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MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW

June 1, 2011

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Terry Frosch, Supervisor John Gaedke and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. Board of Review was called to order by Chairman Peetz. A motion was made by Peetz to adjourn to July 9, 2011 at 9am, seconded by Gaedke. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

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Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Terry Frosch, Supervisor John Gaedke 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 May 4, 2011. Motion by Frosch, second by Gaedke to approve the minutes Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Laura Olah of Citizens for Safe Water at Badger (CSWAB) appeared. She presented a map of contaminated plumes areas identified by the Army. She said she takes issue with the map but noted the contamination has spread to Weigand's Bay and the Wisconsin River. She identified the primary concern for the Town of Merrimac is DNT contaminates. The Army has presented a feasibility study providing three remedies, including municipal water as a remedy, including natural attenuation, meaning that nature takes its course, a bio-remedy method, and continued monitoring. Her concern is that if municipal water is the proposed remedy that the plumes that exist will remain in place for at least another 40 years and that it will affect the Prairie du Sac water system. She thought that farmers would be able to keep their wells, but that the Army expects all livestock wells will be abandoned and that the Army is proposing a bulk rate for farmers, but thinks that the Public Service Commission (PSC) will make that determination and not the Army. She is also concerned that if someone has a crack in their foundation that the contaminants might leak fumes into someone's home. She presented the town board a report of suggested actions she is hoping will be taken into consideration. Mike Sitton of the US Army appeared. He said that the town was given the Feasibility Report. One option is to continue with the current process and natural attenuation is already a part of the existing process. The second alternative would be to treat certain areas with a chemical and would involve running the MIRM to pump and treat system. The current pump and treat system will continue for a minimum of 4 years if the water system is implemented and they will continue to monitor the natural attenuation process to see if the procedure is working. He also addressed the water rates issue and said ultimately a sanitation district would be established and rate setting, such as bulk rates, would be a decision of the water commission and approved by the PSC. The Army will only deliver a water system if the regulators actually approve. There is a long way to go between now and then. Mike also presented the request for revised proposal for the alternative feasibility study. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a notice of a flood insurance seminar on June 22 and Sauk County Clean Sweep, June 4th. McCumber noted details are on the website. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, there were none. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered action regarding a fireworks permit for Merrimac Fire and Rescue on Sunday, July 3, 2011, with a rain date of July 4th, to be held again at the Wagner property, S7116 Bluff Rd. Marcia Wagner appeared on behalf of Merrimac fire. No changes to past procedures. The gates open at 5pm and they will close and clean up as soon as they are over. PDS Fire and Sauk Prairie Ambulance will be on scene in the event of an emergency. A motion to issue a permit by Peetz, second by Frosch. The board then considered a town acknowledgement form for Sauk County Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment for a filling and grading special exception permit for Timothy Deppe on property located at E12558 Bay Rd. (tax parcel 026-0184-00000). McCumber reported this is a landscaping project. Motion to acknowledge by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then considered

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the adoption of Resolution 2011-02 in support of annexation of contiguous property owned by Gerry Farms, LLC. into the Village of Merrimac. McCumber reported that the Village had been constructing a municipal water and sewer system in the town in violation of town zoning ordinance 2.10 requiring a conditional use permit. It was reported that McCumber and Peetz met with Village President Nick Hahn and Village Administrator Shellie Benish along with another meeting with David Gerry. The town encouraged the village to annex the area to solve several problems related to the residential property not being contiguous per the 1996 lawsuit. In exchange for the annexation, the town is agreeing to waive penalties and the Village will pay the town for garbage pickup. Motion by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then discussed action regarding the adoption of Resolution 2011-03 in support of the proposed Sauk County Supervisor District #20 in the Town of Merrimac. McCumber reported there were no changes in the town. Motion by Peetz to adopt, second by Frosch. Motion carried. The board considered the approval of the following liquor licenses: **CLASS "B" COMBINATION LICENSE:** Devil's Head Resort and Convention Center, The Old Schoolhouse Restaurant, and the Hillcrest on Lake Wisconsin; **CLASS "A" COMBINATION LICENSE:** Lakeside Hardware; **CLASS "B" BEER LICENSE:** Merrimac Conservation Club, Merry Mac's Campground, LLC.; **CLASS "A" BEER LICENSE:** Moon Valley Resort, LLC. McCumber reported most were in order, but he was waiting for additional paperwork on a couple of permits. Motion by Frosch to approve all of the applications contingent upon completion of the paperwork, second by Peetz. Motion approved. The board then discussed an acknowledgement letter having received and reviewed the draft of the Sauk County Hazard Mitigation plan. Motion by Peetz to acknowledge the draft without comment, second by Gaedke. Motion passed.

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

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, 493-2106; 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.