

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Minutes of the Public Hearing on Proposed Wellhead Protection Ordinance 185-21A April 12, 2022

**Item 1. Call to Order:** The Village of Merrimac Public Hearing on the proposed Wellhead Protection Area Overlay District was called to order in Village Hall by Village President Phil Budde at 5:00 pm. Village Trustees Andrew Gallus, Jim Malmberg, George Naxera and Kirk Olson were present. Also in attendance were Administrator Jennie Klecker, Interim Deputy Clerk Margaret Budde, Director of Public Works Justin Schultz, Merrimac Fire Chief Jenson, Bart Olson, Cheryl Anderson, Vern and Marie Weisensel and Bob and Sarah Doran. President Budde examined the affidavit of posting and verified that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

**Item 2. Public Input:** Bob Doran requested a meeting with the Board to discuss a potential land purchase and future residential development. President Budde recommended Mr. Doran attend the April 13, 2022 Plan Commission Meeting to further discuss the topic.

**Item 3. Adjourn:** Upon hearing no further public input regarding the Wellhead Protection Plan, Naxera/Gallus moved that the meeting adjourn to the Board of Trustees regular meeting. All Ayes, **Motion Carried**

## Minutes of the Village Board Meeting April 12, 2021

**Item 1. Call to Order:** The Village of Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Village President Phil Budde at 5:04 pm. President Budde examined the affidavit of posting and confirmed that

advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

**Item 2. Public Input:** None  
Naxera/Malmberg made a motion to alter the agenda to move item 9.c. to the start of the meeting. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

**Item 9.c. Merrimac Fire Department Equipment Purchase:** Chief Jenson briefed the Board regarding the Merrimac Fire Department's intent to purchase a new rescue vehicle. The Merrimac Fire Commission will hold a public hearing at the Fire Station on May 2 at 7:00PM. Gallus/Naxera motioned to authorize President Budde to sign Merrimac Fire Department's proposed debt service for a 2023 Freightliner Medium Rescue Vehicle, contingent upon Public Hearing. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

**Item 3. Consent Agenda:** Gallus/Naxera motioned to approve items 3a., 3b., 3c., 3d. of the Consent Agenda as posted. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

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

**Item 5. Adoption of Wellhead Protection Ordinance:** Gallus/Olson moved to adopt proposed Wellhead Protection Ordinance 185-21A. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

**Item 6. Report of the President:** President Budde offered to address questions or comments regarding items 6.a. Health Insurance Memo and 6.b. Letter to Residents on Administrator & Deputy Clerk Transition. Item 6.c. Post-Election Committee Appointments: Naxera/Gallus motioned to approve current Plan Commission membership of Malmberg (Chairperson), Hoffman, Garrison, Pfaff and T. Gallus. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Naxera/Gallus motioned to approve current Board of Appeals membership of K.

Olson (Chairperson), Nawrocki, Strathman and new members Anderson, Buffardi and B.Olson. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Gallus/Naxera motioned to approve current Parks Committee members A. Gallus (Chairperson), Garrison, Strathman and Zeman. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

**Item 7: Report of the Administrator:** Administrator Klecker reported the Village has received several resumes in response to the Deputy Clerk position and would like to begin scheduling interviews with applicants after April 18<sup>th</sup>. Naxera motioned to authorize Gallus, Klecker, Schultz and M. Budde to serve as hiring committee for review of resumes and conduct interviews for Deputy Clerk. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Naxera/Gallus motioned to approve a Liquor License for Varsity Club Restaurant, LLC. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Gallus/Olson motioned to approve Operator's License for Cortney Clements. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

**Item 8. Report of the Public Works Director:** On March 25, Village staff was alerted to a check valve failure at Lift Station 1 and after inspection, discovered the 19-year-old valve had worn out and needed to be replaced. Gallus/Olson motioned to approve approximately \$3,500 for replacement check valves and supplies for Lift Station 1. Upon roll call vote, All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Malmberg/Gallus motioned to authorize DPW to hire S&L Underground to replace Lift Station 1 check valves. Upon roll call vote, All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Gallus/Malmberg motioned to approve approximately \$9,600 for the budgeted rehabilitation of Anoxic Mixer 4. Upon roll call vote, All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

**Item 9. Report of the Deputy Clerk:** Deputy Clerk Budde informed the board that the Village has gone over our Chlorides limit at the WWTP due to excessive residential

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water softener salt usage, and will likely receive a Notice of Non-compliance (NON) from the DNR. In response, Village staff has begun a public information campaign aimed at reducing water softener salt usage. Gallus/Naxera motioned to approve proposed Chlorides reduction approach for response to anticipated NON. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Mrs. Budde provided the board reports showing the Polishing Pre-Pilot Program has proven to be highly successful. Gallus/Naxera motioned to approve approximately \$2,700 for the purchase of a tote of MicroC. Upon roll call vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** Naxera/Gallus motioned to approve approximately \$1,000 for supplies required for Polishing Pilot project startup. Upon roll call vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

**Item 10. Future Plan Commission Actions:** Mr. Malmberg stated that the Plan Commission will begin discussing the 2022 Comprehensive Plan at their next meeting on April 13, 2022.

**Item 11. Swearing in of Elected Trustees:** Village President Budde administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Trustees George Naxera and Jim Malmberg, with their two-year terms beginning on April 19, 2022.

**Item 10. Adjourn:** At 6:03 pm, Gallus/Naxera moved that the meeting adjourn. All Ayes, **Motion Carried**

**Minutes of the Village  
Plan Commission Meeting  
April 13, 2022**

**Item 1. Call to Order:** The Village of Merrimac Plan Commission Meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Chairperson Malmberg at 5:00pm. Commission Members Gallus, Garrison, Hoffman and Pfaff were present. Also in attendance were Bob and Sarah Doran, Cheryl Anderson, Tom Luck, Craig Schollian and Rick Schmidt. Chairperson Malmberg examined the affidavit of posting and verified that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

**Item 2. Public Input:** Tom Luck spoke and asked questions regarding the potential construction of a commercial building on Main Street. Bob Doran spoke and asked

questions regarding a potential future residential development.

**Item 3. Schmidt Boathouse:** Mr. Schmidt submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application and plans for construction of a boathouse on his property at 696 Lake Wisconsin Drive. Hoffman/Gallus motioned to recommend the Village board approve Mr. Schmidt's CUP and boathouse. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

**Item 4. 2022 Comprehensive Plan:** Chairperson Malmberg outlined the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) process that the Plan Commission will use to aid in developing the 2022 Comprehensive Plan. The Commission will be seeking volunteers from the Community to participate in the process.

**Item 5. Adjourn:** At 6:20 pm Pfaff/Garrison motioned to adjourn. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennie Klecker  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Next Board Meeting  
**May 10, 2022**  
5:00 PM @ Village Hall

Brush Pick-up Dates  
**May 11 & 25**  
*4 feet wide by 4 feet high, up to 8 feet long with brush stacked parallel to and near the roadway.*

**Merrimac  
Fire Department  
Annual Pancake Breakfast**  
Saturday, May 28th  
7:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
120 School Street  
All you can eat breakfast!  
Carry outs available.



**AA Meetings**  
Wednesday Evenings 7:00  
@Merrimac Village Hall  
Questions? Contact Mike  
@ 608-643-9521

**Village of Merrimac  
Comprehensive Plan Update**

Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning Law was enacted 1999 to provide guidance to communities on their developmental changes including housing, utilities and community facilities, land use, intergovernmental cooperation, economic development, transportation, natural and cultural resources, issues, and implementation. The Law requires public participation in updating the plan. The Village of Merrimac needs to update its plan that was created in 2005. The Plan Commission is looking for about 15 volunteers to participate in a 3 hour meeting to be held on a Saturday morning this summer. The group needs to represent all aspects of the village demographics. This means we include individuals who are young, old, live on and off the lake, business owners, commuters, renters, homeowners, school representatives, are on the fire department etc. The selection is not meant to exclude anyone but we can only have a maximum of 15 people. If more than 15 express interest, we will need to select by demographic, not by person. If you would be interested in helping with your input, please contact our Village Administrator Jennie Klecker at 608-493-2122 or email [merrimac@merrimacwi.gov](mailto:merrimac@merrimacwi.gov)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
The Merrimac Community  
Festival is Back!  
**August 6, 2022**  
Details Coming Soon!  
If you are interested in helping out,  
email [merrimacfestival@gmail.com](mailto:merrimacfestival@gmail.com)

Village Hall will be closed on  
**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
in Observance of  
Memorial Day

