

**Minutes of the Village Board
Special Meeting of July 19, 2017
(Minutes approved at 8-8-17 Village Board Meeting)**

President Hahn called the Village Board Special 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. There was no public input.

Budde/Malmberg moved to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing a counteroffer to be considered by the body with respect to potential litigation in which the body may become involved in. The agenda item was to consider a resident's request for the Village sewer utility partial payment of private lateral repairs within the street right-of-way. **Motion carried** and the Board adjourned to closed session at 6:02pm. Following (closed) discussion, Naxera/Bahe moved to adjourn the closed session at 6:22pm. **Motion carried.** Budde/Malmberg then moved to reconvene to open session. **Motion carried.**

The Board's closed session resulted in the following: the Village's attorney will offer a one-time Village payment of \$5,000 towards the Knarr's private sewer lateral repairs within the street right-of-way; if they accept payment, they must sign a release form stating the Village will not be held liable or responsible for any further costs associated with their lateral repairs.

President Hahn opened discussion on the proposed draft ordinance to amend sections 116-5, 116-6 and 116-11 of the Village of Merrimac Code of Ordinances relating to Sewer Utility regulations. Key language within the 2006 adopted code does not reflect the plumbing industry standard in Wisconsin, requiring that the entire length of any private sewer lateral is the responsibility of the homeowner, from their house all the way to the sewer main tap (including the tap). The Board discussed adopting the recommended corrections and amending the Village's sewer code to reflect the current plumbing industry standard. Naxera/Bahe moved to approve Ordinance No. 2017-1 as written, to amend sections 116-5, 116-6, and 116-11 of the Village of Merrimac Code of Ordinances Relating to Sewer Utility Regulations. **Motion carried** and the ordinance amendments will become effective one day following the ordinance posting date of 7-21-2017.

With no further matters brought before the Board, Bahe/Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger
Administrator