

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 5, 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 January 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 had questions about the Wisconsin AB-551/SB-501. He also complimented the Sauk County Hwy. Department on their snow clearing. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the board received a letter of thanks from the Oak Hill Cemetery Association thank them for the 2020 maintenance donation and their annual request for 2021 funds. McCumber stated that if the board wants to have discussion sooner to let him know. If not, McCumber will place it into the 2021 budget for consideration next fall. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, Spring Primary Election is Tuesday, February 18, 2020. A report from the Wisconsin Bar briefly explaining a Supreme Court decision stating a property owner does not have the right to place a pier over another property owner's submerged property. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered Resolution # 2020-02 supporting Wisconsin Bill AB-551/SB-501 as related to the presumption of riparian rights on navigable waters. McCumber read the resolution and reported that due to a recent Wisconsin Supreme Court case, the owner of the land under the water could potentially prevent an adjacent land owner with riparian rights from placing a pier into Lake Wisconsin because those lands are owned by Wisconsin Power and Light. A riparian right belongs to any property owner adjacent to a navigable body of water. The proposed law would restore what has been considered an existing right and prevent the land owner from blocking a riparian rights holder from placing a pier. Motion to approve by Hall, second by Healy. Motion passed.

Gaedke will be out of town for the March meeting.

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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