

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

S6911 State Highway 113 - P.O. Box 115
Merrimac, WI 53561

NOTICE

The Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Merrimac Town Hall located at S6911 State Road 113 in the Town of Merrimac.

The clerk will read the minutes of the 2015 meeting.

Consideration of any concerns or interests of the residents of the town.

A Summary of the Powers of the Town Meeting follows (incomplete list):

1) Direct Powers

- a) Raise money, including levying of taxes, to pay for town expenses, unless the town meeting has delegated authority to the board.
- b) Town offices and officers
 - Set the compensation for elective town officers unless the town meeting has delegated such authority to the town board.
 - Combine the offices of town clerk and town treasurer.
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 - Designate the offices of town clerk, town treasurer or the combined office clerk and treasurer as part-time.
 - Establish or abolish the office of town constable and set the number of constables.
 - Designate town board officers as full-time officers.
- c) Election of town officers
 - Adopt a plan to elect town board supervisors to numbered seats.
 - Abolish the town caucus and instead provide for the election of town officers by nomination papers and a town primary election.

2) The following directives or grants of authority may be made to the town board by resolution:

- a) Raise money (see 1(a) above).
- b) In a town with a population of at least 2500 direct the town board to increase the membership of the board.
- c) Exercise of village powers.
- d) Authorize the town board to issue general obligation bonds for public purposes.
- e) Purchase of land.
- f) Authorize the town board to purchase, lease or construct buildings for town use.
- g) Authorize the town board to dispose of town property.
- h) Exercise of certain zoning authority.
- i) Watershed protection and soil and water conservation.
- j) Authorize the town board to appoint an assessor.
- k) Authorize the town board to fix the compensation of elective town officers other than the office of town board supervisor.
- l) Authorize the town board to exceed \$10,000 in highway and bridge expenditures in a year.

3) Authorization to the town board to appropriate money:

- a) Conservation of natural resources
- b) Civic and other functions, such as tourist and industrial promotion.
- c) The control of insect pests, weeds and plant or animal diseases within the town.
- d) Posting signs and otherwise cooperating with the county in the establishment of a rural numbering system for rural roads, homes, businesses, farms and other establishments.