

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of May 8, 2018

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Trustee James Malmberg, acting as President pro tem, at 6:00 p.m. Board members present upon roll call were George Naxera, Phil Budde, and Garry Bahe. Village President Nick Hahn was excused absent. Bob Geenen, Village Administrator- Clerk-Treasurer was also present.

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

### Public Input:

George Naxera provided documentation for a potential re-zone from a resident of the village. As a re-zone; conclusion was to hold a Plan Commission Meeting prior to the next Village Board Meeting in June.

Bob summarized an email update provided by John Steiner with WI DOT's Southwest Region Planning, regarding Highway 78 road condition. John's email mentioned their ongoing investigation, with three additional sample sections retrieved on April 30, of how the subgrade was acting. An internal meeting of these results will help determine the potential answers for what is needed on this stretch of STH 78. John does not want to speculate on a solution without all the data.

Bob provided and read a Thank You from outgoing Administrator Ron Senger for the gift card from the Board for Driftless Glen and great support over the last five years.

Ed White, Executive Director for the the Sauk County Development Corporation attended the meeting. He introducing himself and handed out the 2017 Annual Report after adjourning.

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, with the change to Item C Sewer Fund to indicate a reduction in the total amount of monthly bills due to \$22,842.86 after the deduction of \$43.18 in sales tax charged by Badger Excavating. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Naxera/Budde moved to approve the monthly financial reports as revised including the balance sheet and budget comparison by major fund accounts for April, 2018. **Motion carried.**

On review of the April minutes, Naxera noted the minutes needed to state an adjournment time. Bob noted the April meeting ended at just under an hour. Budde/Naxera moved to approve the adjusted Minutes of the April 10, 2018 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Bahe/Budde moved to approve the applications of Myron Wood and Amanda Stremkowski for Operator's

Licenses at CG's Pub & Grub. The application of Andrew Cook was also approved pending receipt of a current Server's Certificate.

**Motion carried.**

Bob noted Board President Hahn and he reviewed the US Cellular Water Tower and Ground Lease in detail on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Board concluded such a long term agreement did merit a legal review. KLM Engineering (Water Tower Specialists) offered a free non-legal review of document for standard and common language and current industry standards by staff that previously supervised installation of such equipment. Naxera/Bahe moved the Lease be forwarded for legal review. **Motion carried.**

Discussion of a draft Ordinance for Regulation, Permitting and Abandonment of Private Wells followed. Trustees understand the importance of preventing the village water source from potential contamination through abandoned wells. The Board wanted continued education on this matter to be put forth through the Village Voice before finalizing an ordinance. Attorney review of ordinance held, allowing for public education.

### Administrator's Report:

Bob provided copies of the Sauk Prairie School Board Minutes for 3/12/18; Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission Minutes for 1/16/18 and the Village Inspection Report for 4/30/2018.

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**Administrator's Report (continued):**

Open Book real estate tax review on May 4 resulted in 5 reviews and two changes. Bob also reported that Justin Schultz's 5-year anniversary with the Village was May 1<sup>st</sup> and how fortunate the Village is for his efforts. Trustees asked for School District partnership needs of the MCCS and asked for a mutual meeting. Trustees suggested Memorial Park replacement bathroom stools and sinks could be made of stainless steel for durability.

**Sewer & Water Operations:**

A-1 DJ Septic returned on May 8<sup>th</sup> for the third truck load of 5200 gallons of septage from the West secondary tank at the WWTP. The cost of the final truck at MMSD was higher at \$140 per 1000 gallons. This lowers the level of septage to under two feet for the West tank and under one foot for the East tank. The removal of this level of septage should reduce our filter from needing to be cleaned as often and protect the sand filter bed from accumulating particulates, thus extending its life.

In April, the loan of a Valve Turning Tool from the Wisconsin Rural Water Association allowed our Operators to exercise 33 valves along the Village water mains as part of the regular water system maintenance program.

Naxera/Bahe motioned to adjourn at 6:59 pm. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen, Administrator

**Water & Private Wells**

Wisconsin has had well regulations since 1936, and today is recognized as a national leader in well protection.

NR 812, Wis. Adm. Code, is the state Well and Pump Code administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Well and Pump Code is based on the sound premise that if a well and water system is properly located, constructed, installed, and maintained; the well should provide safe water continuously without the need for treatment. NR 810.16 requires the regulation of wells located on premises served by the village water system to implement a program of private well regulation. DNR is verifying village compliance of private well regulation.

**2018 Merrimac  
Community Festival  
Saturday, August 4, 2018**

The second Festival Planners' Meeting for 2018 was held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 United Methodist Church (now picking up the ½ baked chicken & serving pulled pork sandwiches throughout the evening), Merrimac Fire & Rescue, and the Snowbusters Snowmobile Club. Consider Friday set up and Saturday tear down of one to two hour commitment in assisting your festival.

**CALENDAR REMINDERS**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Plan Commission**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 6 pm**

**Village Board**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 6:30 pm**

**Or immediately after Plan Commission**

**Merrimac Fire Dept.  
4<sup>th</sup> of JULY FIREWORKS  
WILL BE HELD  
SATURDAY, JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**Brush Pick-Up Dates**

**Wednesday, June 13  
& Wednesday, June 27**

**Brush pickup has returned to  
twice a month in summer.**

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.

Metals can be dropped off behind the Village Hall near the storage building. A few recyclable appliances costing a disposal fee are **not allowed.** These are: air conditioners, de-humidifiers and refrigerators. Please call the Village office if you are unsure if we can accept a particular item containing metal.