

Gardiner Appraisal, LLC. As a result, each of the Village's property owners should expect to receive a mailed notice from Gardiner Appraisal, LLC for an appointment to view your properties. Approximately half of the Village's parcels will be viewed this fall, while the remainder will be viewed in the first half of 2017.

Trustee Garry Bahe mentioned he would like to see the two new signs recently placed on Pacific Road be moved closer to the highway. Following a brief discussion, Ron agreed this would be done to ensure semi-trucks with trailers no longer enter Pacific Road.

Water Operations:

Sewer Operations:

Planning & Zoning:

Ron stated there were no significant ongoing concerns to report for water and sewer operations; likewise, he reported there were no significant planning and zoning items for consideration. Trustee Jim Malmberg asked Ron to contact Sid Malek, lead-teacher from the Merrimac Community Charter School, to coordinate an agenda item for our October Village Board meeting. Ron agreed to the request.

With no further matters to be brought before the Village Board, Bahe/Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger
Administrator

Fall Leaf Clean-up Policy

Residents should either compost their leaves on their own property, or bag them within clear plastic bags and place them near the curbside on brush pickup days. Please do not rake or blow your leaves into the Village's gutters or streets since rains may then wash this debris into our storm sewers and impede proper drainage. Thank you!

Merrimac Community Festival

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 5, 2017 for next year's festival and pause to check out some of our 2016 festival photos at the following link: <http://www.villageofmerrimac.org/Events.htm>

Voter Registration

Avoid waiting on Election Day! If you are a Village resident and are not yet registered to vote, you can find the voter registration form and instructions on the Village website or come into the Village office to register in person.

Early/Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots are available either by mail or at the Village office. The application for an absentee ballot is available on the Village website. In-person absentee voting can be done at the Village Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Merrimac Flags Now for Sale

Please inquire at the Village Hall if you are interested in buying a limited edition all-weather flag.

**CALENDAR
REMINDERS**

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, Oct 11, 6:00 P.M.
* Thursday, Nov 10, 6:00 P.M.
*(moved due to Nov 8 election)

BRUSH PICK-UP DATES

OCTOBER 12 & 26

Pickup returns to once a month beginning in November

Please place your yard waste at curbside in CLEAR plastic bags (or in neat 4' x 4'x4' piles).

**FITNESS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM
WILL START OCTOBER 17!!**

Please come join us for a fun exercise program designed to help you achieve fitness and maintain it.

WHEN:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

WHERE:

Merrimac Village Hall

COST: \$10 per person

INSTRUCTOR: Deb Raschka

Public Meeting for 2017 Budget

To be held Thursday, November 10, 2016, immediately following the scheduled November 10th, 6pm Village Board meeting.

The Village Ball Park and Memorial Park bathrooms will be closed for the winter season effective Tuesday, November 1st (weather-dependent).

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of Sept. 15, 2016

President Hahn called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present upon roll call included Nick Hahn, Jim Malmberg, Jeff Rasmussen and Garry Bahe. George Naxera was excused absent. Also present was Village Administrator, Ron Senger.

President Hahn examined the affidavit of posting and verified that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to the proper statutory requirements.

Public Input: None

Hahn/Bahe moved to approve payment of the bills as listed on the agenda. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Hahn/Malmberg moved to approve the monthly financial reports including the balance sheet and budget comparison for August, 2016. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Rasmussen/Bahe moved to approve the draft Minutes of the August 11, 2016 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Following review and discussion of Village plans for an expanded road salt crib and sand storage crib, Malmberg/Bahe moved to approve spending \$2,400 in 2016 funds for

buying the blocks and concrete. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Ron distributed Minutes of the Sauk Prairie School Board meetings held on July 25 and August 8, 2016. Ron also summarized the Village Inspection Report for September 7, 2016 noting that construction on the Fred & Jean Evert home at 360 2nd Street had largely been completed with their Occupancy Permit issued by the home inspector on September 6, 2016. Ron also reported the Village's participation in the Sauk Prairie School District's first-ever "Day of Service" for high school student volunteers was a great success. On September 14th, our Village staff directed and supervised 17 freshman student volunteers while they painted three of our small buildings at the ball park. Their efforts included painting the exterior walls of the concessions building, the bathrooms and the storage building. They also painted the interior walls of the bathrooms. Upon their arrival, Ron had welcomed the students and provided them a brief summary on the key roles of municipal government. Justin then took over and divided up the student work groups and directed their efforts for the morning. When the morning was done, all agreed the volunteers' Day of Service was a great success for building community spirit and getting some important work accomplished.

Ron briefly discussed an existing Special Assessment Charges/Chargeback Agreement that had

been in effect since 1992 between Sauk County and the Village. Currently, the county pays out all special assessments/charges to all municipalities every August. The agreement comes into play if the County takes a property on a tax deed. If that occurs, the municipality would then be required to pay back the special charges to the County. Then the County would sell the property and if enough money was made to recover all the expenses, the municipality would be reimbursed the special charges. On October 20, 2015, the County sold a parcel (#151 0139-00000) located in the Village that it had obtained through the tax foreclosure process. The sale proceeds were calculated and it was determined that the chargeback the Village is responsible for is in the amount of \$3,298.83. In a meeting with the Sauk County Treasurer, Ron had requested that the County prorate the amount due over a 2-year period. The County Treasurer agreed to the request so the chargeback amount will be equally spread over two years and will be reflected on the Village's apportionment sheets for the 2017 and 2018 tax years. Malmberg/Hahn moved to approve equally splitting and paying the chargeback amount across the 2017 and 2018 budget years. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Ron reminded the Board that our Village's full assessment re-valuation is now underway by

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