

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of Sept. 11, 2018

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Village President Nick Hahn at 6:35 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:

Local builder inquired about upgrading/construction of Ice Cream Shop a B-2 Zoned area at the Ferrylanding Marine. Recommended going to a future plan commission meeting.

Bahe/Naxera moved to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission to approve two Certified Survey Maps by Surveyor Bill Wetzel for the George J. Sr. and Betty Senger Living Trust regarding Parcels 151-0284 & 151-0088. **Motion carried.**

Discussion of Tractor (Item 7 moved up as Justin Schultz, Village Maintenance Operator, was present) of the weight, HP, and expectation for the replacement in the spring of 2018.

Following review of the Village's outstanding bills, Naxera/Malmberg 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 August, 2018. Bahe /Naxera moved to accept the report as presented.

Naxera/Hahn moved to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2018 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Bahe moved to approve the proposed 12-year service agreement with KLM Engineering for the water tower. **Motion carried.**

Hahn/Bahe moved to approve the continuation of the Senior Fitness Program including contribution of \$250 each from the Town of Merrimac and the Village to fund the 2018-19 sessions. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Ordinance enforcement discussion continued: one abandoned vehicle within the village was cited and forwarded to Sauk County Sheriff Department – no action by resident; illegally parked boat was removed after administrator talked with owner, administrator reported residents with messy or garbage ridden areas on Grove Street had been approached; and two property

owners with dead trees near the Post Offices were contacted by phone for removal this fall. A procedure log will document violation type and remedies utilized to expedite future 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 and collection of penalties or fines.

Administrator's Report:

Bob provided copies of the Sauk Prairie School Board Minutes for 7/23/2018 and 8/13/2018, and the Village Inspection Report for August. Bob spoke about One Sauk, Naturally (the 20 year plan for Sauk County) and the survey for feedback of what are important areas in the upcoming decades to the county residents and is the county government prepared for these. Administrator continued with Derek Peetz will be attending training in September for the Groundwater Certification. Bob will be attending Municipal Treasurer of Wisconsin Fall Conference and fall Town & Village Workshop by Local Government Center a part of UW-Extension. LWM did offer a drawing for a full scholarship for a Board Member to attend the Annual Conference in Wisconsin Dells.

Water & Sewer Operations:

Baraboo St. Jetting & Televising discovered a breach between Manholes #33 & #34. (Video

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presentation offered to Board). Pictures of the breach provided in Board packet materials from both angles. In addition, Manhole #21 is completely covered — to be found, cleared of asphalt/grass, and opened/viewed for debris at basin. Country Plumber noted a lot of debris at the intersection of Baraboo St. and Highway 78 and suggests televising that area of the village sewer. Mixers have been pulled from the East Tank for oil changing and greasing.

With no further matters brought before the Board, Bahe/Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Geenen
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

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!

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 whole season.

Classes start Monday, October 22, and run through April 20, 2019.

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

GENERAL ELECTION **TUESDAY, NOV. 6**

Polling Place: Village Hall

Hours:
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

National, Statewide and County offices will be on the ballot.

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you would like to vote in the General Election but are not yet registered in the Village, we encourage you to do so before Election Day. Please call or stop by the Village office to obtain a Voter Registration form.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Plan Commission
Tuesday, October 9
6:00 PM

Village Board
Tuesday, October 9
Immediately following Plan
Commission meeting

Brush Pick-Up Dates

Wednesday, Oct. 10
& Wednesday, Oct. 24

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, dehumidifiers, refrigerators & lawn mowers. If you are unsure if we can accept a particular item containing metal, please call the office.

HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT
TUESDAY
OCTOBER 30
4:00 - 7:00 P.M.