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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Present were Charlie Hall, Interim - Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, and Interim Supervisor Tim Healy, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Chairman Hall called the **Board of Review** to order. Due to the fact that the assessment roll is not completed at this time, a motion was made to adjourn until 9:00am October 31, 2020, at which time the assessment roll will be complete.

Chairman Hall called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of September 2, 2020. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes, second by Healy. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Gaedke to approve, second by Healy. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Craig Hamilton asked about ATV's. McCumber reported that the ATV club has not been back to ask about potential routes. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, there was none. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported the Open Book will be on October 10, 2020; Fall Brush Collection is on October 24, 2020; the Board of Review is scheduled for October 31, 2020, and the Presidential & Partisan Election November 3, 2020. As of this today, 340 absentee ballots have been issued. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered a draft of proposed Ordinance #2020-37 establishing Fire Protection Charges in the Town of Merrimac. McCumber reported that the fire department increase has been going up higher than our levy limits allow. These costs can be recovered under a homeowner's insurance and will help with budgeting as we eliminate need to estimate how many accidents or fires there may be. Motion by Healy to move the ordinance for consideration at the November meeting. Second by Hall. Motion passed. McCumber will prepare the proper legal notices. The board then considered a Memorandum of Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) as it relates to the Fosters Shores Estates and the highway entrances to Lucille Lane and Oak Road. McCumber said this allows the development to obtain WisDOT approvals. Heffron has agreed to the conditions and McCumber will add this to the final developer's agreement so there will be no actual expense to the town. Motion to approve by Healy, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then considered the purchase of a wireless security camera system utilizing the Roads to Recovery grant. McCumber reported he will order off of his Amazon account which means we pay sales tax, but save on shipping fees. Motion to approve the purchase by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion passed. The board then discussed the possibility of designating the unused balance of the Roads to Recover grant to Merrimac Community School and/or Sauk County for Covid-19 related expenses. McCumber said Superintendent Jeff Wright would sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sauk Prairie School District to spend only at Merrimac Community. Motion to allow McCumber to enter into the MOU assuring the proceeds will go to the Merrimac Community School by Gaedke, second by Healy. Motion passed. The board then considered the 2021 Merrimac Joint Fire Department budget. McCumber reported the proposed fire budget is \$143,635 which is a 6.56% increase over the amount approved by the town board in 2019. The town's portion will increase by \$6,331 which is more than the town's allowable levy limit increase of \$4,026. Motion by Gaedke to approve the budget, second by Hall. Discussion included having McCumber will see if a levy limit adjustment is possible, but does not believe it will be eligible. Motion passed. The board finally considered the 2021 proposed budget and consideration of a Special Town Meeting on November 4, 2020 to establish the 2020 tax levy at \$228,952. After a review, a motion was made by Gaedke to set the budget hearing and Special Town Meeting for November 4, 2020 at 7pm. Seconded by Hall. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Gaedke, second by Healy. Motion approved.

Town Officers: Charlie Hall, Interim-Town Chair, 493-3140; Tim Healy, Interim-Supervisor 1, 493-2687; John Gaedke, Supervisor 2, 356-2301; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, Town Hall 493-2588 (please, no calls at residence except for emergencies). Assessor: Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. Email address: townmerr@merr.com. Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations (tnadmin@merr.com). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.