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## MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING Thursday, November 4, 2021

Present were Chairman Charlie Hall, and Supervisor John Gaedke. Also in attendance was Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer and Jeremy Bowers, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Supervisor Tim Healy was not in attendance due to health reasons. Chairman Charlie Hall called to order a public hearing regarding the proposed 2021 Town Budget. McCumber gave his administrators report for the proposed budget; as well as his official announcement to the public about his resignation at the end of the year. During the public hearing Craig Hamilton asked for clarification on the mill rate. Alice Brickl asked if this jump in tax would happen annually. Bill Brickl asked about revaluation. Ed Wedelstadt asked about the Sauk Prairie mill rate. Bud Domagata asked how the money we send for tourism is spent. Jennifer Morgan asked how tax levies work. Pat Rehwinkel asked about where money from a possible settlement would go. Craig also asked about how the room tax law might be changed. Ed asked about making a list of who to contact about room tax law. McCumber answered the questions raised. Chairman Hall made motion to adjourn the public hearing, Gaedke seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Hall called to order the Special Town Meeting regarding the 2021 Tax Levy Payable in 2022 and a resolution to endorse exceeding the levy limit. McCumber gave an overview of the state statutes governing voting in the Special Town meeting noting only eligible voters in the town can participate. McCumber went through the voter roll and cross referenced the names of those attending. There were 25 eligible voters in attendance. McCumber read the resolution. Motion by Domagata to approve Resolution 2021-09A to endorse exceeding the levy limit. Seconded by Wedelstadt. 19 in favor, 5 in opposition with one abstention. Motion passed. McCumber read Resolution 2021-15A adopting the levy limit of \$316,060. Hamilton made a motion to approve. Gaedke seconded. 19 in favor, 4 in opposition, with 2 abstentions. Motion passed. Gaedke made motion to adjourn, seconded by Rick Kekula. 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 for September 6, 2021. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes, seconded by Hall. 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**, Wedelstadt and Teasha Reppenhagen spoke in opposition to the mobile home park expansion. Allan Heimann spoke against the expansion of the mobile home park. No one appeared to speak in favor. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, McCumber reported a letter from attorney Dick Cross announcing he is changing law firms, but that Devils Head litigation will remain with Attorney Nicole Marklein and Cross, Jenks, Mercer, and Maffei; a letter from Groundswell Conservancy thanking the town for the contribution in the name of Mike Slavney. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, Yard Waste Collection Day, Gaedke reported that while we had a number of people show up that day it was down from previous years. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board discussed the Senior Fitness Program with the Village of Merrimac at a cost of \$250. Gaedke made motion to approve, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board then considered an amendment to an existing conditional use Permit (CUP) for Park Place MHC LLC located at S7175 Bluff Road on tax parcels 026-0641-00000 & 026-0641-20000 in the Town of Merrimac; application by Richard Dubois Investments LLC, 1119 Edington PI, Marco Islands, FL 34145-2000. McCumber reported that state law prohibits the denial of an application if it meets all conditions. McCumber addressed some of the concerns raised during public but noted that all conditions of the ordinance have been met. Hall moved to approve, seconded by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then considered an

application for a Class “B” Combination License for Merrimac Campgrounds, LLC., E12995 Halweg Rd., Merrimac, WI 53561. Agent Robert Brinkmeier, E12995 Halweg Rd., Merrimac, WI 53561. McCumber reported that he confirmed with legal counsel that issuing the license is in compliance with the town ordinance. Gaedke moved to approve, Hall seconded. Motion passed. The board also considered a surety bond from Dan Heffron to guarantee the resurfacing of Lucille Lane in 2022. McCumber reported that should he fail to resurface the road the funds would be turned over to the town to complete the project. Hall moved to approve, seconded by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then considered Resolution #2021-16 amending the 2021 budget allocation ARPA funds to acquire electronic election poll books (Badger Books). McCumber reported that one of the possible uses for ARPA funding is the purchase of electronic poll books streamlining the voting process. Gaedke moved to approve, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board then reviewed the 2021 tax bill newsletter insert. Gaedke moved to approve, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. Finally, the board considered the town’s proposed 2022 Annual Town Budget. Hall moved to approve, seconded by Gaedke. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Gaedke. Seconded Hall. Motion passed.