

With no further matters brought before the Board, Naxera/Bahe moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger  
Administrator

**Memorial Park and Ball Park**

**Please note the bathrooms at both parks are (now) closed for the winter season effective Tuesday, October 31, 2017; bathrooms will be re-opened for the season by May 1, 2018.**

**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.

**Cross Connection Control (CCC) Surveys**

Did you know the Wisconsin DNR requires municipal water utilities to document completion of cross connection control surveys to help protect our municipal drinking water 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 now.

**CALENDAR REMINDERS**

**Special Public Meeting for Proposed 2018 Budget**

The Village of Merrimac will hold its annual public hearing on the proposed budget for 2018 at **6pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2017**, preceding the Village Board meeting.

**Village Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**

**Brush Pick-Up Dates**

**November 8**

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.**

**NOTE:** Brush pick-up returns to once per month for November - April

**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. Class started Monday, October 23 and runs through April 20, 2018. Anyone 50 years of age or older can attend.

**When: 9:30-10 am** (Started 10/23 but you can join anytime!)

**Each Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

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

**Cost:** Only \$10.00 for entire season.

Instructor: Deb Raschka

**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, 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!

**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>

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of Oct. 10, 2017

President Hahn called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 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 and Maintenance-Operators Justin Schultz and Derek Peetz were also present.

President Hahn examined the affidavit of posting and verified that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

**Public Input:** Ron introduced new Village employee Derek Peetz who joined the Village on September 25<sup>th</sup> in a part-time Maintenance-Operator position. Derek is in training to replace Jeff Voll as Jeff retires at the end of this year. Derek will then transition to full time status following completion of his six-month training period on April 1, 2018.

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

Hahn/Bahe moved to approve the monthly financial reports including the balance sheet and budget

comparison by major fund accounts for September, 2017. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Naxera moved to approve the draft Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Naxera/Bahe moved to approve the draft Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Plan Commission meeting. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Hahn moved to approve the draft Minutes of the September 18, 2017 Board of Review meeting. **Motion carried.**

Malmberg/Bahe moved to approve the newly-revised draft of the Village of Merrimac Employee Handbook which had been previously submitted to the Board for review. **Motion carried.**

### **2018 Preliminary Budget Plan:**

Ron had provided the Board copies of his preliminary line-item budget by fund categories for the General Fund, the Park Fund, the Sewer Fund and the Water Fund. He explained his planning spreadsheet for the Village's variable expenses with any increases from prior budget years and any new priorities that need funding in 2018. Ron also provided proposed modest pay rate increases for staff in 2018 and explained to the Board he had pre-coordinated with Village President Nick Hahn, incorporating his feedback and inputs prior to this discussion. Ron reminded the Board members they

should provide any additional budget feedback to him no later than November 9th in order for the items to be incorporated within the proposed 2018 budget at the Public Hearing scheduled for 6pm on November 14th.

### **Administrator's Report:**

Board Members received copies of the Minutes of the Sauk Prairie School Board meetings for August 28 and September 11, 2017; Merrimac Area Fire Commission Minutes for the August 7, 2017 meeting; and the Village Inspection Report for October 5, 2017. Ron noted he had processed a new construction building permit in late September for a home to be built by Ethan Kent at 100 Lu Foster Lane. Excavation for the home's footings and basement had been started by October 5<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned Justin and Jeff had finished the concrete footing for mounting our new Village flagpole by September 29<sup>th</sup>. Our flagpole was later raised and set with bucket truck assistance by H&S Electric on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Ron closed out his report reminding everyone of the Special Budget Hearing scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on November 14<sup>th</sup> with the regular Village Board meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

### **Water & Sewer Operations:**

Please alert the Village when you call a plumber to your home or business for any slow-draining or clogged drains. Our staff can then monitor for downstream problems.

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