

**Administrator's Report:**

Ron distributed copies of the Sauk Prairie School Board Minutes of 4/24 and 5/8/17, along with the Village inspection report for 6/8/17. Ron noted he and Justin were present near 606 Lake Wisconsin Drive on Saturday, June 10, when Push Underground Construction staff bored and placed a 6" diameter conduit, crossing under the road surface to fix a long-term drainage problem that exists on the north side of the road right-of-way. Ron has since ordered a cast iron drainage grate that will be placed atop the 6" conduit in late June. Justin and Jeff will set the grate on the drainage tube with a base of washed stone underneath to support and stabilize the grate. Ron has also scheduled Davis Construction by mid-July to place compacted pavement around the grate and to build up the street surface ensuring proper grade and drainage toward the grate. This drainage and road repair project should be fully completed by mid-to late July.

**Sewer Operations:**

Reminder: Never flush wipes!

**Water Operations:**

Nothing significant to report.

With no further matters brought before the Board, Bahe/Naxera moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger  
Administrator

**Merrimac 1899 Flags**

A limited number of "Merrimac 1899" flags are still available at the Village office. These attractive white flags with a dark blue ferry logo and graphics are 3'x 5' and are designed for display on a regular flag pole. The cost is \$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 still need volunteers to help fill shifts (2-3 hours) during the festival. Key organizations participating include the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the United Methodist Church, Merrimac Fire & Rescue and the Merrimac Snowbusters Snowmobile Club. Serving a couple of hours as a volunteer is an excellent way to meet and make new friends, get involved to raise money for your local organizations and to help make future improvements at our Village parks; ultimately, however you participate, it's a great way to give back to our community. Cash and raffle prize donations are also needed and are very much appreciated. We encourage everyone to come and have fun at our one-day community festival.

Merrimac Community Festival tee shirts are available 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, JULY 11, 2017,**  
**6:00pm**

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

**JULY 12 & 26**  
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 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 who visits this summer!

**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 June 13, 2017

President Hahn called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:18 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:

Garry Bahe told the Board that the Merrimac Food Pantry is still in need of a new location for the distribution of food to pantry clients. Ron said he will check with Town of Merrimac Administrator, Tim McCumber to see if the township may have a suitable location available for this purpose.

The Board considered the Plan Commission's recommendation to approve rezoning 236 Palisade St. from B-3 Business Park to R-3 Multi-Family Residential District. The owner's request to rezone was submitted in preparation for razing and removing an old cottage and placing a new modular home on the site. Ron explained the owner, Nate Taylor, does not wish to operate a business from the home's garage (unlike the home's

prior owner, Scott Martin). In addition, Taylor requests the rezone to R-3 in order to reduce the new modular home's front/street-yard setback minimum to 25 feet, (as opposed to the 50 foot minimum setback required by B-3 zoning). Considering the thorough discussion and recommendation of the Plan Commission, Bahe/ Budde moved to approve the rezoning. **Motion carried.**

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

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

Hahn/Bahe moved to approve the draft Minutes of the May 9, 2017 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

### Village Human Resources Plan:

In coordination with the Village's staff and trustees, Ron developed and proposed a multi-year personnel transition plan for the Board's review and approval. The human resources plan identifies key milestone dates and actions required for three anticipated retirements spread over the coming 2 years. The Village's State-certified Water Operator and Wastewater Operator, Jeff Voll will

be retiring at the end of this year on 12/31/2017, with over 32 years of dedicated service to the Village of Merrimac. Having undergone continuous training and education during his past four years of service to the Village, Justin Schultz (also a State Certified Wastewater Operator and Certified Water Operator) had stepped into the Village's lead operator role since November 1, 2016. Other key dates and actions are listed below:

9/15/2017 advertise the Assistant Operator position  
10/1/2017 interview applicants  
11/1/2017 new hire begins work  
12/31/2017 Jeff Voll retires  
2/15/2018 Advertise Administrator Clerk/Treasurer position  
3/1/2018 interview applicants  
4/1/2018 new Clerk begins training  
5/1/2018 Ron Senger retires  
1/10/2019 advertise Deputy-Clerk position  
2/1/2019 interview applicants  
3/1/2019 new Deputy-Clerk starts  
5/1/2019 Tana Holmblad retires  
Malmberg/Bahe moved to approve the HR plan. **Motion carried.**

### Liquor License Applications:

Bahe/Naxera moved to approve "Class B" Liquor and Class "B" Beer licenses for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 for CG's Pub & Grub, Ferry-Xing Bar & Grill, and Merrimac Bar & Grill, LLC (Varsity Club), and to also approve these three businesses' respective lists of Operators/Bartenders as submitted to the Board for this meeting. **Motion carried.**

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