

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Charlie Hall, Supervisor John Gaedke, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. Also in attendance was Richard Cross, Town's Attorney.

Chairman Peetz 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 July 6, 2016. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes, second by Hall. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz, to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Roger Heidenreich inquired about the visit to New Brighton, MN. McCumber and Peetz reported the meeting was very productive, but they are not in a position to expand into what recommendations they may have for the sanitary district. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, a report regarding a visit to New Brighton, MN was covered under public commit. Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) member Craig Hamilton reported on the Army's Public Meeting with the RAB noting that Gruber's Grove still has issues and they are working to figure out how to proceed. He said it was an excellent presentation. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a building and site plan for a new home in the Agriculture Conservancy District on a buildable site in accordance with Town of Merrimac Zoning Ordinance 6.02 (c)(1) on property located at E13191 Solum Lane, tax parcel 026-0828-00000; property owned by Greg & Susan Hubanks, S9005 Woodford Lane, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578. McCumber reported this was a buildable parcel as of January 1993 and the commission recommends approval. Motion to approve by Gaedke, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board then considered recommendations from the Planning & Zoning Commission to make comments and recommendations to Sauk County regarding a proposed ordinance replacing Sauk County ordinance Chapter 8 for Shoreland Zoning in its entirety to comply with Wisconsin Statute NR-115 compliancy by October 1, 2016. McCumber reported the commission had an opportunity to review the amendment and has presented recommendations for the town board to send to Sauk County. McCumber stated he also intended to attend the public hearing. A motion to approve the recommendations by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board also considered a request from the Village of Merrimac to consider its annual contribution of \$250 for the Senior Fitness Program. Motion by Peetz to approve the request, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Gaedke then moved that the board convene to closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation with Devil's Head Resort. The motion was seconded by Gaedke. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. The board then reconvened to open session. Peetz moved to accept the \$7.5 million assessment 2012-16 agreement reached in mediation as recommended by the town's attorney. The motion was seconded by Gaedke. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Peetz then made a motion to authorize the administrator and the town's attorneys to legally pursue the collection of past due room tax owed by Devil's Head Resort. The motion was seconded by Hall and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, (608) 225-3110; Charlie Hall, Supervisor 1, 493-3140; 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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