

With no further matters brought before the Board, Naxera/ Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger
Administrator

Fall Leaf Clean-up Policy

Residents should either compost their leaves on their own property, or bag them within clear plastic bags and place them near the curbside on the Village's designated brush pickup days. Village staff compost leaves and lawn clippings at our designated site, co-located where brush and limbs are burned. As a reminder to all residents, burning leaves is prohibited within the Village.

Because we do not have a street sweeper, nor 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!

Merrimac Community Festival

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 4, 2018 for next year's festival and pause to check out some of our 2017 festival photos at the following link: <http://www.villageofmerrimac.org/Events.htm>

Direct Payment of Utility Bills

We encourage our water-sewer utility customers to pay their monthly bills directly from a bank account by completing the ACH Direct Debit Form available on our Village website under the tab "Municipal Forms." This automated payment method provides one more way to simplify your life and save time and money. Over 40% of our current utility customers are using this simple payment method. Please call the Village office if you have questions, or need help with the ACH form.

Public Meeting for 2018 Budget

The Village of Merrimac will hold its annual public hearing on the proposed budget for next year (2018) at 6pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at the Village Hall.

Cross Connection Control Surveys

Did you know the Wisconsin DNR requires municipal water utilities to document completion of cross connection control surveys to help protect our drinking water distribution system from outside contamination?

Residents who don't recall having one done at their home in the past 5 years or more should call to schedule an in-home survey. A brochure is also posted on our website under the "Utilities" button; please call 493-2122 to schedule your survey for October.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017,
6:00 p.m.

Brush Pick-Up Dates
Brush Pick-up: twice a month

October 11 & 25

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 **without driving on grass/lawns.**

Trick or Treat in Village

Monday, October 30, 2017
4:00 – 7:00 PM

Park Bathrooms

Closed for Winter Season on
Tuesday, October 31, 2017

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 and the program cost is only \$10 per person for the whole season. Class starts Monday, October 23 and runs through April 20, 2018. Anyone 50 years of age or older can attend and you don't have to attend every session.

When: 9:30-10 am (starts Oct 23rd)

Each Monday, Wednesday & Friday

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

Instructor: Deb Raschka

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of Sept. 12, 2017

President Hahn called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Board members present upon roll call included Nick Hahn, George Naxera, Garry Bahe, Phil Budde and Jim Malmberg. Ron Senger, 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.

Bahe/Hahn moved that the Board approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission to approve a Certified Survey Map proposed by Eugene Prine for subdividing a lot at 231 School Street into 4 new parcels. **Motion carried.**

Following review of the Village's outstanding bills and prepaid expenses, Hahn/Malmberg moved to approve payment of the bills as listed on the agenda. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Bahe/Naxera moved to approve the monthly financial reports including the balance sheet and budget comparison by fund account for August, 2017. **Motion carried.**

Hahn/Naxera moved to approve the draft Minutes of the August 8, 2017 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Hahn moved to approve the draft Minutes of the August 8, 2017 Plan Commission meeting. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Board Members received copies of the Minutes of the Sauk Prairie School Board meetings for July 10, July 24 and August 14, 2017, and the Village Inspection Report for September 7, 2017. Ron reminded everyone the Board of Review is set to meet from 2-4 p.m., September 18, 2017. Ron also noted he had recently placed the Village's employment advertisement with Capital Newspapers to replace Maintenance-Operator Jeff Voll; Jeff is scheduled to retire later this year on December 31, 2017. The Village will accept employment applications for the vacancy through September 21st, with interviews of qualified applicants through September 22nd.

Following receipt of bid proposals on the removal of 4 dead or sick trees at the Village's Ball Park and Memorial Park, Ron reported he had contracted with Frosch Tree Service to safely take down the trees using their bucket truck. Village staff then loaded and removed the downed trees and brush, hauling the material to the Village's DNR-licensed burn site. Ron also mentioned he had Hank Ritts of the Garland Company recently come to train Justin Schultz

(our Maintenance-Operator) on required periodic inspections and the maintenance of our Village Municipal Building's rubber roofing. Following their thorough inspection of all the rubber joints, roof protrusions and edges, Hank demonstrated and Justin assisted in placing three rubber roofing patches where needed. Justin now has the semi-annual (spring & fall) roof inspections scheduled on his Outlook calendar for the foreseeable future to ensure timely and proper care of the roofing system as needed.

A team from Scott Construction came on August 16th and finished the asphaltic chip sealing of the eastern segment of Lake Wisconsin Drive, Crown Ct., and one-block segments of both School and Church Streets (near the Merrimac Fire Station). Ron had coordinated to have a sweeper vacuum truck from Scott Construction return by mid-September to remove the excess loose gravel/aggregate at these locations. The excess gravel will be used at our local burn site location.

Water & Sewer Operations:

Ron mentioned that Pete and Tammy Knarr had contracted with Prairie Plumbing & Heating to have their sewer lateral repaired at 716 Lake Wisconsin Drive. Their repair work was scheduled for September 15th (but was later successfully finished on September 21st). There were no significant items to report for Village water operations

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