

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of Sept. 10, 2019

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

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

Public Input: None

Amy J. Brehm, new Lead Teacher at the Merrimac Community Charter School was in attendance. She said that this year there are 134 students at the school, including 4K students. Amy has experience with charter settings and is looking forward to working in the community.

Rasmussen/Naxera moved to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Agenda and In Progress Checks report along with the prepaid expenses as listed on the Agenda and Reprint Check Register. Upon roll call vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the monthly financial reports (Balance Sheets &

Budget Comparison by fund account) for the individual Water, Sewer, and General Funds for the month of August, 2019. Naxera/Malmberg moved to accept the reports as presented. **Motion carried.**

Discussion on incorporating weekly excess hours to accumulate into an Overtime/Compensatory time category that can be used prior to fiscal and calendar year end. The policy change avoids paying excess and OT Hours while allowing employees to utilize the time prior to yearend with coordination through the administrator. OT hours would accumulate at 1.5 times similar to overtime pay. Administrator, village president and employees did review the policy change that was presented. Rasmussen/Bahe moved to approve changes to Policy 203 Overtime and approve changes to Overtime / Compensatory Time Allowed by the FLSA for local governments. **Motion carried.**

Malmberg/Naxera moved to approve the Minutes from the August 13, 2019 Village Board Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Village President Budde talked with two community members regarding the opening for a village representative with the Merrimac Fire Commission. Rasmussen/Bahe moved to approve the appointment of Tom Gallus to the Merrimac Fire Commission. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Geenen provided Salary worksheet for upcoming budgeting meetings. The worksheets breakout costs by prior year calculations of COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) mid-year steps, health stipend (taxable wage) and benefits of social security and retirement (3% match). Bob also provided 2019/2020 salary surveys from Carlson Dettmann Consulting. Some discussion ensued on the approximate COLA and movement of steps (used to close the gap of wages of nearby municipalities). No action was taken as Budget will be discussed next meeting and if needed on Tuesday October 15th.

Naxera/Malmberg moved to approve the application of Jennifer Haas for an Operator's License to work at Mac's Pub & Grub, pending payment of the license fee. **Motion carried.** Bahe/Rasmussen moved to approve the application of Nicole Blackard for an Operator's License to work at Mac's Pub & Grub, pending payment of the license fee. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report: Bob provided to the Board members copies of the materials as listed on the agenda. A brief review of the budget schedule for 2020 Fiscal Year.

Water & Sewer Operations: WWTP sand filter maintenance to eliminate ponding.

Minutes Cont.

Pending Planning & Zoning Items:

Trustees had general agreement of administrator, plan commission chair, and village president to gather information on the future development from the Village perspective.

Bahe/Naxera moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. All ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Fitness Program for Seniors

Please come join us for a fun exercise program designed to help you achieve and maintain a healthier fitness level. Our program is jointly sponsored by the Village of Merrimac and the Township of Merrimac. The program cost is only \$10 per person for the season.

Classes start Monday, October 21, and runs through April 24, 2020.

Anyone 50 years of age or older can attend and you don't have to attend every session.

When: 9:30-10 am

Each Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Where: All sessions are held at the **Merrimac Village Hall, 100 Cook St.**

Instructor: Deb Raschka

Upcoming Meetings

Village Board

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 6:00 PM

With preliminary budget

Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:00 PM

For final budget

Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:00 PM

100 Cook Street Village Hall

Brush Pick-Up Dates

Wed. Oct. 9 & 23

4 feet wide by 4 feet high up to 8 feet long with brush stacked parallel and near the roadway.

Yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves & weeds should be placed at the curb in clear plastic bags.

METALS

Can be dropped off behind the Village Hall near the storage building or trailer of metal. NO PLASTIC or TV's.

Upcoming ADRC

Wed. 10 AM at Village Hall

10/10/19 Pam Fuchs, ADRC

12/11/19 Baraboo/Sauk County

No Pharmaceuticals should be flushed into the sewer system.

Neither hazardous nor non-hazardous pharmaceuticals.

The action is intended to address issue to the presence of pharmaceuticals in drinking and surface waters as well as the negative impact on aquatic and riparian ecosystems.

Nationwide Ban

Now in Effect

Fall Leaf Clean-up Policy

Residents should either compost their leaves on their own property, or pile them near the curbside on the Village's designated brush pickup days. Leaf remnants that are not picked up by the village tractor bucket can be placed in clear plastic bags for future pick up. Village staff compost leaves and lawn clippings at our designated site, co-located where brush and limbs are burned.

Burning leaves is prohibited within the Village.

Because we do not have a street sweeper or a street vacuum, we ask you please do not rake or blow your leaves into the Village's gutters, or streets. Heavy rains then wash this debris into our storm sewers, impeding proper drainage and flow. Thank you for your cooperation throughout the coming fall season!



HALLOWEEN

TRICK OR TREAT

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 30

4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

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