

Sewer Operations:

Justin and Ron assisted two contractors from Country Plumber, Inc. with installing a new gate valve, replacing a failed plug valve at the wastewater treatment plant.

Water Operations:

Two contractors from Osseo Construction Company, LLC completed a small surface repair (under warranty) on a 16-inch long weld seam on the Village's water tower. The seam at the base of the tank bowl and internal to the pedestal had some corrosion showing through the coatings. The contractor sandblasted and then repainted the weld seam. A KLM Engineering, Inc. project supervisor was also on-hand to inspect and approve the final repair work. He also provided Ron some digital images of the repaired weld seam area. All work was completed at no additional cost under our initial 2-year warranty period.

Planning & Zoning:

Ron had recently coordinated with a resident on a deck that was built that didn't meet the Village's minimum setback requirements per code. Coordination is ongoing with the resident and both the Plan Commission and Village Board to determine whether a variance is appropriate and warranted. With no further matters brought before the Board, Malmberg/Naxera moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger
Administrator

Alternate-Side Parking

To aid the Village's staff in winter snow removal from our streets, the Village's alternate-side parking policy is now effect for the season. On odd-numbered days, residents must park on the odd-numbered side of the street. On even-numbered days, residents shall park on the even-numbered side of the street. We thank you all for your cooperation throughout the season!

Merrimac Community Festival

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 5, 2017 for next year's festival. Also take a moment to pause and check out some of our 2016 festival photos on our Village website at the following link:

www.villageofmerrimac.org/Events.htm

WANTED

Candidates for Village Public Office

Interested Village residents wishing to run for public office for the Village of Merrimac (Village President and Trustee positions) should plan to attend the Village Caucus set for January 14, 2017, at 9:00 AM at the Village Hall. The Caucus process is used to secure nominations of candidates for public office posts that will expire in April, 2017. Immediately following the Caucus, the formal Declaration of Candidacy (forms) and Campaign Registration Statements must be submitted to the Sauk County Clerk in order for candidates to appear on the official ballot at the April 4, 2017 Spring Election. Please contact the Village Administrator, Ron Senger at 493-2122 no later than January 2, 2017 if you are interested or have any questions.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Next Village Meetings

Village Board

Tuesday, December 13 at 6 pm
Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 6pm

Village Caucus

Saturday, January 14 at 9am

**Next Brush Pick-Up Date
December 14**

NOTE: *Brush pickup returned to once a month beginning in November.*
Please place your yard waste at curbside in CLEAR plastic bags (or in neat 4' x 4' x 6' piles, readily accessible for pick up by our grapple bucket).

Fitness for Seniors Program is Underway!

It's not too late to join in on the fun exercise program designed to help you achieve and maintain senior fitness and flexibility. Invite a friend, or come and join your friends here at the Village Hall. All seniors are welcome to participate.

When:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10 for the entire season

Instructor: Deb Raschka

ACH Direct Payment of Utility Bills

Utility customers can pay their monthly bills directly from a bank account by completing the Direct Debit Form available on our Village website under the tab "Municipal Forms." It's one more way to simplify your life and to save time and money. We are here to help so please call the Village office if you have questions, or need assistance with the form.

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of Nov. 10, 2016

President Hahn called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present upon roll call included Nick Hahn, Jeff Rasmussen, Jim Malmberg, George Naxera, and Garry Bahe. Also present were Village Administrator, Ron Senger and Snowbusters Snowmobile Club President, Ted Walmer.

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

Public Input:

Ted Walmer introduced himself to the Board and stated he was present to ask some questions on behalf of the Snowbusters Snowmobile Club. Mr. Walmer had two questions for the Board's consideration; he wanted to know the width of Baraboo Street's right-of-way; he stated he wanted to ensure if Club members were to remove some of the trees and brush for the Club's designated trail, that the members would remain within the legal right-of-way and not stray onto private property along Baraboo Street. In a different area of the Village, Ted requested the Board consider winter closure of a 320 foot-long portion of public sidewalk for snowmobile travel when there is

enough snow and the trails are open. The portion of sidewalk requested for snowmobile travel-only, would enable passage to and from the Ferry X-ing Bar & Grill on the south side of W. Main Street, travelling west from the private driveway serving Merrimac Communications (just west of the Ferry X-ing Bar & Grill) toward the pedestrian crosswalk near Baraboo Street. Another portion of sidewalk running parallel to this segment, but located on the north side of W. Main Street would remain open for pedestrian use. Following a brief discussion by the Board, the body tabled the sidewalk closure decision and directed Ron to add the topic as an agenda item for the next Village Board Meeting scheduled for December 13, 2016. Ron agreed to coordinate with Ted Walmer to ensure the matter would be properly addressed and considered.

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

Rasmussen/Malmberg moved to approve the monthly financial reports including the balance sheet and budget comparison for October, 2016. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Bahe/Naxera moved to approve the draft Minutes of the October 11, 2016 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Ron distributed copies of the Minutes of the Sauk Prairie School Board Meeting for September 26, 2016 and the Village Inspection Report for November 4, 2016. Of note, several privately-owned homes and buildings within the Village had been spruced up late this fall (per Administrator's prior requests). Ron was also pleased that with the continued mild weather this fall, Hometown Sealers was able to complete the Board's approved filling of cracks and seams on the asphalt service roads and paths at the Memorial Park, the Ball Park, and at the Water Tower site. The pavement cracks were routed, heated and filled with a rubberized sealer treatment that will help prevent the cracks from spreading due to the winter freeze-thaw cycles. This effort, along with future sealing will help extend the pavement's lifespan for many years to come.

Work progressed on the new crib structure being built behind the Village Hall for storing winter road salt and sand materials. The Sauk County Highway shop transported and set the concrete block walls on our prepared slab and we will seek bids for a roof to be built in 2017. Ron also reported our Village residents turned out in large numbers for the General Election held on November 8, with 283 total ballots cast. This represents an approximate 80 percent voter participation rate for eligible registered voters within the Village.

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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.