

Sewer & Water Operations:

At the Village's wastewater treatment plant, H&S Electric rewired the electrical junction boxes for the dosing chamber pumps that were re-installed on December 1, 2017. Subsequent to the Board meeting, Village wastewater operator staff had reported a large amount of Skittles candy, candy wrappers, and some plastic bags had shown up within the Lift Station #8 wet well on the northeast side of the Village. Ron wants to remind parents (and everyone) to ensure children are supervised and not allowed to flush foreign debris into our sanitary sewer system. The plastic wrappers and bags can negatively impact the desirable bacteria and equipment within our collection system and at our wastewater treatment plant.

Planning & Zoning Items:

Brent Huebner, owner of Lakeside Park Properties, LLC had contacted Ron and said he was considering a change to the former business office space at 130 E Main Street. Since Lake Wisconsin Drapery & Design has left the space, Brent asked about converting the space for use as another small apartment unit. Ron said the current B-1 zoning would allow this use, with review and approval of the planned bathroom and kitchen additions requiring a building permit application and code inspections. With no further matters brought before the Board, Naxera/Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger, Administrator

WANTED!

Candidates for Public Office

Interested Village residents wishing to run for public office for the Village of Merrimac should plan to attend the Village Caucus on January 13, 2018, at 9:00am at the Village Hall. The Caucus process is used to secure nominations of candidates for trustee posts that will expire in April, 2018. Immediately following the Caucus, Declaration of Candidacy (forms) and Campaign Registration Statements must be submitted to the Sauk County Clerk for candidates to appear on the official ballot at the April 3, 2018 Spring Election. Please contact Ron Senger if you are interested or have questions.

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 winter season!

Snow Removal

Clearing snow from sidewalks and ensuring access to mailboxes is the property owner's responsibility pursuant to Village Ordinance 129-5. Sidewalks shall be cleared within 24 hours following the end of a snowfall event. If walks are not cleared within 48 hours, the Village will clear the walks and bill the homeowner for this service. Please contact the Village office for a list of local vendors if needed.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Village Board Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, 6 pm

Village Caucus

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, 9 am
(for trustee nominations)

Brush Pick-Up Date

JANUARY 17, 2018

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 grapple bucket **without driving on grass or lawns.**

NOTE: Brush pick-up will be once per month until April, 2018. Dates for 2018 are posted on our website.

**Fitness Program for Seniors
Is Currently In Session**

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. Classes started Monday, October 23 and run 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

Website: villageofmerrimac.org **Email:** Merrimac@merr.com

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VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of Dec. 12, 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 was also present.

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

Public Input:

Calvin Boldebeck, Field Representative from Congressman Mark Pocan's Office, rescheduled his planned visit to Merrimac for the January 9, 2018 Board meeting.

Sid Malek, Lead Teacher at the Merrimac Community Charter School requested the school would like to add a small pig on loan to the school's animal program for a limited period of several weeks during the Spring of 2018. Hahn/Malmberg moved to approve the request. **Motion carried.**

Bahe/Naxera moved to approve the request of Snowbusters Snowmobile Club to close a 300-foot length of municipal sidewalk along the south side of W Main St.

during the winter season to allow snowmobile access to the Ferry X-ing Bar and Grill. The Club's request included a written, signed agreement subject to the following 4 conditions: 1. The Merrimac Snowbusters Snowmobile Club will be responsible to reimburse the Village for any sidewalk damage that is attributable to snowmobile use. 2. The Club will provide a certificate of insurance that names the Village as an additional insured with liability coverage limits defined. 3. The agreement will terminate when the Club closes its trails for the year. 4. The agreement must be renewed each December. **Motion carried.**

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

Hahn/Naxera moved to approve the monthly financial reports including the balance sheet and budget comparison by major fund accounts for November, 2017. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Hahn/Bahe moved to approve the draft Minutes of the November 14, 2017 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Naxera/Bahe moved to approve the draft Minutes of the November 14, 2017 Special Budget Hearing. **Motion carried.**

Naxera/Budde moved to approve

Resolution No. 17-02-1212, dedicating and officially naming 1.24 acres of Village-owned park land located within the Colsac Cove Subdivision as Jeffrey Voll Park. Jeff Voll's retirement date is December 31, 2017. **Motion carried.**

Naxera/Bahe moved to approve the proposed 3-year Assessment Contract with Gardiner Appraisal Service, LLC. **Motion carried.**

Bahe/Hahn moved to approve the proposed list of Village Election Inspectors for the next 2-year term (2018-2019). **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Board Members received copies of the 10/2/2017 Minutes of the Merrimac Area Fire District meeting; Minutes of the Sauk Prairie School Board meetings of 10/23/17 and 11/13/17 and the Village Inspection Report for December 7, 2017. Ron noted H&S Electric's team had installed our new, dark bronze streetlight pole assembly across from the Ferry X-ing Bar & Grill on December 7th. This back-ordered pole and light fixture replaced the one that had been run over by an inattentive driver back in early June of 2017.

Ron also reminded the Board of the Village Caucus set for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2018. Terms for Trustees Jim Malmberg and George Naxera will expire in April, 2018. Both incumbents will seek to run for reelection in April 2018.

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