

T H E T O W N O F MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 4, 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 November 5, 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 Healy. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Richard Grant spoke regarding the resolution regarding Resolution 2019-03 and spoke to the history of the property noting that the previous owner did a lot of scrapping and handled items like lead batteries, acid, etc. It does have a well on the property and he flushed tank properties. He has concerns about the town possibly acquiring some environmental issues. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a notice from the Wisconsin Towns Association regarding support for Wisconsin Legislative bill proposal LRB 4126-4973 affecting Town Zoning in County Lake Protection districts. McCumber reported he drafted in email to all of the elected state representatives and senators who represent constituents in Sauk county. The board members also received an invitation to attend the Sauk County Board Annual Holiday Party at their expense. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meets tomorrow night, December 5, 2019. McCumber reported the town has received a \$600 grant from the Wisconsin Elections Commission for computer security and training. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Certified Survey Map (CSM) divide property as part of an estate settlement which does not create any additional building parcels in the Agriculture District, properties located on tax parcels 026-0146-00000; 026-0149-00000; and 026-0166-00000, application by Dan Purcell, S7655 State Hwy. 78, Merrimac, WI 53561. McCumber reported the CSM does not create any additional buildable parcels. Motion to approve by Hall, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board next considered a fireworks permit for Devils Head Resort on December 31, 2019 – January 1, 2020; application by Matthew Langer, Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc. McCumber reported there have been no issues at that this site in the past. Motion to approve by Gaedke, seconded by Healy. Motion passed. The board also considered Resolution 2019-02 appointing Election Workers for the 2020-2021 term. Motion to approve by Gaedke, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. Healy abstained as he is an appointed Chief Inspector. The board also considered adoption of the Town of Merrimac Election Day Emergency Response Plan. McCumber reported the state wants a copy of this plan for the grant, so this formalizes the emergency plan. Motion to approve by Gaedke, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board then considered Resolution 2019-03 to negotiate with Sauk County to acquire foreclosed property in the Town of Merrimac for final approval at town meeting. McCumber reported that Marty Krueger has expressed interest in keeping this property for a parking lot for the Great Sauk Trail. He recommended that the county is not obligated to sell it and thinks the town should express interest in it as it is very secluded and not an ideal location for a parking area. Gaedke agreed that it would lead to problems. McCumber added that the property has not been identified as having any environmental issues and that the previous owner was a metal scrapper. He said it is definitely something the town could consider before acquiring it. Ultimately, the purchase has to be approved the Annual or Special Town Meeting of electors. Motion to approve by Gaedke, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board also considered an application for a Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) grant seeking funding for a portion of the Great Sauk Trail located along Halweg Road with up to 90% funding provided by the state and the balance by Sauk County. McCumber reported that if the grant is approved, the town would then have to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Sauk county to cover any costs not covered under the grant. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion passed. The town board then discussed possible options for a community room as part of the Sauk Prairie School District's referendum proposal for the Merrimac Community Charter School (MCCS) building addition. McCumber reported that he had a conversation with the new superintendent of schools regarding a proposed community space as part of the MCCS building expansion. He mentioned these costs could possibly

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be considered by referendum, but then a referendum would have to pass not just the school board but separately by town voters and village voters. It might be easier to find someone interested in naming rights. If there were to be a possible referendum, the school district would have to have a proposal to the board by the January meeting. The board then considered changing the January town board meeting due to the New Year's Day holiday. A motion to hold the meeting on January 2, 2020 was made by Gaedke, seconded by Healy. Motion passed. McCumber will put forward a meeting schedule for 2020 due to some changes that have to be made. Motion passed.

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