

# THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC

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## PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

A Public Hearing was called to order by Interim Chairman Charlie Hall regarding the proposed 2020 Town Budget. Present were Hall, Supervisor John Gaedke, Interim- Supervisor Tim Healy and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. McCumber gave a report regarding the budget noting a correction on the interest revenue line that read \$40 instead of \$400 and adjustments to the garbage/recycling based on new building permits since the budget was published. No one appeared. Motion by Gaedke to adjourn the hearing. Second by Healy. Motion passed.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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A Special Town Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hall to consider the **2019 Tax Levy payable in 2020**. No other matter may be considered at this meeting. Also in attendance were electors John Gaedke and Tim Healy. Town Clerk McCumber reported that based on the budget, the proposed levy limit is \$224,926. Motion by Gaedke to adopt the proposed levy, second by Healy. Motion passed. Motion to adjourn by Gaedke, second by Healy. Motion passed.

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

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 October 2, 2019. 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 Hall. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a letter from the Wisconsin Elections Commission regarding the Election Security Subgrant Program. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, Gaedke and Healy reported the Yard Waste Collection was lightly attended, but the ones who participated made multiple trips; McCumber reported the county has foreclosed on the Neuman property while the court gave the Thiessen property and extension to get the property taxes paid. McCumber spoke with Marty Krieger about the town applying for a new MLS grant program to assist with the Great Sauk Trail to get through the wye. McCumber agreed as long as it is still understood Sauk County picks up the balance. The project is eligible and we could receive up to 90% of the program costs. ES&S upgraded the DS200 voting machine to a 4G modems because Verizon is shutting down its 3G network at the end of the year. As a result, the town hall does not pick up a 4G signal and Sauk County Clerk Becky Evert is working with them and the Elections Commission to resolve the issue. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered the Sauk Prairie Chamber of Commerce 2019-20 room tax revenues report. McCumber reported that the town is statutorily required to pay approximately \$58,200.52 from room tax revenue to a tourism entity for 2019 based on . The town has been working with the Chamber's tourism division this past year. Tywana German, Chamber Director, provided a report showing the 2019 digital marketing results and a marketing budget for 2020. The giveaway promotion attracted 33,000 views on Facebook and brought 2,400 people to the town's website. The summer promotion video reached 32,000 people. The marketing campaign will stay with the "My Town" theme. The Discover Wisconsin summer program will be in March and they are working on a t-shirt package to create "walking billboards" promoting the town. Motion to accept the report and approve the 2019 room tax tourism expenditure by Gaedke, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board next considered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) to reimburse the town up to \$1,200 through the Election Security Subgrant Program. McCumber reported he purchased a

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new computer for the town hall specifically for the same reasons the WEC developed the grant program. The program grant includes \$600 for a new computer, \$500 for technical support, and \$100 for training. McCumber is already signed up for training and the amount only covers mileage. He doubts they will approve the computer expense but will make a request for the grant reimbursement. Motion by Gaedke, seconded by Healy, to accept the WEC MOU. Motion passed. The board then considered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sauk County Management Information Systems (MIS) Department for the Provision of Intergovernmental Services for Computer Support allowing the town to be compliant with new Election Rules and continue to have access to the Statewide Voter Registration System called WisVote. McCumber reported the Sauk County MIS department has historically offered service, but this MOU formalizes the agreement so we can be in compliance with the grant. Motion to approve the MOU by Gaedke, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board then considered participation in a Class Action lawsuit In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation at no additional expense to the town. McCumber reported that there are 3 steps and if there is a settlement, the county would get the funding first because we don't have any of our own existing programs. The board had discussion and took no action. The board also considered the 2020 Revaluation Assessment Contract from Equity Appraisal to perform a revaluation of the town's assessment value for \$36,000. McCumber reported that the town will be more than 10% under the Department of Revenues estimate of the town's value. He also noted the last revaluation occurred in 2007. Motion to approve the contract by Hall, seconded Healy. Motion passed. The board then reviewed the 2019 tax bill newsletter insert. Motion to approve by Gaedke, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board then considered adoption of the town's 2020 Annual Town Budget. McCumber he garbage and recycling assessment will be \$148 per eligible property and the contract will be up for bid this summer. Motion by Gaedke to approve the budget as amended, seconded by Hall. Motion passed.

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