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Draft minutes of the Village Board Meeting April 8, 2025

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 and Nate Taylor were present with Trustees Margaret Budde and Stan Senger absent. 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: Phil Budde spoke to the Board regarding a recent meeting he attended at Village Hall with Administrator Klecker, DPW Schultz, and engineers from Strand about the School Street project. During the meeting, the group discussed the benefits of removing the deteriorated sidewalk on the east side of school street and installing a new 4-foot-wide sidewalk. It would add about \$25k to the overall project but would greatly improve accessibility and ease engineering challenges around driveway openings.

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

Item 4. Approval of Village Bills: Gallus/Bourgeois 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. Appointment of Committee Members: 5.a. Plan Commission; Gallus/Taylor motioned to appoint Collin Bourgeois as Chairperson of the Plan Commission. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** Gallus/Bourgeois motioned to appoint Nicole Hartmann as new Plan Commission

Member. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** Gallus/Bourgeois motioned to reappoint Ann Hoffman, Bob Pfaff, and Bob Garrison as Plan Commission Members. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** Gallus/Bourgeois motioned to reappoint Trustee Taylor as Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Committee and Amy Buck, Tim Klecker, June Krbecek, and Jennifer Thompson as Committee Members. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** Gallus/Bourgeois motioned to reappoint Phil Strathman, Cheryl Anderson, Amy Buffardi, Bart Olson, and Ann Hoffman as Board of Appeals members, with Nate Taylor and Ed Nawrocki as alternates. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** Gallus/Taylor motioned to reappoint George Naxera to serve on the Ambulance Committee. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** Gallus/Bourgeois motioned to reappoint Trustee Senger to represent the Village on the Merrimac Fire Commission, with Tom Gallus serving from June through November and Phil Budde from December through May. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 6. Consider Approval of Temporary Class "B" Beer License for Merrimac Fire & Rescue for Use at the Merrimac Community Festival on June 14, 2025: Gallus/Bourgeois motioned to approve the Temporary Class "B" Beer License for Merrimac Fire & Rescue during the Merrimac Community Festival. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 7. Consider Reducing Speed Limit on Lakeview Avenue from 25 MPH to 15 MPH: Last month a Village resident shared concerns about excessive speeding on Lakeview Avenue and asked the Board to consider lowering the speed limit. The Board agreed that due to a blind curve on the road and increased foot traffic from Voll Park, a reduction in speed limit is appropriate. Gallus/Taylor motioned to reduce the speed limit on Lakeview Avenue

from 25MPH down to 15MPH. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 8. Review DRAFT zoning amendment to increase allowable fence height on residentially zoned property: Administrator Klecker presented DRAFT zoning amendment for ordinance No. 185-50 which would change the maximum fence height in residentially zoned districts from 3 feet to 4 feet in front and side yards, and from 5 feet to 6 feet in rear yards. Taylor/Gallus motioned to submit the proposed amendment to Plan Commission for review and recommendation. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 9. Review DRAFT zoning amendments to reduce principal building square footage minimum in zoning districts R-1 Single Family Residential, R-2 Single- and Two-Family Residential, and R-3 Multifamily Residential: Administrator Klecker presented DRAFT zoning amendments to change the principal building floor space minimum from 1,200 square feet to 600 square feet. The Board felt that 600 square feet may be too small and decided to remove the suggested minimum from the DRAFT amendment to allow the Plan Commission to come up with an appropriate number. Taylor/Gallus motioned to submit the DRAFT amendments to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** After receiving the Plan Commission's recommendations on the zoning changes, the Village Board will hold a public hearing to consider comments from Village residents before voting to adopt the amendments.

Item 10. Report of the Director of Public Works: 10.a. Wellhouse Update; Electrical switchover is complete. New window installation, soffit, fascia, and painting are the final finishes. 10.b. Pumping and Land spreading Eastside Tanks at WWTP; A total of 113K gallons of solid waste sludge was

pumped from the eastside tanks at the WWTP. 23 loads were land spread on a local farm field. 10.c. Polishing Pilot II; The Village is waiting for final DNR approval of submitted plans and specifications to proceed with the Polishing Pilot II program. The Polishing Pilot II program, designed and spearheaded by Trustee Budde, expands on the original Polishing Pilot program and will continue to test the efficacy of adding an extra Denitrification step (polishing) at the WWTP. The goal of the project is to reduce the effluent Nitrate+Nitrite-N during winter months in order to meet the limits set by the WIDNR in the WWTP permit. Gallus/Bourgeois motioned to approve up to \$32K to construct a storage garage and supplies for the Polishing Pilot II project. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

11. Report of the Administrator: 11.a. Approve Strand Change Order No.4 RE: Wellhouse No.1 Improvements; Gallus/Taylor motioned to approve Strand Change Order No.4. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.** 11.b. Consider Monitoring Well Replacement Proposals from Soils & Engineering Services, Inc. and America's Drilling Company; The Board reviewed the proposals, however, Administrator Klecker explained that the bid from America's Drilling Company is missing important information and fails to list the cost of additional charges. Gallus/Bourgeois motioned to accept the proposal from Soils & Engineering Services to replace the monitoring well at the WWTP in the amount of \$7,640. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Item 12. Adjourn: At 6:27pm, Taylor/Bourgeois motioned to adjourn. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennie Klecker

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Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Next Village Board Meeting
June 10, 2025
5:30 PM @ Village Hall

Plan Commission Meeting
June 2, 2025
5:30PM @ Village Hall

AA Meetings

Wednesday Evenings 7:00pm
@ Memorial Park Pavilion - Questions?
Contact Chuck @ 608-795-0050

Recycling Pickup Dates:



June 9 & 23

Brush Pick-up Dates

June 11 & 25

Scrap metal recycling dumpster is back for the season. Located in the Village Hall parking lot.

METAL ONLY! No TV's Please!

Bar Buddies needs drivers!

Call Cat for more information
847-371-1918



***Introducing...* The Merrimac Community Compost Bin**

Green Merrimac is excited to announce The Merrimac Community Compost bin, located in the Village Hall parking lot. This bin is available for use by Village residents who are interested in composting but may not have an easy way to do it at home.

Why Compost?

- * It protects the climate by reducing methane emissions from landfills.
- * It recycles organic materials into valuable, nutrient rich soil.
- * It extends municipal landfill life by diverting organic materials.

Want to learn more?

Stop by the Green Merrimac Info Booth at the Merrimac Festival for a live demonstration and sweet treat!

Detailed instructions are located on the compost bin as well as on the Village website.



Merrimac Fire & Rescue Annual Fireworks Show! Saturday, July 5, 2025

On the corner of
Hwy 78 & Idlewild Road

- * **\$5.00 a carload**
- * **Gate opens @5pm**
- * **Show starts at dusk**

NEW THIS YEAR: Food Trucks!!!
Kona Ice, Lunchbox Express, and Donut Envy will be on-site serving up delicious treats before the show!

Bring your blankets & lawn chairs, but please leave your fireworks & grills at home.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR COLSAC LODGE

*A Landmark Moment for
Merrimac's Lakefront!*

Tuesday, June 24th 10:30am
@ The future site of Colsac Lodge,
next to the Ferry.

Join Village of Merrimac officials and the development team of Colsac Lodge as they break ground on a 4-story, lakefront 58,000 square foot development.

Project leaders will share their vision and development highlights, including details about the property, tenants, and amenities designed for locals and visitors.

CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF AN EXCITING NEW CHAPTER IN MERRIMAC'S STORY.

Light refreshments will be served.
RSVP to information@saukprairie.com
by 6/13/2025