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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 6, 2009

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Supervisor Terry Frosch, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

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 April 14, 2009 and the Special Town Board meeting of April 21, 2009. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Peetz asked about the snow expense from the past season. McCumber said the road expense report includes everything but November. Motion by Gaedke to approve, second Frosch. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, Peetz noted he received a letter from Harry Hunt. Frosch reported a neighbor came to him about an invasive species coming from her neighbor's property. McCumber will look into DNR reporting of the plant. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, Peetz reported on the Spring Clean-Up May 23rd. He also reported a resident requested a dumpster at the town's expense but is not going to put it on the agenda, but feels if there is an extreme situation where someone needs help, they can request assistance. McCumber reported he that LRB-2329 was introduced to repair the direct annexation laws. The Senate bill, SB-172 was sent to an urban affairs committee while the Assembly bill, AB-239, was sent to the rural affairs committee. He believes both should move to the floor successfully, but has more work with the Senate committee in educating them about the issue. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**.

Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board took up discussion regarding a Memo of Understanding with Sauk County to pay \$1,766 per year plus expenses to continue maintaining the Town's Voter Registration. McCumber reported that under the current system, the town opted to be a relier upon Sauk County to provide services to maintain our voter registration data base. The main reason for opting in was our inability to get high-speed internet at the time. In 2008, the town completed the final phase of a full election cycle which resulted in approximately 175 new registered voters. This was because voter registration was introduced in 2006, after the 2004 presidential election. In 2008, the town paid just under \$600 for this service. The county board does not feel they have adequately covered their expenses and the new MOU reflects a prorating of the expense based on population. McCumber noted in 2009, we registered 2 voters in 2 elections and had 5 maintenance items. He also noted there is some additional reporting on the town's part, obtaining high-speed internet and self-maintaining our own data base will save up to \$800 a year versus the county proposal. A motion to discontinue Sauk County maintaining SVRS was made by Peetz. Second Frosch. Motion passed. The board then discussed and took action regarding the town purchasing high speed internet service to self maintain the Town's Voter Registration. McCumber researched the satellite options for high-speed internet and found they all contracted through Wild Blue He didn't feel the value package was fast enough and suggested the select package at \$70 per month. Installation is through one wall and with the cement basement would run it into the hall and add a wireless router. A motion to purchase the Select pack from Wild Blue & the applicable equipment was made by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Frosch to adjourn. Second Gaedke. Motion passed.

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, 493-2106; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; John Gaedke, 356-2301; Supervisor, 493-2891; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, 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.