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**MERRIMAC**

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**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Charlie Hall, Supervisor John Gaedke, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

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 August 3, 2016. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes, second by Hall. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz, to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. No one appeared under **PUBLIC COMMENT** and there was no **CORRESPONDENCE**. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported that he attended the Public Hearing regarding the proposed revised Sauk County Shoreland Zoning ordinance; the Fall Brush Cleanup Day will be October 29, 2016 from 9am – 1pm; the General Election November 8, 2016; and the Sauk County Leadership Institute will be here on October 13. Gaedke reported the Eagle Scout Project to replace the handrail on the handicap ramp will be September 24<sup>th</sup> and encouraged volunteers. He also reported this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout the town has helped with various projects. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board first considered a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to combine tax parcels 026-0994-00000 and 026-0995-00000 into one, property located at E13344 SueKay Dr.,; Terry Plesek property owner. McCumber reported the existing home is on the lot line separating two parcels owned by the applicant and this bring the property into zoning compliance. Motion to approve the CSM by Peetz, seconded by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then considered action regarding applying to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) regarding proposed Town Ordinance 2016-18 amendment of Town of Merrimac Zoning Ordinance Section 5 and Section 6 for the Farmland Preservation Credit Program. McCumber reported the Zoning Commission has spent the summer modifying the zoning ordinance to be in compliance with the Farmland Preservation credits program. The town must now make application to DATCP for approval. Motion to make application by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board also considered the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve Resolution 2016-05 establishing the Public Participation Procedure for the 2016 amendments to town's comprehensive plan in accordance with Wis. Stat. 66.1001(4). McCumber reported this is a required step before rezoning two parcels that have requested rezones. Because the zoning proposals do not match the Development Plan, it also has to be amended. Motion by Gaedke to adopt the resolution, seconded by Hall. Motion passed unanimously. The board then took up for consideration a pre-buy contract with Hohl's Propane at \$1.049 per gallon. Motion to purchase up to 1,000 gallons by Peetz, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The town board then considered amendments to the 2016 annual budget for excess expenditures for legal fees, election expenses, and road maintenance. McCumber noted we have exceeded the budget in these areas and need to amend the 2016 budget. The legal expenses are primarily due to settling the Devil's Head assessment case and unanticipated expenses in highway repair and new election equipment supplies and training. Motion by Peetz to amend the Legal Fees to \$45,000, Highway Expenditures to \$206,000 and the Elections budget to \$6,700 by Peetz, seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board also discussed the preliminary 2017 budget for consideration at the October town board meeting. McCumber walked through the budget noting a number of line items will change before November. No action was required as the board will review the budget again at the October meeting. Finally, the board considered changing the November town board meeting to Wednesday, November 9, 2016 due to conflicts. Motion by Gaedke, second by Peetz. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion approved.

**Town Officers:** Steve Peetz, Chair, (608) 225-3110; Charlie Hall, Supervisor 1, 493-3140; John Gaedke, Supervisor 2, 356-2301; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, Town Hall 493-2588 (please, no calls at residence except for emergencies). Assessor: Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. Email address: [townmerr@merr.com](mailto:townmerr@merr.com). Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations ([tnadmin@merr.com](mailto: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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