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MERRIMAC

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Merrimac, WI 53561

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair and Supervisor Terry Frosch. Also present was Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. Supervisor John Gaedke was absent due to a work commitment.

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 April 22, 2014. Motion by Frosch to approve the minutes, second by Peetz. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Peetz. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Laura Olah, Executive Director of CSWAB. Army continues to report the drinking wells are safe, but a recent monitoring well has found some contaminants and as a result she wants the RAB to go back to operating the way it used to. They have found 24 degradation products of DNT and the wells are not tested for any of them. The Army only tests for 6 of them. They had an exceedance at a monitoring well in Water's Edge. They found ethyl ether near the plant boundary in the town of Sumpter above groundwater standard. The Army and DNR said there is no threat to drinking wells. It was a solvent used at Badger and is easily soluble and evaporates easily. The high-capacity wells, like irrigation wells, and they might have an effect on the ground water flows. DNR representative Woody Meyers made an error in an email and he wanted to clarify the wells on Keller Rd. are tested annually, while the monitoring wells along that corridor are tested quarterly. He explained the DNR's report on vapor intrusion and how it is not a factor in ethyl ether. There is a flammability concern before there is a toxicity problem with ethyl ether. The RAB have been changed in format and they are going to hold another one in July due to scheduling. Hamilton noted that the opportunity for dialogue and discussion seemed to be limited, but Woody stated that their goal was to involve more people in the process. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town board received a copy of a report regarding Ethyl Ether that is also on the DNR website. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, Frosch reported that Spring Cleanup Day will be on May 17, 2014; 8am -1pm and everything looks to be in order. McCumber reported he had attended the Municipal Treasurer's meeting and found it to be productive, although he might alternate clerk and treasurer's meetings. There as no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered rescheduling the August town board meeting as McCumber has a potential conflict. Motion to move the meeting to August 12 by Peetz, second by Frosch. An addendum item to consider appointing Tim McCumber as Town Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer for a 2-year term expiring April 19, 2016. McCumber noted he failed to add this to the last agenda. Motion by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Frosch, second by Peetz. Motion approved.

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, (608) 225-3110; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; Tim Healy, 356-2301; Interim 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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