

all real and personal property is ultimately completed. When Gardiner Appraisal Service informs Ron the revaluation process is finished, he will coordinate future meeting dates, complete and post the meeting notices, and inform residents of our official Board of Review date/s as appropriate.

**Sewer Operations:**

Ron reported our Landia mixer (#3) that had been rebuilt at the Cary, NC facility had arrived back here by April 28th. Utility staff plan to re-install and operationally test the mixer at the wastewater treatment plant by mid-May. As part of our Village's sanitary sewer Capacity Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) program plan, Country Plumber finished televising 1,200 linear feet of 8-inch diameter sewer main located under Grove and Front Streets. This scheduled periodic maintenance revealed the existing gravity sewer main (installed in 1978) remains in good condition, with no concerns or problems identified in the televising video. Per our CMOM program plan, cleaning and televising of additional gravity sewer mains will be scheduled yearly through 2020.

**Water Operations:** Nothing to report.

With no further matters brought before the Board, Bahe/Naxera moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger  
Administrator

**Village of Merrimac Flags**

We have a limited number of "Merrimac 1899" flags available at the Village office. These attractive white flags with a dark blue ferry logo and graphics come in two sizes.

Small flags (12"x18") are suitable for display on a boat, or other vehicle and cost \$20 each.

Large flags (3'x5') are designed for display on a regular flag pole and cost \$40 each.

**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. Participating organizations include the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the United Methodist Church, Merrimac Fire & Rescue and the Merrimac Snowbusters Snowmobile 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 (for our Village Parks), and to give back to our community. Cash and raffle prize donations are also very much appreciated.

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](http://villageofmerrimac.org/Events.htm).

**CALENDAR REMINDERS**

**Village Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017,**

**Brush Pick-Up Dates**

**Brush Pick-Up: twice a month**

**JUNE 14 & 28**

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.**

**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!

**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.

# VILLAGE VOICE

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## Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of May 9, 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, Jim Malmberg, Garry Bahe and Phil Budde. 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:** None

The Board and Ron welcomed Phil Budde as a new member. Phil and Garry Bahe, who was reelected at the April 4, election, will serve two-year terms until April 2019.

Following review of the Village's outstanding bills and prepaid expenses, Malmberg/Bahe 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 for April, 2017. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Malmberg/Bahe moved to approve the draft Minutes of the April 11, 2017 Village Board meeting.

### **Motion carried.**

Hahn/Budde moved to approve the draft Minutes of the April 11, 2017 Village Plan Commission meeting.

### **Motion carried.**

Naxera/Malmberg moved to approve Resolution No. 17-01-0509 authorizing the Sauk County Humane Society to sell dog licenses on behalf of the Village as a condition of release when residents' unlicensed dogs are picked up by the Humane Society.

**Motion carried** and the resolution was approved.

Following discussion of the water utility's 2016 revenues and expenses (including debt service obligations), Naxera/Bahe moved to approve the Village water utility's application for a 3% water rate increase in 2017. The Village's last 3% rate increase was approved in the spring of 2016 and became effective on 5/26/16. In early June, the Administrator will file an electronic application with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission with a proposed new rate effective date of July 26, 2017. **Motion carried.**

Ron provided the board a typed summary of his proposed 3-year street maintenance plan based upon the approved 2017 budget, and future anticipated 2018-19 budgets. The 2017 street maintenance budget for the Village was set at \$19,475. Ron explained these funds are generally used for three main purposes in most years. Ron recommended 60% of this year's

funds be used for asphaltic chip sealing (for street surface preservation). Another 20 percent should be used for routing and filling cracks (critical to preserving our newer streets). And the remainder of this year's budget was to be used for cold patch asphalt (to fill potholes) and to fix a long-standing drainage concern near the intersection of Crown Ct and Lake Wisconsin Drive. Following review of the options and recommendations to chip seal sections of Church and School Streets, Crown Court and all of Lake Wisconsin Drive, Hahn/Naxera moved to approve the proposed 2017 Street Maintenance Plan.

### **Motion carried.**

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

Ron provided Board members copies of the Sauk Prairie School Board meeting Minutes for 3/27/17 and 4/10/17, along with the Village Inspection Report for 5/4/17. Key items included an announcement that the Memorial Park and Ball Park bathrooms are now open for the summer season. Ron was also pleased to mention that Justin and Jeff had assembled the eight newly purchased picnic tables that will soon be placed at the Memorial Park shelter. Ron closed by reminding the board since the Village is undergoing a revaluation of all real property and the assessment roll is incomplete, the Village's scheduled Board of Review on May 25<sup>th</sup> will open and immediately adjourn until a later date, when the assessment roll for

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