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## MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Present were Charlie Hall, Interim - Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, and Interim Supervisor Tim Healy, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Chairman Hall called the **Board of Review** to order. Due to the fact that the assessment roll is not completed at this time, a motion was made to adjourn until 9:00am October 31, 2020, at which time the assessment roll will be complete, by Gaedke, second Healy. Motion passed.

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 August 5, 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 Hall. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town board received notice that the DOT will be reconstructing Hwy.78 in 2021 due to the road bed needing to be replaced. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported that Open Book is October 10, 2020; Fall Brush Collection is October 24, 2020 from 9am until 1pm; Board of Review October 31, 2020, and the Presidential & Partisan Election is November 3, 2020. McCumber also provided the Preliminary 2021 Budget and noted that the Levy Limit cap is for 2020 is 1.79%. Hall asked about the fire budget and McCumber will look at how the town can handle the expense of fire calls noting the ambulance collects from insurance companies. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered the purchase of a secure outdoor drop box for elections and other transactions. McCumber noted that he contacted the state and the Roads to Recovery Grant will pay for it. The cost is around \$3,200 plus another \$200 for installation. Motion to approve by Hall, second by Healy. McCumber further added that the WEC Cares grant for elections was a little over \$1,000 and has been mostly spend in postage and additional printing. The Roads to Recovery grant is for COVID expenses up to \$16,000 and any unspent money would go back to the state unless the town wants to transfer it to the school district, the village, or Sauk County. The board would like it to stay local and will discuss options at the next meeting. The board then considered a bid for trash and recycling proposals for the years 2021 through 2025. Peterson Sanitation was the only bid. McCumber reported the owner of Tim's Trucking stopped in and explained why he could not take on the additional work. The contract cost for 2021 is still \$12 per home per month and goes up to \$13 per home per month by 2025. McCumber noted that there is new \$60 per ton fee for recycling which he calculates based off of the prior year and adds on to the assessment. Motion to approve the contract by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion passed. The board finally considered a prepay contract with Hohl's propane at \$1.179 per gallon. McCumber reported the town as 249 gallons remaining. The town purchased 900 gallons last year. He said a 750-gallon purchase would put us at 1,000 gallons. There was concern about falling short if we have a colder winter. A motion to purchase 850 gallons was made by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion passed.

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

**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](mailto:townmerr@merr.com). Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations ([tadmin@merr.com](mailto:tadmin@merr.com)). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.