

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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PUBLIC HEARING - Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Chairman Peetz called to order a public hearing regarding the 2015 Annual Town Budget. Richard Grant commented that he supports the budget as proposed and is glad the mill rate is not increasing. Motion by Gaedke to close the hearing. Second by Frosch. Hearing closed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Chairman Peetz then called to order a Special Town Meeting will be held immediately after the Public Hearing regarding the 2014 Tax Levy payable in 2015. Also in attendance were McCumber, Frosch, Gaedke, and Richard Grant. McCumber reported the proposed tax levy for 2014 payable in 2015 is \$208,841.00. Motion by Grant to adopt the levy, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Motion to adjourn by Grant second by Frosch. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Terry Frosch, 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 October 1 & 15, 2014. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Gaedke, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town had received a copy of correspondence from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) addressed to Citizens for Safe Water at Badger (CSWAB). Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported a record 569 voters for the Governor's election yesterday, a 69% turnout. Grant brought information regarding a fishing pier/platform from Wisconsin Outdoor News. He intends to work with the Administrator over the winter to obtain copies of the construction plans and possibly cost estimates for the town's May meeting. There is a dead tree on Grant Park and it needs to be removed for safety reasons. McCumber will put out a proposal as the town is required by statute to sell the lumber with the objective of attaining \$0 cost to the town. Under, **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered the appointment of Pat Rebholz to the Zoning Board of Appeals. McCumber recommended him to the chair based on his work with Rebholz on the Merrimac Community Charter School Governance Council. Motion to approve the appointment and send a letter to Rick Richards thanking him for his service by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then considered a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to remove a building restriction on one of Wick family parcels based on the condition Allan Wick does not respond or file an objection, property located at tax parcel # 026-0314-00000, property owned by Susan & Daniel Sprecher, 1810 Draper St., Baraboo, WI 53913. McCumber reported the town did receive a letter objecting to the matter from Mr. Wick. Motion to table the matter by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board also considered a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Certified Survey Map (CSM) for the additions of land to accommodate an accessory structure approved by Conditional Use Permit, application by Margo Zeman, E13675 Idlewild Ln., Tax Parcel 0053-10000. McCumber reported a condition from the Zoning Commission to make Lot 1 on the CSM non-saleable from Lot 2 on the CSM was included. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board took up a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Certified Survey Map (CSM) request to modify a property line to eliminate a legally non-conforming structure on property located at S7559A Walleye Ln., Tax Parcel 0117-00000. McCumber reported wants to build an addition that would otherwise encroach into the setback. He noted the property owner owns both lots. Motion to approve by Frosch, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board considered possible action regarding a fireworks permit for Devil's Head Resort on December 31, 2014 located at S6330 Bluff Rd. McCumber reported we haven't had any past issues with the permit. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Frosch. Motion Passed. The board then considered approval of the Merrimac Area Fire District's

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2015 Annual Budget. Peetz requested a motion to approve the budget with a levy of \$132,880; which reflects a 1.7% from 2013. Motioned by Gaedke, seconded by Peetz. Motion passed. The board considered adoption of town's proposed 2015 Annual Town Budget. McCumber reported a couple of minor changes from the budget approved last month which do not affect the tax levy. Motion to approve the budget by Gaedke, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board then took up an agenda item to adjourn to closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (e) & (g), to confer with legal counsel who rendered oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the board with respect to potential litigation regarding Lakeview Estates Homeowners Association & SWS, LLC and then reconvene to open session. Motion made by Gaedke, second by Frosch.

The board reconvened to open session to consider the extension of an Administrative order for the Lakeview Estates Homeowners Association & SWS, LLC. to remove the piers by the previously extended deadline November 10, 2014. A motion to grant the extension request to move the piers with the understanding the applicants will present a concept plan at the November Zoning Commission and submit an application for a Planned Area Development amendment at the January meeting was made by Gaedke. Seconded by Frosch. Motion passed.

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