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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING **Tuesday, April 21, 2021**

Chairman Charlie Hall called the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** to order. Residents present were Charlie Hall, Tim Healy, John Gaedke, Craig Hamilton and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk-Treasurer.

The minutes of the 2020 meeting were presented and read by McCumber. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Healy. Motion passed. McCumber presented a printout of the 2020 financials. Motion to approve the financials as printed by Healy, seconded by Hamilton. Motion passed. There was a brief discussion about Hwy. 78 reconstruction project. Motion to adjourn by Gaedke, seconded by Hamilton. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING **Tuesday, April 21, 2021**

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

Chairman Hall first called to order a public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance #2021-39; an ordinance amending the town's Nuisance ordinance #98-01. The purpose of the ordinance is to clarify that any "junk" or other household items that are property stored from view and not considered hazardous is not a nuisance. McCumber gave a report on the provisions. No one appeared. Motion by Hall to close the public hearing, seconded by Healy motion passed.

Chairman Hall then 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 March 3, 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 that legal fees for Devil's Head have put the town into a position where we need to vote to exceed the levy limit. He also mentioned that there will be a need to maintain that increase noting the town will have to consider health insurance and additional staff at some point in the near future to make this office competitive from a hiring standpoint. As of now, McCumber reported he does not need. Motion by Gaedke to approve, second by Healy. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Craig Hamilton discussed the need to bring on additional staff. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a notice from the town's insurer excluding loss as a result of viruses or bacteria upon renewal; the town also received an anonymous nuisance dog letter. McCumber reported that the Sauk County Sheriff is the policing authority here and residents need to call in and file a report. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported that there were 212 voters participated in the spring election which included 87 absentee ballots returned with 115 absentee ballots mailed. No late ballots were received. The Spring Cleanup Day and Brush Collection will be May 15, 2021 and the signs have been ordered. He reported that he has a conflict that day and Steve Peetz is sidelined and cannot help. There is no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board first considered pier permit applications as determined to be submitted and complete. McCumber reported all of the applications are in and complete. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second Healy. Motion passed. The board then discussed a Sauk County Town Acknowledgement form for a Sauk County Shoreland District variance request located at E12653 Weigands Bay South, tax parcel 026-0833-10000; property owner Mike Phillips, W14158 Crestview Dr., Prairie du Sac, WI 53578. McCumber reported the standard comments to observe town setbacks was made in the comments. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the notice by Gaedke, second by Healy. Motion passed. Then board then considered Ordinance #2021-39 amending the town's Nuisance ordinance #98-01. to clarify that any "junk" or other household items that are property stored from view and not considered hazardous is not a nuisance. Motion to approve by Hall, second by Healy. Motion passed. The board also considered an offer from Bill's Towing to sign the town hall parking lots as "no parking" and to provide towing service to assist in preventing trespassing

into Merry Mac's Campground at no cost to the town. McCumber reported that he spoke with Rob Brinkmeyer about staff not parking at the town hall. Brinkmeyer said these are people trespassing into the park. Motion to approve by Hall, seconded by Healy. Motion passed. Then the board took up Resolution #2021-02 supporting Federal Relief to provide a safe drinking water solution within the Town of Merrimac as it relates to the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant. McCumber reported that the American Recovery Plan will send \$100k to the town and is limited in how it can be spent, but water and sewer does not exist here and to put in a municipal water plant would cost, as of 10 years ago, \$20-\$30 million. This resolution calls out the Army's failure to guarantee drinking water is always safe and asks the federal government for \$60 million to alleviate the problem and get the Army out of the way. Motion to approve by Hall, seconded by Healy. Motion passed. The board also discussed the disposition of personal property acquired upon acquisition of the former Neumann property (The Wye) and placement of the driveway. The board discussed the site. There was a motion by Hall to meet on site April 28th at 10am. Seconded by /Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then discussed the salary of Tim McCumber as Town Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer. The board did not go into closed session, but Hamilton volunteered to leave. Based on the need to get the salary competitive with the market if the town should need to replace McCumber, Gaedke moved to give a 5% per annum raise bringing the annual salary to \$57,200. Seconded by Healy. During discussion McCumber did apologize as he put the town in this position by not taking a wage increase for 8 years. The board also discussed hiring someone to work part-time this summer with McCumber on a manual and other duties. McCumber will report back to the board before hiring someone. Motion on the salary increase passed unanimously.

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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING Tuesday, April 28, 2021

The board met at newly acquired property located at "The Wye", S7198 Goette Road. While onsite, the board viewed the current driveway, the 5 train cars and their contents, and the metals and other scrap on the property. Discussion included how to value the items and dispose of most of the property. There was no action taken.