

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of August 15, 2018

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Village President Nick Hahn at 6:26 p.m., following the adjournment of the Plan Commission meeting. Board members present upon roll call were Nick Hahn, George Naxera, Phil Budde, Garry Bahe and Jim Malmberg. Bob Geenen, Village Administrator- Clerk-Treasurer was also present.

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

### Public Input: None

Budde/Bahe moved to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission to approve the Certified Survey Map by James Grothman dated 7/13/2018 of Lot 1 of the George J. Sr. and Betty Senger Living Trust. (Parcel 151-0284-00000.) **Motion carried.**

Bahe/Naxera moved to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission for combining adjacent lots of the Colsac Cove Subdivision 151-0365 & 151-0364. Conditional Use Permit requested by David and Donna Rajchel, 604 Lakeview Avenue to allow for the addition of a breezeway and garage from the house located on parcel 151-0365. Additional garage from the house to be used for

personal workshop and storage. **Motion carried.**

Guests Superintendent of Sauk Prairie School District Cliff Thompson and Lead Teacher MCCS, Sid Malek. Appreciate our pride, willingness, and unwavering support for the charter school. Expansion of 4K – 17 students in Merrimac to be located at the United Methodist Church. Reviewing need for additional classrooms, gym, and library. MCCS enrollment is 118-120 pupils.

Following review of the Village's outstanding bills, Budde/Naxera 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 July, 2018. Hahn/Bahe moved to accept as presented.

Budde/Naxera moved to approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2018 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Malmberg/Bahe moved to approve a revised Banking Resolution to update the Village Visa debit card to name the new Village Administrator, Robert Geenen. **Motion carried.**

Hahn/Naxera moved to re-post the advertisement for a request for proposal to build a cover for the salt and sand storage bunker; the new request to have an extended completion date into the fall/ winter building season. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Bahe moved to approve the appointment of General Engineering Company of Portage as the new Village building inspector. **Motion carried.**

The Administrator spoke about ordinance enforcement by reaching out to residents on the following issues in the village: abandoned vehicles within the village; illegally parked boats, trailers, and vehicles on public streets; messy or garbage ridden areas of the village particularly Grove Street; and dead trees within the village; particularly the two trees around the Post Office. A procedure log will be created for each type of violation to expedite future similar violations. Difficulties with enforcement of ordinances will come to the board for potential follow-up with Village Legal Counsel for best approach to achieve compliance.

Budde/Bahe moved the lease review summary items noted by Trustee Budde and Adm. Geenen be forwarded to Village Attorney for final red line contract for U.S. Cellular Water Tower and ground space lease. **Motion carried.**

### Administrator's Report:

Bob provided copies of the Sauk Prairie School Board Minutes for 7/9/2018, Merrimac Area Fire Commission Minutes for 6/4/2018, an update memo on closure of the Village CDBG fund, and the Inspection Report for August. Bob spoke about the new CPU/ server (including Office 2016)

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**Administrator's Report - Continued**

was installed in the Administrator's office with automated backup system. The system is operating more stable with assured backups. The tractor RFP will be brought to the September meeting as tractor availability and build times are well within receiving the replacement tractor at the end of the current tractor lease. TDS representative approached Bob of not intending on keeping the Ferry Channel and offered the Village to purchase the equipment for approximately \$8,000 with the equipment needing to be moved off the Merrimac Communications property. The Community Festival continued its successful event even with mid-90's temperature. The crowds were down possibly due to the heat and humidity with increased activity noted by vendors and Fire Department stands. Both Ski shows were a big hit for the crowd and included a surprise helicopter fly-over during the National Anthem.

With no further matters brought before the Board, Bahe/Naxera moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM.  
**Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen

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**Special Thanks continued:**

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**Water & Private Wells Ordinance**

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 by creating an ordinance.

**CALENDAR REMINDERS**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Plan Commission**

**Tuesday September 11, 6 pm**

**Village Board**

**Tuesday September 11, 6:20 pm**

**Or immediately after Plan Commission**

**Brush Pick-Up Dates**

**Wednesday, Sept. 12  
& Wednesday, Sept. 26**

**Metals** can be dropped off behind the Village Hall near the storage building. Recyclable appliances costing a disposal fee are **not allowed**. These are: a/c units, de-humidifiers, refrigerators & lawn mowers. If you are unsure if we can accept a particular item containing metal, please inquire at the office.

**SAUK COUNTY**

**Hazardous Waste**

**CLEAN SWEEP**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**

**Old Sauk County Landfill**

**For more information**

**call:(608) 355-3245**

\$20 Small A/C Units & de-humidifiers  
\$25 Lawn Movers (no oil, gas, or tires)  
\$35 Refrigerators & Large Freezers  
No charge for many electrical items.

**Property Maintenance**

Please take appropriate actions to spruce up your property so our Village looks great to everyone who visits this summer! This includes vehicles that appear to be abandoned & constitute a public nuisance.

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