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Draft Minutes of the Plan Commission Meeting March 9, 2026

Item 1. Call to Order: The Village of Merrimac Plan Commission meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Chairperson, Collin Bourgeois at 5:30pm. Commission Members Bob Garrison, Nicole Hartmann, and Ann Hoffman were present, with Bob Pfaff absent. Also in attendance were Administrator Klecker and members of the public, as listed on the sign-in sheet. Chairperson Bourgeois examined the affidavit of posting and confirmed that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

Item 2. Public Input: Joe Krasovec shared preliminary drawings for a mixed-use commercial/residential building plan on his property at 627 Main Street.

Item 3. Determine stipulations for principal structure renovation on parcel 151-0088-00000 (230 E. Main Street): Kevin and Kamen Blau asked the Plan commission for clarification on Village ordinances regarding a proposed partial structural repair to a legal nonconforming structure. After careful review, the Plan Commission advised that because the proposed structural repairs would exceed 50% of the 2006 assessed value, in order for the repairs to be allowed, the entire structure would need to be brought into conformity.

Item 4. Conditional Use Permit Application for accessory building on parcel 151-0031-00000(615 Lake Wisconsin Drive): Bourgeois/Hoffman motioned to approve Buffardi Conditional Use Permit to build a 14' X 40' storage shed at 615 Lake Wisconsin St. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 5. TID #1: 5.a. Colsac Lodge Update; Administrator Klecker, President Gallus, and Plan Commission Chair Bourgeois will attend a meeting on March 19 with Colsac Lodge and WISDOT regarding a proposal that would modify HWY 113 (Wisconsin St.) by adding a dedicated right turn lane onto Palisade Street. 5.b. TIF Grant Application

Form. The Village needs to create a TIF Policy Manual, TIFF Application, and Façade Improvement Matching Grant Application. Administrator Klecker and Commission Member Hartmann will work on crafting those documents before the next meeting.

Item 6. Comprehensive Plan Update: 6.a. Current Status; The Comprehensive Plan update is progressing with a goal of completion set in the coming months. 6.b. Discuss budget for future Comprehensive Plan Reviews (Every 5-10 years); The group discussed the need to budget for regular Comprehensive Plan reviews every 5-10 years to help make the task easier and less time-consuming in the future. 6.c. Discuss Land Use Map; A thorough review of the Village Land Use map has not been completed since 2015. An updated Land Use Map needs to be included in the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Item 7. Adjourn: At 8:13pm, Bourgeois/Hoffman motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Draft minutes of the Village Board Meeting March 10, 2026

Item 1. Call to Order: The Village of Merrimac Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order in Village Hall by Village President Andrew Gallus at 5:30PM. Village Trustees Collin Bourgeois, Stan Senger, Nate Taylor, and Margaret Budde were present. Also in attendance were DPW Justin Schultz, Administrator Jennie Klecker, and members of the public, as listed on the sign-in sheet. President Gallus examined the affidavit of posting and confirmed that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

Item 2. Public Input: None

Item 3. Review Consent Agenda: Bourgeois/Senger motioned to approve the consent agenda. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 4. Approval of Village Bills: Senger/Taylor motioned to approve payment of outstanding monthly bills as listed on items 4.i.-4.iv. of the Agenda. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 5. WWTP Update & Engineering Report: Trustee Budde updated the Board on the WWTP Polishing Pilot performance over the winter. MicroC dosing has been incredibly effective in reducing total nitrogen, however, the mild winter weather didn't provide an opportunity to stress-test the system. DNR will only allow the Village to run the PILOT program for one year, which expires in May. Trustee Budde would like to ask DNR for an extension on the PILOT to be able to test the system under harsher weather conditions. If the PILOT is allowed to continue, we'll want to redesign the gravity discharge, which will require an engineering report from Strand.

Item 6. Report of the Plan Commission: Budde/Gallus motioned to approve Buffardi Conditional Use Permit for 14' X 40' shed on parcel 151-0031-00000. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 7. Report of the Director of Public Works: 7.a. Transducer Fixed at Lift Station; L.W. Allen recently came out to replace a lift station transducer. 7.b. Wellhouse Upgrade Project Complete; The Wellhouse Upgrade project is finally 100% complete. 7.c. Salt Shed Inspection – New Apron Needed; During the recent salt shed inspection, it was determined that the apron was in poor condition and needs to be replaced. The county will share replacement costs along with the Village and Town. 7.d. Electrical Upgrades at Village Hall; The exit signs have been replaced with new up-to-date fixtures. 7.e. Streetlight, Compressor Repaired; A streetlight was repaired and the Village's air compressor fixed. 7.f. Water Break at Hubner Property; The Hubner rental property experienced a water line break, causing extensive flooding in the

basement. This is the third major water leak at the property in the past year.

Item 8. Report of the Administrator: 8.a. School Street Entitlement Grant (awarded in 2022) Substitution to Church Street; Budde/Gallus motioned to move the \$15K Entitlement Grant, awarded in 2022, from School Street to Church Street. All Ayes, **Motion Carried.** 8.b. School Street Reconstruction 60% Plans – Options; Strand is nearly finished drafting the 60% plans, but needs input from the Village before they move forward. Budde/Gallus motioned to install ornamental concrete planters as a safety deterrent near the crosswalk between School and Church St. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** President Gallus, DPW Schultz, Administrator Klecker, and Phil Budde will conduct an onsite visit next week to review additional questions about the road width on Church Street. 8.c. Municipal Group, LLC, 5-year contract proposal; Current Village Assessor, Municipal Group, LLC is proposing a 5-year contract at \$6,000 per year for assessment services, with a \$15K revaluation planned for 2030. Budde/Gallus motioned to approve the proposed contract with Municipal Group, LLC. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 8.d. Administrator Klecker asked that Item 8.d. be removed from the agenda, as it was added in error.

Item 9. Adjourn: At 6:58PM, Bourgeois/Budde motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**
Respectfully Submitted,
Jennie Klecker

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Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Next Village Board Meeting

April 14, 2026

5:30 PM @ Village Hall

Plan Commission Meeting

April 13, 2026

6:30 PM @ Village Hall

AA Meetings

Meetings will resume this summer at the Memorial Park Pavilion
Contact Chuck @ 608-795-0050

Brush Pick-up Dates

April 8, May 6, & May 20

Recycling Pickup Dates:



April 13 & 27

Spring Election
Tuesday, April 7th



Polls Open

7:00am – 8:00pm

Merrimac Village Hall
100 Cook Street



Volunteers Needed

Looking for a way to promote a stronger, healthier, and more loving Merrimac? Become an outreach volunteer with Good Neighbor Merrimac.

You'll connect with vets, seniors, kids, and others. You'll also help increase awareness of resources in the Sauk-Columbia County area. Help us spread kindness and compassion in our community.

Contact Us:

gnmerrimac@gmail.com

The Merrimac Community Festival will be held at Memorial Park on **SATURDAY, JUNE 13th 2026!!**



Bar Buddies is looking for additional volunteer drivers!

Contact Jodie (608)434-3009 or Cat (847)371-1918

BOATER SAFETY CLASS

April 25th 8AM-2PM &

April 28th 6PM-8PM

***MUST ATTEND BOTH CLASSES**
Class is \$10 – Register online @ **Gowild.wi.gov**



ATV/UTV SAFETY CLASS

May 2nd 8am -12pm &

May 5th 6pm -8pm

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* Classes will be held at the Prairie du Sac Fire Dept: 855 17th Street, Prairie du Sac.

* Registration online is required as students need to have their own WI DNR customer ID number.

* Anyone is eligible to take class – for children under 12 years of age, the certificate does not become valid until the child reaches 12.

Questions?

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