

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Present were Interim- Chair Charlie Hall, Supervisor John Gaedke and Interim-Supervisor Tim Healy. Also in attendance was 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 September 4, 2019 and the special town board meeting of September 6, 2019. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes, seconded by Healy. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Hall, to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the board received a notice from Peterson Sanitation implementing a \$60 per ton recycling rate per contract (the town collected 111 tons in 2018); an Open records request from Ashley Adams representing Pronto, LLC.; McCumber reported that Pronto, LLC., owned by Gene Harbort requested 4 years of financial statements and 4 years of insurance policies and is filling this request this week. A third request regarding the town's economic development page which promoted the use of that property in conjunction with the towns' development plan. After consulting Attorney Cross, he determined it is a request for information and not public record. The board also received a notice regarding participation in a National Prescription Opiate Litigation regarding participation in a Class settlement. Hall asked to have it placed on the November agenda. The board also received a letter from Sauk County regarding LRIP funds. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported that the Fall Brush Collection will be October 26, 2019 with Gaedke and Healy scheduled to work the event. McCumber also reported that the town mostly prevailed in the case regarding delinquent room tax with Devil's Head Resort. The resort's attorneys had filed a motion to dismiss. The temporary restraining order is moot in that the town agreed to not pull their liquor license while the case is being litigated so the TRO was lifted and their motion to dismiss was denied. The town now becomes the plaintiff and will be eligible for 3 times damages but can only go back to 2012. The judge ruled that this will be a jury trial and not a summary judgement. Hall reported that he attended a meeting at the school district regarding a proposed \$65 million referendum updating and expanding the high school, athletic facilities, and a proposed addition to Merrimac Community Charter School. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board first considered a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Conditional Use Permit for an accessory structure greater than 24' x 30' x 14' on a residential use property in the Agricultural District per Town Ordinances 5.03(1)(a)(1) & 7.03 (7) located on property identified as tax parcel 026-0374-00000; application by Delbert Sprecher, S6394 Bluff Rd., Merrimac, WI 53561. McCumber provided a report of the project noting it was recommended for approval by the commission. Motion to approve by Gaedke, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board then considered a request for the Fitness For Seniors program in conjunction with the Village of Merrimac for \$250. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Healy. Motion passed. The board also considered a notice of Building Inspection Fee Adjustment and Agreement update from General Engineering for Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) building inspections for new homes in the town. McCumber reported that the state requires UDC inspections on new homes. General Engineering has been handling these inspections and recommends approval. Motion to approve by Hall, seconded by Healy. Motion passed. Finally the board reviewed the proposed 2020 budget. A motion to set a public hearing and Special Town meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 was made by Hall, seconded by Gaedke. Motion passed.

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 (tnadmin@merr.com). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.

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