

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Present were Interim- Chair Charlie Hall, Supervisor John Gaedke and Interim-Supervisor Tim Healy. Also in attendance was 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 August 14, 2019. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes, seconded 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**, Caiden Buffardi was in attendance and reported on his Eagle Scout project. He reported they had 16 volunteers with 72 man hours clearing out the cemetery on Rausch Road. They cleared a lot of area and found graves that had been lost over the years including at potentially 2 new veterans. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received letters from the Sauk Prairie School District inviting at least 2 members to attend a September 30, 2019 meeting at 6:30pm to discuss a district referendum and other updates; the town also received a letter from the Sauk County Highway Department regarding a meeting for LRIP (Local Roads Improvement Program) participants on September 29, 2019 at 10am; and a notice from Sauk County regarding their Clean Sweep event on September 28, 2019 from 8:30am – noon at the Sauk County Landfill. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber discussed the Fall Brush Collection coming up on October 26, 2019. Gaedke and Healy will attend. He also provided an update regarding the status of a few Sauk County Delinquent property taxes in the town and reported that there is a Board of Appeals hearing September 14, 2019 regarding an adjoining property to town access. The town also received a report from the Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services reporting the Merrimac Fire Department passed the 2% fire dues program audit. McCumber also provided the preliminary 2020 budget and asked board members to review it prior to the October board meeting. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered the appointments of Laura LaCour and Steve Heath as alternate commission members to the Board of Appeals. McCumber reported the committee has to have 5 members and 2 member cannot attend the next meetings and that we should have at least two moving forward. Motion to approve the appointments by Gaedke, second by Healy. Motion passed. The board then considered the 2019-20 pre-buy contract for Hohl's Propane at \$1.249 per gallon. McCumber reported they town purchased 900 gallons last year and used about the same. Motion by Gaedke, second by Hall to purchase 900 gallons. Motion passed. The board finally considered the Merrimac Area Fire District proposed budget for 2020. Hall reported the increase is 1.555% over last year which is only the second increase since 2016. Motion to approve the fire department budget by Hall, seconded by Healy. 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.

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