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MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair and Supervisor Terry Frosch. Also present was Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. Supervisor John Gaedke was not present.

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 July 2, 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 Peetz to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Laura Olah of CSWAB asked if the board received the maps she sent and asked if the board received the RAB meeting notice which they had. She said there are over 1,000 reports and she lacks the technical knowledge to absorb it all, but she is working hard to get people to attend the RAB meetings and would like them to increase those meetings to quarterly. She feels that there is too much data to compile between the last meeting and now is a lot and would like to encourage the board to ask for more frequent meetings. Mary Carol Solum would like to encourage the board to go to the RAB meeting and that there are parcels the DNR did not review. She also wants to commend the board for joining the Rail Commission. Her final issue is about Badger and the BOMC meetings (Badger Oversight & Management Commission). The BOMC is supposed to oversee the management of the land. She reported that Judy Ashford is the new chair of the BOMC and she has a good relationship with all of the members. She stated that Alternative 4 came as a result of a request from the DNR and that the plan doesn't need any revisions because it is a good plan. The BOMC is getting a facilitator and that the town needs to take the seat back. She feels she has the background to fill the position and the town board can make the appointment. She was the Town of Merrimac Planning & Zoning Administrator for 10 years and served on the Sauk County Board of Adjustment. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a notice from Dept. of Revenue reporting state assessors will be auditing Sauk County properties through Feb. 2015; a letter from WI Towns Association advising against signing a resolution regarding reallocation of transportation funding; Dept. of Administration notice 2014 population estimate of 958 residents, and an email packet from Citizens for Safe Water at Badger (CSWAB) regarding well data. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, the town received the annual revised Statement of Equalized Values based on sales and construction data showing the town's value increased \$4,392,800 or 2%. Under **OLD BUSINESS**, the board considered a proposed ordinance to prohibit the issuance of licenses or permits for nonpayment of taxes, assessments and claims. McCumber reported he changed the word "shall" to "may" which would give the board flexibility to work with parties when necessary. He noted the ordinance doesn't carry any other fines or forfeitures. Motion to adopt the ordinance by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the town received a Sauk County Board of Appeals Town Acknowledgement Form for a filling and grading permit for Duane & Lynn Wipperfurth, S8210 Inspiration Dr. McCumber noted it was to fill and grade to accommodate a new residence and the only comments from the town are to remind the owner town permits are still required. Motion to acknowledge the form with the comments by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board did not consider a proposal for an Eagle Scout project performing maintenance on the handicap ramp and other projects by Jesse Gaedke as he was not present. The board then considered a settlement for \$3,000 in penalties from Jerry & Linda Siedenbug regarding a nuisance on their property located at S7692 Allbrite Rd. McCumber reported the original forfeiture was for \$1,000 and the current \$3,000 will settle the matter. Motion by Frosch, second by Peetz. Motion passed. The board then considered a prepay contract with Hohl's Propane

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to purchase 2014-15 heating fuel at \$1.789 per gallon. The town hall used just under 1,100 gallons last season and as about almost 900 gallons on hand. After some discussion regarding quantity, a motion was made by Peetz to purchase 250 gallons, seconded by Frosch. Motion passed. Finally, the board considered the 2013 final audit as prepared by Miller, Brussell, Ebben & Glaeske, LLC. Motion to approve by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed.

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