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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING Tuesday, July 7, 2021

Present were the Chairman Charlie Hall and Supervisor Tim Healy. Also in attendance was Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. Supervisor John Gaedke, and Richard Cross.

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 June 2, 2021. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes, seconded by Healy, the motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills, motion by Gaedke to approve, seconded by Healy the motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Allan Van Landuyt resident on Walleye Lane. There is a private easement on his property; he reports that there are trespassers using the easement and he says that he had spoke with all three owners along the easement who agreed to place the gate. He said that the garbage truck has not been an issue and wants to know why the town of Merrimac is getting involved. He will offer a 16-foot easement for snow removal and garbage collection and does not believe the town should spend taxpayer money. Alice Brickl a resident of Walleye Lane asked about a petition. Bill Brickl asked about the ARPA grant the town received. Lisa Van Landuyt asked about the closed session meeting. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a request for bridge aids from Sauk County. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported the Board of Review is July 17, 2021 starting at 9am; there was a break-in at the Wye property; the first deposit from the American Recovery Act has been received; Payment in Lieu of Taxes payments will increase if the governor approves the budget. Redistricting will depend upon whether or not the Governor vetoes the legislature's bill to postpone redistricting because the census is not finalized. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board discussed installation of trail cams on the Wye property. Motion by Hall, seconded by Gaedke to purchase 6 cameras. The board next considered a survey from Sauk County related to awareness of changes to Sauk County Ordinance Chapter 26: Agricultural Performance Standards and Manure Management. The board did not take any action. The board considered convening in **CLOSED SESSION** for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; specifically, regarding Walleye Lane. Motion by Gaedke to go to closed session. Seconded by Healy. Motion approved unanimous by roll call vote. The board reconvened from closed session. A motion to seek an estimate from General Engineering for completing Walleye Lane using ARPA grant funds was made by Hall and seconded by Gaedke. Motion passed. Finally, the board discussed establishing the August meeting on another date due to a conflict on August 4, 2021. A motion to move the meeting to August 5, 2021 at 7pm was made by Gaedke, seconded by Healy. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Gaedke. Second by Healy. Motioned.