepen Derek's understanding of our wastewater system and help prepare him for the essay part of the exam. Upon successful completion of the DNR exam, Derek will work as an "operator-in-training" while serving under supervision for a 3-year period. After this period, retaining his Wisconsin Wastewater Operator Certification requires a minimum of 18 continuing-education credits prior to the end of each 3-year certification period. The Village's new Administrator, Bob Geenen, is scheduled to attend the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' Local Government 101 Workshop on June 1, 2018.

Sewer & Water Operations:

Coordination is underway with Madison Metro Sewerage District and A1-DJ Septic to remove 6,000 gallons of septage from each of the two secondary settling tanks at the WWTP. Removing a portion of the accumulated septage from the secondary tanks has not been done since plant operations began over 16 years ago. Going forward we anticipate some septage removal

will be needed at 10-year intervals.
Adjourn Naxera/Bahe Motion carried 6:59PM

Respectfully submitted,


Ronald D. Senger, Administrator

2018 Merrimac Community Festival Saturday, August 4, 2018

Our first Festival Planners' Meeting for 2018 was held on Thursday, April 19th; it appears we'll have a level of participation and festival events similar to the past several years. Donations are coming in and volunteer helpers are encouraged to contact Bob or Tana at (608) 493-2122. Many of our local community organizations still need volunteers to help during the festival day. The following organizations will again participate, including the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the United Methodist Church, Merrimac Fire & Rescue, and the Snowbusters Snowmobile Club. Serving 2-3 hours as a volunteer is an excellent way to meet and make new friends, get involved and raise money for a great cause (our Village Parks). Please give back to our community and say yes to serving!

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 over 42% of our customers are using this simple payment method. Please call the Village office if you have questions, or need help with the form.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 6 pm

**Real Estate Tax
Open Book**
Friday, May 4, 9:00-11:00 am
Village Hall
(Municipal appraiser will be present)

Board of Review
Saturday, May 12
9:00 am until adjournment
Village Hall
(Municipal appraiser will be present)
Please see official Public Notices posted on the Village's website

Brush Pick-Up Dates
Wednesday, May 9
& Wednesday, May 23
Beginning in May, Brush Pickup Returns to Twice per Month:
Please place your yard waste at curbside in CLEAR plastic bags; sticks or branches must be in neat 4' x 4' x 8' piles (or smaller) and aligned linear to street with easy access for pick up by our tractor grapple bucket **without driving on grass.**

Sauk County Clean Sweep
Saturday, June 2, 2018
8:30 AM – Noon
Old Sauk County Landfill
E8795 Evergreen Lane, Baraboo

Items accepted for **no charge** include pesticides, cleaners, paint, batteries, light bulbs motor oil and a wide variety of electronics. For more information call (608) 355-3245 or email Sadie Schroeder at: Sadie.Schroeder@saukcountywi.gov

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