

T H E T O W N O F



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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING Wednesday, February 6, 2013

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 January 2, 2013. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Gaedke. 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**, Laura Olah from Citizens for Safe Water (CSWAB) appeared. They have a report about chromium six on their website. A consultant stated that Badger did not have the types of activities that would result in chromium contamination, but CSWAB believes otherwise. She'll have a summary for the town regarding the last Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). They submitted a petition regarding the proposed taconite mine in northern Wisconsin. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a claim for Excessive Assessment from Devil's Head Resort for 2012. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported Election Day food drive was very well received and we will continue to accept food donations at future elections including the February primary. We had issues with trash collection due to an ice storm and will address procedures with Peterson's. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board first discussed the appointment of Tim Healy to serve as interim Town Supervisor #2 while John Gaedke is serving in Iraq in accordance with Wis. Stat. 60.30 (5). McCumber recommended approving the chair's recommendation as to have Healy available immediately when Gaedke is called up, a date has not been set at this time, but should come sometime within the next month or so. Motion by Gaedke to appoint Healy as interim supervisor when he is called up to serve on active duty overseas, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board then considered a contract to mow town cemeteries from Wagner's Lawn Care reflecting no increase from prior years. Motion by Peetz to approve the contract. Second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board next considered a request from the Village of Merrimac for \$250 to cover half the cost of the senior fitness program. Village Administrator Ron Senger appeared explaining the program. Motion by Gaedke to approve the \$250 for the senior fitness program, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board also considered a request from the Oak Hill Cemetery Association for \$500 to assist with maintenance costs due to low investment earnings. McCumber explained the value in assisting the association stating that statute would require the town or village maintain the cemeteries if the association folds and that assisting financially is better than the expense of taking them over. Motion to approve by Frosch, second by Gaedke. Motion approved. Finally the board discussed the adoption of Resolution 2013-01 approving the form of bond for anticipated filing of petition and agreement regarding cash deposit in lieu of bond. McCumber reported the statute requires a bond or other form of security when the Army petitions for the sanitary district to build a water utility. The Town's attorney reviewed the resolution from the Army and sends it to the board with one minor change. McCumber also reported on the procedure for reimbursement by the Army. Mike Sitton also commented on the reimbursement procedure. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-01 by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed.

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

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, (608) 225-3110; 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.