

Water Operations: Nothing reported

Planning & Zoning: Nothing reported

With no further matters brought before the Board, Malmberg/Naxera moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger
Administrator

2017 Merrimac Community Festival

Saturday, August 5, 2017

Volunteer helpers are encouraged to contact Ron at (608) 493-2122. Many of our local community organizations will be needing volunteers to help out during the festival day. Key participating organizations will likely include the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the United Methodist Church, Merrimac Fire & Rescue, the Merrimac Snowbusters Snowmobile Club, and the Merrimac Womens' Club. Serving 2-3 hours as a volunteer is an excellent way to meet and make new friends, get involved to raise money for a good cause (our Village Parks) and to give back to your beloved community.

Merrimac Community Festival tee shirts are now on sale for \$10 at the Village Hall. To view some prior-year Festival photos online, please visit: villageofmerrimac.org/Events.htm

Used Equipment For Sale

The Village of Merrimac is accepting sealed bids on the following used Village equipment items (to be sold together as a set); each item has its original 1977 Operator Manual:

John Deere Model 317 Lawn Tractor
John Deere 48" Mower Deck
John Deere 46" Snow Thrower
Sweepster 48" Power Sweeper

All items are in operating condition; photos of items can be viewed by accessing the link under the "Announcements" button on our website at: villageofmerrimac.org.

Interested parties must **submit a sealed offer/bid (postmarked no later than April 20, 2017 to:**

Village of Merrimac
(Attn: sealed bid)
100 Cook Street
Merrimac, WI 53561

Village will contact the highest bidder by April 24. Payment must be made to Village of Merrimac with all items removed prior to 4:00 p.m. on May 1, 2017.

NOTE: If minimum offering bid threshold is not met, administrator will then list all items for sale on the Wisconsinsurplus.com auction site.

Property Maintenance

We suggest that all Village residents stand back and assess the overall condition of your property. If you see things in a state of disrepair, others will also see this. Please take appropriate actions to spruce up your property so our Village looks great to everyone this spring!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Plan Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 6pm

Village Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 6:45pm

Next Brush Pick-Up Date

April 12, 2017

Please place your yard waste at curbside in CLEAR plastic bags (or in neat 4' x 4' x 6' piles) with easy access for pick up by our tractor **without driving on grass/lawns.**

Brush pick up will return to twice a month beginning in May.

Spring Election

April 4, 2017

Voting hours: 7 AM to 8 PM

Registered candidates on the ballot for two expiring Village trustee positions include:

Garry Bahe

Phil Budde

Jeff Rasmussen

Sole registered candidate for Village President: Nick Hahn

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. Now nearly 40% of our customers are using this simple payment method. Please call the Village office if you have questions, or need help with the form.

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VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of March 14, 2017

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, George Naxera, Jim Malmberg and Garry Bahe. Village Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Ron Senger 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: Garry Bahe informed the Board that the Merrimac Food Pantry will be in need of a new storage and distribution facility, potentially as early as the end of May 2017. Ideally the new pantry facility would be at least 14x14 feet (196 square feet) or larger; it would also need to be a climate controlled and secured space for storing and distributing a variety of food items, including canned and dry goods. If you have an available space that may fit this need, please call Ron or Tana at the Village Hall for follow up contact information.

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

Rasmussen/Bahe moved to approve the monthly financial reports including the balance sheet and budget comparison for February, 2017. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Ron noted a correction to the draft Minutes of the February 22, 2017 Village Board meeting. Under the heading of sewer operations, anoxic mixer #4 was corrected to state anoxic mixer #3. Hahn/Malmberg moved to approve the draft Minutes of the February 22, 2017 Village Board meeting as amended. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Ron distributed copies of the Minutes of the Sauk Prairie School Board Meetings of January 23, 2017 and February 13, 2017. Additionally, he provided copies of the Village Inspection Report for March 19, 2017, highlighting that he recently had ordered some "Restricted Area" signs for the Village's DNR-licensed burn site. Ron closed by providing a summary of the Village's recent monitoring visit by representatives from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration. Their audit was focused on reviewing the Village's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program records. The program auditors stated that their CDBG RLF program report will be provided to us by early April, 2017.

Sewer Operations:

Ron reported that anoxic mixer #3

at the wastewater treatment plant would be shipped by March 17th to the Landia facility in Cary, North Carolina. With fifteen years of nearly continuous 24/7 operations, this wastewater mixer is the second (of four total mixers) at our plant that will likely need to be reconditioned and rebuilt over the next several years. With proper annual periodic maintenance (new oil, lubrication and new seals), these mixers are infinitely rebuildable and can last for many decades.

Ron reminded the Board that our semi-annual inspections of the Village's nine wastewater lift stations would occur during the first two weeks of April. We inspect the wet wells and pumps for fats/oils and grease buildup, presence of foreign debris like plastics and feminine products and also fibrous baby wipes. We regularly remind all our residents and their guests to avoid flushing any of these items, even in small amounts. These items are highly detrimental to wastewater pump operations and restrict the flow of waste through sewer lines, including privately owned sewer lines/laterals on your property that carry the waste away from your homes. As these items build up in the collection system, they must be periodically removed by pumper trucks, or with degreaser additives at additional cost to the wastewater utility and ultimately to the customer. We appreciate the efforts of all our residents to help with this recurring challenge.

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