

VILLAGE VOICE

May 2022

Volume 18, Issue 5

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting April 12, 2022

Item 1. Call to Order: The Village of Merrimac Board of Trustees Meeting 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, Bart Olson, Cheryl Anderson, and Kit Eilertson. President Budde examined the affidavit of posting and confirmed that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

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

Item 4. Approval of Village Bills: Naxera/Olson moved to approve payment of outstanding monthly bills as listed on items 4.i.-4.iv. of the Agenda except for Strand Associates invoices, which will be further discussed during Item 7.d.ii. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 2. Public Input: Having arrived shortly after public input, Kit Eilertson, speaking on behalf of the Merrimac Community School, gave updates on the new Village planter adoption program, new community garden and fence, and 5th grade graduation on June 8th. She also extended an invitation to the Board as well as the community to visit and take a tour of the new school addition and renovation.

Item 5. Report of the Administrator:

Item 5.a. Approve Deputy Clerk Hire: After interviewing several qualified candidates, the hiring committee unanimously decided

to recommend Cindy Spradlin be hired as the new full-time Deputy Clerk at the rate of \$18.00 per hour. Olson/Gallus made a motion to hire Cindy Spradlin as Deputy Clerk. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Item 5.b. Schmidt Boathouse CUP: Naxera/Gallus motioned to approve Schmidt Boathouse Conditional Use Permit. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Item 5.c. Transfer from Sewer LGIP to Sewer Checking: Administrator Klecker advised the Board that the Sewer Checking currently shows a negative balance of (\$3,685.19) and recommended transferring funds from the Sewer Reserve to replenish the account. Naxera/Gallus motioned to transfer \$5,000 from LGIP Sewer Reserve to Sewer Checking. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Item 5.d. Verizon Proposal: Trustee Olson gave the Board a brief update regarding the newly proposed land lease agreement with Verizon Wireless/TowerNorth. Barring any objection from the Village Attorney, Olson/Gallus motioned to accept the proposal. After further discussion among the Trustees, Gallus/Malmberg motioned to table the topic until next meeting to allow further review of the lease and consultation with the Village Attorney. All Ayes, **Motioned Carried.** Item 5.e. Garbage and Recycling Update: Trustee Olson informed the Board that he has contacted several local Garbage and Recycling contractors to request information and quotes for service. He is awaiting responses and should have a more detailed update by the June Board meeting. Item 5.f. Security Camera for Metals Drop-Off Area: Trustee Olson proposed the Village install security cameras, improved lighting, and signage near the metals drop-off area to deter dumping of unapproved items. Olson offered to look into options and pricing. Item 5.g. LRIP Grant Options: Administrator Klecker informed the Board that the Village

received a \$15,080 LRIP Grant to be used on School St. repairs. She gave a general project overview, explained how the grant works, and outlined several options the Village can take to help pay for the project costs, which must be paid in advance. Since the Village has until summer of 2026 to use the grant, she along with DPW Schultz will continue to explore the Village's options.

Item 6. Report of the Public Works

Director: Item 6.a. Approve Resuming Daily Noon Whistle: After a recent tornado siren test failure, DWP Schultz recommended the Village resume the daily noon whistle to help assure Village Staff and local Emergency Personnel that the siren is working properly. Gallus/Malmberg motioned to approve resuming the daily noon whistle. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

Item 6.a. Dump Truck: DWP Schultz received a quote for approximately \$90,000 from Kayser Ford in Sauk City for the purchase of a new Dump Truck. The current Village Dump Truck has reached the end of its lifespan and a replacement vehicle will need to be planned in next year's budget.

Item 7. Report of the Deputy Clerk:

Item 7.a. WWTP Polishing Pre-Pilot update: Interim Deputy Clerk Budde presented data that confirms the WWTP Polishing Pre-Pilot Program is a continued success. Item 7.b. Dump Truck Financing and pre-Budget 2023 discussion: Mrs. Budde gave a general financial overview and presented several options for the board to consider for financing a new Dump Truck, School Street repair, and Sewer repairs. Gallus/Malmberg motioned to indicate loan financing is a reasonable option for purchasing a new or used Dump Truck. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** Item 7.c. CMAR Report Card for Sewer Utility: Gallus/Naxera motioned to approve the following Items; 7.c.i., Continue to support

Website: merrimacwi.gov

Email: merrimac@merrimacwi.gov **Village Hall:** 608-493-2122

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

the staff in conducting the Pilot project to achieve effluent polishing to reduce Total Nitrogen, 7.c.ii., Support DPW Schultz and Operator Peetz in their self-study and taking the exams for the N and SS subclasses, and to authorize them to perform these tasks as part of their 40 hour work week, 7.c.iii., Acknowledge depletion of Sewer Reserve Fund from \$76,600 to \$40,800 due to excessive repairs to facilities and replacement of equipment in 2021, 7.c.iv., Acknowledge that Sewer reserve Fund is anticipated to fall below \$20,000 by August, 2022, due to planned and necessary equipment service and unanticipated equipment failures, and 7.c.v., Acknowledge CMAR score of 3.30. All Ayes, **Motions Carried.** Item 7.d.i., Naxera/ Gallus motioned to preliminarily approve Strand Associates Well No. 1 Amendment in the approximate amount of \$3,600 due to Well Projects' PSC cost-sharing and suspending of Well No. 2 Project. Item 7.d.ii., Malmberg/Gallus motioned to approve payment of Strand Invoices. Upon Roll Call Vote, All Ayes with Naxera abstaining. **Motion Carried.**

Item 8. Adjourn:

At 6:30 pm, Olson/Malmberg moved that the meeting adjourn. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennie Klecker
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Next Board Meeting
June 14, 2022
5:00 PM @ Village Hall

Plan Commission Meeting
June 6, 2022
5:00 PM @ Village Hall

Brush Pick-up Dates
June 8 & 29
4 feet wide by 4 feet high, up to 8 feet long with brush stacked parallel to and near the roadway.

AA Meetings
Wednesday Evenings 7:00
@Memorial Park Pavilion
Questions? Contact Mike
@ 608-643-952



**Merrimac Fire & Rescue
Annual Fireworks Show!
Sunday, July 3rd**

- *Gate opens at 5:00
- * \$5.00 a Carload
- * Music & Concessions
- * Fireworks at Dusk

57116 Bluff Road, Merrimac

Reminder:
To set off fireworks in the village, you need a permit. Email or call for details. merrimac@merrimacwi.gov


SAVE THE DATE
The Merrimac Community Festival is Back!
August 6, 2022
See Insert for Details!
If you are interested in helping out, email merrimacfestival@gmail.com

Please be considerate of your neighbors. In order to maintain a neat and attractive appearance, grass should be kept at a minimum of 4 inches. We request your continued attention and cooperation in keeping our village presentable throughout the coming season.



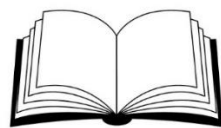
Considering a Building Project?
Don't Forget the Permit!

Most construction projects in the Village require a building permit. If you are thinking of a renovation project, a new deck or pool, or an addition, *please contact our building inspector before you start!* If you begin a construction project without a permit, you may be charged a \$150.00 Red Tag Fee. Don't risk it, just call.



Contact our Building Inspector, David Bieno at 608-617-9869 or email dbieno@generalengineering.net

Village of Merrimac Annual Open Book Session



Wednesday June 15, 2022
Village Hall 3:00 – 5:00PM

Village Board of Review
Thursday, June 23
Village Hall 10:00AM – Noon

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Have a safe & Happy 4th of July!

