RESOLUTION 2021-01-07

RESOLUTION DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF BORROWING

WHEREAS, the Village of Merrimac, Sauk County, Wisconsin (the "Municipality") plans to construct Well No. 2 ("the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Municipality expects to finance the Project on a long-term basis by issuing tax-exempt bonds or promissory notes (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, because the Bonds will not be issued prior to January of 2023, the Municipality must provide interim financing to cover costs of the Project incurred prior to receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interests of the Municipality to advance moneys from its funds on hand on an interim basis to pay the costs of the Project until the Bonds are issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Municipality, that:

Section 1. Expenditure of Funds. The Municipality shall make expenditures as needed from its funds on hand to pay the costs of the Project until the Bond proceeds become available.

Section 2. Declaration of Official Intent. The Municipality hereby officially declares its intent under Treas. Regs. Section 1.150-2 to reimburse said expenditures with proceeds of the Bonds, the principal amount of which is not expected to exceed $200,000.

Section 3. Unavailability of Long-Term Funds. No funds for payment of the Project from sources other than the Bonds are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside by the Municipality pursuant to its budget or financial policies.

Section 4. Public Availability of Official Intent Resolution. This Resolution shall be made available for public inspection at the Clerk's office within 30 days after its approval in compliance with applicable State law governing the availability of records of official acts including Subchapter II of Chapter 19, and shall remain available for public inspection until the Bonds are issued.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted and recorded July 13, 2021.

Approved July 13, 2021.

APPROVED: P E Budde

Philip E. Budde, President

ATTEST: [signature]

Brian P. Mooney, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2021-03-07

RESOLUTION DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF BORROWING

WHEREAS, the Village of Merrimac, Sauk County, Wisconsin (the "Municipality") plans to rehabilitate Well No. 1 ("the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Municipality expects to finance the Project on a long-term basis by issuing tax-exempt bonds or promissory notes (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, because the Bonds will not be issued prior to January of 2023, the Municipality must provide interim financing to cover costs of the Project incurred prior to receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interests of the Municipality to advance moneys from its funds on hand on an interim basis to pay the costs of the Project until the Bonds are issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Municipality, that:

Section 1. Expenditure of Funds. The Municipality shall make expenditures as needed from its funds on hand to pay the costs of the Project until the Bond proceeds become available.

Section 2. Declaration of Official Intent. The Municipality hereby officially declares its intent under Treas. Regs. Section 1.150-2 to reimburse said expenditures with proceeds of the Bonds, the principal amount of which is not expected to exceed $115,000.

Section 3. Unavailability of Long-Term Funds. No funds for payment of the Project from sources other than the Bonds are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside by the Municipality pursuant to its budget or financial policies.

Section 4. Public Availability of Official Intent Resolution. This Resolution shall be made available for public inspection at the Clerk's office within 30 days after its approval in compliance with applicable State law governing the availability of records of official acts including Subchapter II of Chapter 19, and shall remain available for public inspection until the Bonds are issued.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption and approval, but shall also apply to Engineering-related expenses for the Well No. 1 study performed during February - June 2021

Adopted and recorded July 13, 2021.

Approved July 13, 2021.

APPROVED: P E Budde

Philip E. Budde, President

ATTEST: B Mooney

Brian P. Mooney, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2021-02-07

RESOLUTION REGARDING PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Village of Merrimac, Sauk County, Wisconsin are committed to providing to all residents adequate flow for water for Public Fire Protection (PFP); and

WHEREAS, the Village's Water Utility has provided PFP to residents by sizing its mains, well, and tower according to applicable codes, thus incurring costs over and above what would be required to provide for domestic water use, costs known as "Hydrant Rental"; and

WHEREAS, the Village's General Fund pays a "Hydrant Rental" charge to the Water Utility, currently approximately $42,600 per year, also known as a "Municipal Charge"; and

WHEREAS, the Water Utility has submitted to the Public Service Commission (PSC) a Conventional Rate Case application (CRC) for an increase in Water Rates, which preliminarily suggests the Hydrant Rental charge may increase significantly in 2022; and

WHEREAS, because of Levy Limit laws, the General Fund has recently been operating with an unsustainable budget deficit and will not have the capacity to absorb the increase in the Hydrant Rental; and

WHEREAS, the PSC allows utilities to recoup PFP/Hydrant Rental through Direct Charge on Utility Bills; and

WHEREAS, the PSC allows utilities to allocate Direct Charges based on the Property Value method, which allocates the charge most similarly to its allocation on Property Taxes; and

WHEREAS, property taxes are assessed on both improved and unimproved properties, and continuing to assess PFP for unimproved properties ("non-customers") most closely maintains its current allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees understand that increases to utility rates most significantly impacts lower income residents, and they wish to reduce the impact of the anticipated Hydrant Rental increase on those residents by pursuing the Property Valuation Method to set the Public Fire Protection Charge; and

WHEREAS, the Property Value method requires that tax-exempt properties must also be charged for PFP, thus requiring that Assessed-Equivalent Property Values be identified for tax-exempt properties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Village of Merrimac, that:

1. The PFP costs will no longer be recovered through the Municipal Charge.
2. One Hundred Percent of PFP costs will be recovered through a Direct Charge on the monthly water/sewer bills.
3. The Property Value Method will be used to calculate the Direct Charges.
4. The Utility will assess the PFP charge to the Water Utility's customers and non-customers.
5. The attached Table 1 lists all parcels and their Assessed or Assessed-Equivalent Property Values that occupy land that is located in the village and in an area which the Village's Water Utility has an obligation to provide water for PFP.

Adopted and recorded July 13, 2021.

Approved July 13, 2021.

APPROVED: ______________________

Philip E. Budde, President

ATTEST: ______________________

Brian P. Mooney, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer