

T H E T O W N O F  
**MERRIMAC**

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**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2015**

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Supervisor Charlie Hall, 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 September 2, 2015. 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. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Richard Grant said there was discussion at the September meeting regarding the easement road at the DNR property that he be involved in future discussions. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a copy of a letter to the DNR from Senator Erpenbach and Rep. Considine regarding the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area; Craig Hamilton, the town's representative to the Restoration Advisory Board reported that there were people within the RAB that felt higher impact uses of rocketry and motor sports notice, particularly when it comes to cost for fire and emergency services. The town received a notice of fee changes from General Engineering for UDC inspections, and a letter from Peterson Sanitation acknowledging they will address concerns raised by the town board. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber, Hall, and Gaedke will be attending the Wisconsin Town's Association meeting, October 25-27<sup>th</sup> in the Wisconsin Dells. McCumber reported meeting with DNR representatives to show them where the town and DNR originally agreed to place an entrance to the pump house lands and parking. Grant reported the parks have been kept very clean and there has been no vandalism. Hamilton complimented Denny Beich for his work as road commissioner and his response to clean up after a storm on Grace Street. Steve brought up that he might have a conflict for the sanitation meeting and would like to reschedule it to the same night as the zoning commission on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Conditional Use Permit for an accessory structure greater than 24' x 30' x 14' on a residential property in the Residential District per Town Ordinance 7.02(3)(b); Jeffrey & Rebecca Nimmow, S7818 Ruthe Badger Lane, Merrimac, WI 53561. McCumber reported they were replacing and existing structure destroyed by fire. The following action item regarding a CSM to adjust property lines will make the structure conforming to town setbacks as the previous structure was on a lot line. Motion to approve by Peetz, second by Hall. Motion passed. The board also considered a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to adjust a property line; Jeffrey & Rebecca Nimmow, S7818 Ruthe Badger Lane, Merrimac, WI 53561. Based on the previous discussion and vote, motioned by Peetz to approve the CSM, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then considered a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct a 180' monopole tower for telecommunication purposes on tax parcel #026-0655-00000, property owned by Edward Esch, 191 Timber Ridge, Baraboo, WI 53913. Application by Cloud 1, LLC., 130 E. Walnut St., Green Bay, WI 54301. McCumber reported under the current state law, the applicant met all of the requirements. The law prohibits denying a tower based on zoning rules relative to location and has noted in the decision letter that the use is not compatible with the Ag Conservation zoning district. Motion to approve by Peetz second by Gaedke, to approve. Motion passed. The board also considered a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Certified Survey Map (CSM) for the 10<sup>th</sup> addendum to Lakeview Estates Condominiums to Unit 38 and adjoin to Units 39 and 37; application by Alexander & Lynn Bromley, 2006 Mustang Dr., Prairie du Sac, WI 53578 and Todd & Tonya Lassanske, E12695 Wynding Way, Merrimac, WI 53561. McCumber reported this splits one Limited Common Element lot (LCE) and combines them with the neighboring LCE's while protecting the LCE for the purposes of the condominium. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Peetz. Motion passed. The board then considered the mailing of an annual newsletter to residents as a result of changes to Sauk County's tax billing system. McCumber reported Sauk County is no longer printing tax bills and has selected a firm out

of the Milwaukee area so we will not be able to put message inserts on the bill. Motion by Gaedke, second by Hall to do an annual newsletter with the cost not to exceed \$750. Motion passed. The board then considered a request from the Village of Merrimac for the 2016 annual contribution of \$250 to the Merrimac Senior Fitness Program. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Peetz. Motion passed. The board considered the Merrimac Area Fire District's 2016 Annual Budget. Peetz reported the Commission has been doing a good job of managing their budget noting the declines in cost over the previous years. Motion to approve the fire budget of \$133,130 by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Finally the board considered the 2016 Annual Town Budget for a public hearing and recommending the 2015 tax levy at a Special Town Meeting. McCumber reported the annual tax levy will increase 1.2%, \$2,506, after working to close a \$20,000 budget deficit. Motion by Gaedke to set the public hearing for the 2016 budget on November 4, 2105 followed by a Special Town Meeting to establish the mill rate at \$211,347 by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion passed.

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