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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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

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 November 4, 2020. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes, second by Hall. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills with budget overages. Motion by Gaedke, to approve, second by Healy. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the board received a letter from Scoutmaster Andy Jones regarding Caiden Buffardi earning the rank of Eagle Scout; a notice from Peterson Sanitation regarding the assessment of a \$60 per town for recyclables disposal, a letter of thanks from the Sauk Prairie School District for donating \$5,445.30 in Covid-19 supplies for use at Merrimac Community School; and a thank you from Karen Braun for compensating her for volunteering at the November election. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported the town was one of 190 polling location selected by the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) for an audit of the Town's Election Equipment. McCumber brought in two certified Chief Inspectors and the machine scored a 100% accuracy rate. McCumber also reported the final Routes to Recovery Grant submission, noting that in addition to supplies donated to Merrimac Community School, the town had acquired an additional laptop, conference room video camera and sounds system, the outdoor drop box, a paper folder for ballots, a laminator (for election and COVID-19 signage) as well as a security camera system (primary use for the outdoor drop box). The town used all of the funds except \$2.97 which reverts back to the state for COVID-19 use. McCumber reported that the tax bills were submitted to the county, but have not been mailed yet due to technical issues with their vendor. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board received a report from Tywana German of the Sauk Prairie Chamber of Commerce regarding the 2021 Town of Merrimac tourism marketing budget & plan. German presented the 2021 marketing plan for the tourism dollars the town is required to spend from the room tax. She presented designs for the #MyTown campaign using "Find Your Happy Place". She also presented a report of 2020 expenditures. Motion by Gaedke to approve the 2020 room tax expenditure, second by Healy. Motion passed. The board then considered an application for a fireworks permit by Devil's Head Resort for their annual New Year's Eve Fireworks Display at 12:00am on January 1, 2021. McCumber reported they have included their insurance certificate. Motion to approve by Gaedke, seconded by Healy. Motion passed. Finally, the board considered Resolution 2020-09; a Memorandum of Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) concerning tree removal along town roads in Devil's Lake State Park. McCumber reported the DNR would like to start clearing the right-of-way very soon and the vendor will utilize rubber tires to minimize road damage. McCumber talked it over with Denny Beich and with the hard ground any damage would be minor and this project will save the town from a major expense of getting the right-of-way cleared. Motion by Gaedke to approve the resolution. Second by Healy. Motion passed.

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