

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 5, 2010

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 13, 2010. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Peetz. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second Frosch. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Richard Grant, Baltic Avenue commented that he believes the town board should support the Merrimac Fire Department's fireworks permit. He also added that he doesn't think the town should add to the parade donation and any groups seeking money should come in prior to the budget being approved. He has also been performing some maintenance at Grant Park. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, a letter from the Wisconsin Town's Association requesting people call the Governor's office to support AB-260 as it relates to extra-territorial zoning; Badger Army Ammunition Plant public comment period through May 19, 2010 related to disposal of property. CSWAB has provided a copy of the BAAP FOST with commentary input. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**; Frosch reported that Spring Clean-Up will be May 22, 2010; McCumber reported the amendment to zoning law that will correct non-contiguous annexations like the Gerry property was passed with very little objection and anticipates the governor will sign the bill. McCumber also reported on status of Park Impact Fees after attending a budgeting seminar in Madison. Grant reported that they have had some reports of debris at Grant Park and is working with Denny Beich to get it taken care of, along with some seeding of the areas that were disturbed. He also thinks the town board should place a sign prohibiting motorized vehicles on the property in accordance with town property and the board agreed that signage is necessary. Grant is also working to remove some invasive plants from the property. He also reported the pump house is currently under discussion in the Badger discussions. Under **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**, there was discussion and possible action regarding a possible breach of contract by Peterson Sanitation as it relates to picking up recyclables in the Town of Merrimac as tabled at the April meeting. We have not received any complaints, but we need to look at soliciting contracts because of an anticipated increase that the town denied Peterson's last year. The town will put a request for proposals for the July meeting. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board discussed a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Certified Survey Map (CSM) for Terry Frosch to combine 3 lots, (tax parcels 1076-00000; 1077-00000 & 1078-00000) located at E13562 Grace St. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Peetz. Motion passed while Frosch abstained from the vote and the discussion. The board then discussed a request for a fireworks permit by the Merrimac Fire Department to display 4th of July fireworks again at S7116 Bluff Rd. Marcia Wagner is the owner of the property and represents the fire department. They do not have any changes from the previous years. Motion to allow the Administrator to issue the permit by Frosch, second Gaedke. The board then discussed donating an additional \$50 donation to the Merrimac Women's Club for a parade to celebrate the grand opening of Hwy. 78. Peetz reported he requested the wrong amount, they actually wanted \$450, but the town board only approved \$400. Motion by Gaedke, second by Frosch to approve the additional \$50. The board then discussed a request for a Temporary Use Permit to allow for camping at Devil's Head Resort for July 9th and 10th in conjunction with Dances with Dirt, a multi-state marathon race starting and finishing at the resort, in accordance with Town Zoning Ordinance 2.11. McCumber reported that under the ordinance, the board can approve in writing temporary uses. Camping is prohibited outside of campgrounds. Because the use is temporary, it is in the authority of the board to consider approving the activity. McCumber also provided to Devil's Head and the board a list of standards that should be taken into consideration for both camping events. Lynn Mallach from Devil's described the event and noted they anticipate less than 50 campers. They will be providing security, portable toilets and drinking water for both events. Peetz said they have not had problems in this event in the past. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Frosch. Motion passed. McCumber will send written approval on behalf of the town board. The board then discussed a request for a Temporary Use Permit to allow for camping at Devil's Head

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Resort for July 22-25th in conjunction with Devil's Head Bike Rally, in accordance with Town Zoning Ordinance 2.11. They are working with a sponsor from Johnson's Creek and are bringing a new motorized bike to the event that targets older recreational riders. They will be test driving bikes on site and breathalyzer tests will be given before anyone can test drive a motorcycle. They are targeting Honda Goldwingers and similar riders because event is more for touring the recreational areas. They are promoting it as a family event and will encourage local participation to come and see the bikes. The camping will be at the youth hostel across from the lake. McCumber noted an orange barricade fence along the property should be considered because of the new subdivision for both events. Marcia Wagner added that the Fire Department should be notified. Gaedke moved to approve the permit with the conditions of the fence and fire department notification for both events. Second by Frosch. McCumber will send written approval on behalf of the town board.

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