

T H E T O W N O F

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 2, 2014

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

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 December 4, 2013; noting that Gaedke – not Tim Healy, seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion to approve as amended by Peetz to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Roger Heidenreich, Inspiration Drive, spoke regarding the municipal water system. He assumed that because of the dates published at the first meeting in 2012 that the project was on a fast-track, but learned at a meeting last month that the proposed system may be effectively dead. He and Gene Franks have formed a group to take steps to help move the project further. Franks, who also lives on Inspiration Drive spoke and they have formed a group called Citizens for Responsible Water Solutions. He is concerned that as an individual, it might be too expensive 5 or 10 years from now to fight the Army if they have a problem in the future. He is learning that a number of people have misinformation about the system. He noted that without a sanitary district that the answers needed from the PSC cannot be answered. He provided a group of questions that they have answered and plan to share with folks. They are very concerned that the reason they. McCumber reported on the Army's meeting in December noting that most every part of the Alternative Feasibility Study is being accomplished. The water system is not a mandatory part of the regulatory process. In 2010, the project was a reduction in cost. In a couple of years, the project could be an increase in expense and the Army may lose the will to construct the system. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a letter from Sauk County regarding the Sauk County Zoning Ordinance amendments and meeting nights for presentation to town boards. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported that the survey regarding the proposed water system was ready and would be in the mail in the next week. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board first considered a Town Acknowledgment Form for Sauk County Board of Adjustment regarding a filling and grading permit for Travis Lukens, E12653 Weigand's Bay S., tax parcel 026-0833-00000 with comments. McCumber noted this was a standard acknowledgement for Sauk County due to Shoreland Zoning. The only comments from the town are to remind the property owner a couple of the structural elements will need permits from the town. Motion to approve with comments by Peetz. Second Frosch. Motion passed. The board next considered a resolution in support of the comprehensively revised Sauk County Zoning Ordinance. McCumber noted that Chapter 7 of Sauk County ordinances regarding zoning are not applicable in the town. Because the county is required to approve the town's zoning changes, he felt we should still offer support of their authority to establish their own set of ordinances. Motion to adopt the resolution by Peetz. Second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board finally considered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sauk County, the Villages of Sauk City & Prairie du Sac, and the towns of Prairie du Sac and Sumpter to form a Rails-to-Trails Commission. McCumber reported he had been attending some preliminary meetings regarding the conversion of the line and how it would be managed. County Board Chair Marty Krueger spoke on the matter and gave assurances this would operate at a governmental level and would not become an extension of the Badger Oversight and Management Commission. Motion to adopt the resolution and appoint Gaedke to serve as the town's commissioner with McCumber as the alternate by Peetz. Seconded by Frosch.

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

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, (608) 225-3110; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; John Gaedke, 356-2301; Supervisor, 493-2687; 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.

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