

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of April 9, 2019

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Village President Nick Hahn at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Nick Hahn, George Naxera, Phil Budde, Garry Bahe and Jim Malmberg. Bob Geenen, Village Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer and Jeff Rasmussen, newly elected Board member, were also present.

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

Public Input:

Trustees noted areas for compliance: tires at Taylor Made, messy house across from T intersection from ferry, the Boat named Moonshiner, size & location of yard barn on Lu Foster. Administrator noted garage on East end of Village.

Geenen swore in and administered the Oath of Office for new terms beginning April 17, 2019 for newly-elected Village Board President Phil Budde, newly-elected Board member Jeff Rasmussen and re-elected Board member Garry Bahe. Each officer will serve for a two-year term. All the newly elected signed Oaths of Office as subscribed and sworn by the clerk.

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 March 2019 Budde/Hahn moved to accept the reports. **Motioned carried.**

Naxera/Malmberg moved to approve the Minutes of the March 5, 2019 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Hahn moved to approve the lower the interest rate obtained on a resolution to the buy-out the Massey Ferguson leased tractor to be financed with the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Upon roll call vote the **Resolution Approve** unanimously.

Administrator's Report:

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

Bob noted the TDS (purchase and) transition of Merrimac Communications operations are moving quickly. Conduit continues to be horizontally drilled and Fiber optic lines are being installed throughout the village. Channels 200 (local Events & Agenda) and Channel 201 (Live Ferry Channel) will discontinue.

The administrator informed the board of trustees that the Merrimac Community Festival Committee consensus to not hold an event this year. It is unfortunate, but the same thing occurring here on special events is happening with the Sauk Prairie Chamber area and other cities/villages in Wisconsin. The Merrimac Festival has lost a lot of volunteer support over the last few years and the remaining anchor volunteers have grown tired.

Water & Sewer Operations:

Wisconsin DNR Re-Issued to the Village of Merrimac's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit expiring March 31, 2024.

Planning & Zoning Items:

Review of Short Term Rental Ordinance as the 30 day minimum is non-compliant with state statute.

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities provided a model ordinance on Small Cell Towers within right of way for cities and villages for inclusion within their ordinances.

Review and implementation of Abandoned Well Ordinance as prescribed by the DNR.

Bahe/Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. **Motion Carried.**

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Minutes Cont.
Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Nick Hahn's Send-off
Friday, May 31, 2019

Village Hall, 3:30 PM

Mark your calendars and come celebrate Nick's service as President of the Village Board of Trustees. Refreshments will be available. Please stop by, share some stories and village pictures. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

Property Maintenance

Please take appropriate actions to spruce up your property so our Village looks great to your neighbors and everyone who visits this summer!

As noted in the Public Input in the minutes within this *Village Voice* the administrator did receive the Village Trustees potential areas of concern to follow-up on. This includes vehicles on the property that appear to be abandoned & constitute a public nuisance.

Merrimac Community Festival

Has Been Cancelled

Our first **Festival Planners' Committee Meeting** for 2019 decided to *not hold* the annual event due to declining volunteer involvement.

CLEAN SWEEP
Saturday, June 1, 2019
8:30 AM – Noon
Dispose of household hazardous wastes!

Sauk County is again sponsoring Clean Sweep at the 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.

Refrigerators, freezers, computer monitors, CRT/Flat Screen TV's, microwaves and other appliances can also be disposed of for a fee. For additional information call (608) 355-3245 or email:

conservation@saukcountywi.gov.

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

Future Meetings

Village Board:

Tuesday, May 14 6:15 PM

Tuesday, June 11 6:00 PM

Plan Commission:

Tuesday, May 14 6:00 PM

Possibly combined with Vil. Board

Real Estate Tax

Open Book

Thursday, May 16, 3:00 – 5:00

Village Hall

(municipal appraiser will be present)

Board of Review

Friday, May 31

1:30 PM - until adjournment

Village Hall

(municipal appraiser will be present)

Brush Pick-Up Dates

Wed. MAY 8 & 22

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 or lawns.

Tree and lawn services must clean up and haul wood waste. We can accept waste that is collected from Village Residents.