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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Present were Charlie Hall, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, 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 6, 2021. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes, second by Healy. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. McCumber reported property tax collections are ahead of last year. 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 Oak Hill Cemetery thanking us for the annual contribution to support the property work. The town also received a notice from the Sauk County treasurer that the sale price for the Neumann property is \$2,580.58 and will be considered by the Sauk County property committee tomorrow night (February 4, 2021). Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported that everything is set for the Non-partisan Primary Election on February 16, 2021. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered Resolution 2021-01 to Acquire Foreclosed Property Located in the Town of Merrimac; specifically, Tax Parcel 026-0964-00000, S7097 White Oak Court. McCumber reported this is one of two properties that has had junk issues over the years. The county foreclosed on the property for delinquent taxes. Since the foreclosure, the treasurer has given the property owner an additional 45 days. The county property committee will also be reviewing this sale transaction tomorrow (02/04/2021) and the resolution states that should they fail to pay that the town will purchase it. If the town acquires it, we would have them remove the mobile home and clean the property for resale. The cost to the town would be \$3,510.41. Motion to approve the resolution by Healy, second by Hall. Motion passed. McCumber cannot attend the February 15th county board meeting and asked if someone from the board could appear. The board next considered possibly repealing the Public Nuisance Ordinance #98-01 and replacing it with a new Nuisance Ordinance to better define definitions of “junk”. There was a lot of discussion around enforceability and various options. McCumber will add some additional language about “junk” being out of view from the road or neighboring properties and bring back the changes for consideration. No action was taken.

Motion to adjourn by Gaedke, second by Hall. 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 (tadmin@merr.com). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.