

Ron informed the Board he had received only two contractor bids for construction of the Village's salt crib roof structure by the June 30th deadline. Both bids were rejected as the first bid was a materials-only proposal and the second proposal was nearly double the cost the Board had planned for in its 2017 budget. Ron suggested he would reach out to a few additional contractors to gauge their potential interest in this small project. At this stage, it's likely the Village will need to re-advertise for bid proposals in 2018 and complete this project next spring or summer.

Sewer Operations:

MJ Electric had damaged the Village's sewer force main while boring for temporary utility pole structures near the Conservation Club on the afternoon of July 5th. Justin and Ron coordinated with S&L Underground to redirect one of their work teams from Madison to excavate the site and make the necessary emergency repairs to the damaged force main pipe that same evening. Ron submitted a claim to MJ Electric for their reimbursement to both S&L Underground and to the Village. He also notified the Wisconsin DNR and submitted a detailed follow-up incident report.

With no further matters brought before the Board, Bahe/Naxera moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 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**

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 and at the Information Booth on festival day. To view some prior-year Festival photos, please take a moment to go online & visit: villageofmerrimac.org/Events.htm.

Village Open Book

August 23, 2017

10 am-Noon & 1-7 pm

These periods are set aside for residents that wish to meet one-on-one with Gardiner Appraisal Service staff at the Village Hall to discuss their 2017 appraisal (re)valuations.

Village Board of Review

September 18, 2017

2 pm until Adjournment

Please refer to the Village's posted BOR notice for additional details if you are planning to contest your property's 2017 appraised valuation.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2017,
6:00pm

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

AUGUST 9 & 23

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 July 11, 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:

Char Olson presented a proposal for placement of historical artwork displays in the Village Board meeting room. Malmberg/Budde moved to table the matter for a decision at the August Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Pete and Tammy Knarr requested the Board consider partial payment of their sewer lateral repairs covering the portion of repair costs within the street right-of-way for 716 Lake Wisconsin Drive. Their request was based on language in the Village's 2006 adopted code, Sewer Chapter 116, paragraph H(1) for maintenance of services; the code states "All sewer services within the limits of the Village of Merrimac from the street's main line to the property line and including all controls

between the same shall be maintained by the Village, without expenses to the property owner, except when they are damaged as a result of negligence or carelessness on the part of the property owner, a tenant, or an agent of the owner, in which case they will be repaired at the expense of the property owner." Ron had explained this language within the code adopted in 2006 does not reflect the plumbing industry standard in Wisconsin, requiring the entire length of any private sewer lateral as the responsibility of the homeowner, from their house all the way to the sewer main tap (including the tap). The Board discussed making appropriate corrections and amending the Village's sewer code in a timely manner to reflect the current plumbing industry standard. Budde/Bahe moved to table a decision on the sewer lateral matter until the board could seek legal counsel and reconvene to make a more informed decision. **Motion carried.**

Following review of the Village's outstanding bills and prepaid expenses, Hahn/Naxera 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 fund account for June, 2017. **Motion carried.**

Bahe/Malmberg moved to approve

the draft Minutes of the June 13, 2017 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Hahn moved to approve the draft Minutes of the June 13, 2017 Plan Commission meeting. **Motion carried.**

Malmberg/Budde moved to approve Luke Kamnetz's application for an Operator/bar-tender license. Luke will be employed by CG's Pub & Grub. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Ron distributed copies of the Sauk Prairie School Board Minutes of May 22 and June 12, 2017, along with the Village inspection report for July 6, 2017. He shared a concern that residents should obey the speed limit signs when entering and exiting the Village, especially on Main Street and River Street (State Highways 78/113). In the early morning hours of July 7, another deer was hit and killed by a motorist departing the Village at a high rate of speed near Pacific Road. Apparently some residents (or visitors) fail to understand despite the speed limit signs and the deer crossing signs, that driving the posted speed limit is in the best interests of everyone. Ron stated that preparations were on schedule for the August 5th Merrimac Community Festival. He was happy to report that festival cash donations and raffle item donations are still coming in.

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