

T H E T O W N O F  
**MERRIMAC**

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

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
**July 15, 2015**

Present were Richard Grant, Chair; Tim Healy, Dan Purcell, Doug Hill, John Gaedke, and Frank Olah. Also present was Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Natalie Bussan, Town's Attorney. Dawn Peetz was excused.

Chairman Grant called a public hearing to order regarding A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application to construct a 180' monopole tower for telecommunication purposes on tax parcel #026-0655-00000, property owned by Edward Esch, 191 Timber Ridge, Baraboo, WI 53913. Application by Cloud 1, LLC., 130 E. Walnut St., Green Bay, WI 54301. No one appeared. Motion to adjourn the public hearing by Gaedke, second by Purcell. Motion passed.

Grant then called the commission meeting to order; McCumber certified compliance with the open meetings law. The commission considered the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting, a motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Healy. Grant corrected a statement in the minutes to read "pay" more taxes for clarity. Motion passed s amended. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the commission considered an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct a 180' monopole tower for telecommunication purposes on tax parcel #026-0655-00000, property owned by Edward Esch, 191 Timber Ridge, Baraboo, WI 53913. Application by Cloud 1, LLC., 130 E. Walnut St., Green Bay, WI 54301. McCumber reported the property is located between Bluff Road and Marsh Road. The applicant did not provide an explanation as to why the applicant chose the proposed location and why the applicant did not choose collocation or a sworn statement that collocation on the Village water tower isn't technically feasible or financially burdensome. The planned driveway is actually in the Village of Merrimac and the Village will not approve the current proposed driveway location because of a blind hill. McCumber has concerns about approving any structure prior to the applicant demonstrating the site is accessible to fire and rescue personnel. Bussan reported that the town should deny the application because of the 90 day time frame to give a decision and to obtain the driveway permit. A motion to disapprove the application based on the lack of a feasibility study and evidence of a driveway permit from the Village of Merrimac by Olah, second by Purcell. Motion passed.

Under **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**, McCumber reported the town issued 27 permits year-to-date totaling \$1,832,363 in value. There were 32 permits totaling \$2,749,749 last year at this time. McCumber reported the County Board approved the tower siting ordinance and it is effective as of today's date.

Motion to adjourn by Gaedke, second by Hill. Motion passed.