

Town of Merrimac Municipal Water Survey

141 responses collected between January 6 and February 4, 2014

Answer Options	Yes	No
1. Knowing that a petition to form a district does not give final approval to construction of a municipal water utility, do you support the Army filing the petition to determine whether or not the proposal is financially feasible?	87.1%	12.9%
2. Would you support a water utility if you had to pay to connect to it?	21.3%	78.7%
3. Would you support a water utility if the Army paid for all construction and connection costs?	86.6%	13.4%
4. Would you support a water utility in which the operating costs are not subsidized by the US Army?	14.9%	85.1%
5. Would you support a water utility if you knew that its operating costs would be subsidized for the life of the system?	88.0%	12.0%
6. Assuming the following annual costs for electricity \$20, water test \$65, and 10 to 20 year pump replacement at \$175-\$350; would you agree that the estimated cost to operate a well costs between \$195-\$435 a year?	65.9%	34.1%
7. Could you support constructing a water utility if the water rates were averaged as compared to neighboring communities (average household is \$192 per year based on 2009 rates)?	59.4%	40.6%
8. Could you support constructing a water utility if the water rates were subsidized to provide a lower water rate than \$192 per year?	83.8%	16.2%
9. Could you support constructing a water utility if the water rates were higher than the average of \$192 per year?	25.6%	74.4%
10. Did you know that water consumption rates mentioned above also reflects the cost of watering your lawn?	54.3%	45.7%
11. Could you support a water system if fire hydrants were provided?	82.0%	18.0%
12. If you said no to fire hydrants, are you aware that fire hydrants lower the cost of homeowner's insurance premiums, and does that change your opinion?	66.3%	33.8%
13. Would you support a water utility if water were delivered to the area farmers in a bulk-rate cost?	70.5%	29.5%
14. Would you support a water utility if the area farmers were allowed to keep their private wells for irrigation and feeding livestock?	85.0%	15.0%
15. Would you support a water utility understanding that its construction does not change the Army's requirements to comply with the WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and EPA standards for cleanup at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant?	84.4%	15.6%
16. Would you attend public hearings and other meetings related to the public process for final approval of a water utility?	84.9%	15.1%
17. If a water utility is finally approved for construction, would you support the decision if most of your concerns were addressed?	85.2%	14.8%