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**MERRIMAC**

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**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 1, 2010**

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Supervisor Terry Frosch, 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 November 3, 2010. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Laura Olah of CSWAB appeared and thanked the town board for putting together the landfill siting committee. She reviewed the siting committee report and thought they did a good job. She said her experience with the DNR is that she does not have the confidence in the DNR that the siting committee did and named several projects the DNR oversaw that were not successful relative to the cleanup of the project. She mentioned that over the years, the town board and RAB worked to get the monitoring wells and hopes that the town will create a tipping fee to raise revenue to pay for engineer review. Frank Olah said that he did like the synthetic liner is a better option, however, it will most likely fail and that they should be required to ask for monitoring wells that are place strategically. He also noted that there are a lot of deep wells on Inspiration and the monitoring wells CSWAB is asking for and they will act like an early warning system for the landfill. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, Alliant Energy is updating their gas emergency information and is offering free demonstrations of their gas house. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber met with General Engineering to discuss the sanitary utility proposed by Badger and met with the Bank of Prairie du Sac. There was no **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board discussed a report from the Landfill Siting Committee. McCumber reported the Army has received the report and hopes for a written response from the Army in January. Until then, there are no actionable items. The board then discussed a proposed resolution to discontinue Vodan Court as a public way per Wis. Stat. 66.10003 as a part of a proposed developer's agreement for Park Place MHC, LLC. McCumber reported that the Zoning Commission has recommended approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Park Place MHC, LLC. for the mobile home park off of Bluff Rd. The proposed CUP calls for the developer to take ownership of Vodan (Horseshoe) Ct. to eliminate town issues relative to setbacks. By adopting the resolution, it allows for a public hearing on the matter and the town can act on the matter at the January meeting when the CUP is also scheduled for review by the town board. Motion by Peetz to adopt the resolution, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then discussed a resolution to name the Bank of Prairie du Sac as the town's public depository. McCumber reported that recent analysis of the Baraboo National Bank has them with a D rating and has concerns about their liquidity, particularly when property taxes are due and the town has over \$1 million in the bank. He met with the Bank of Prairie du Sac because they are also locally owned and have an A rating. McCumber is recommending the board adopt the resolution and also place \$75,000 in a 1 year CD to capture a little higher interest rate. Motion by Peetz to adopt, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board then discussed the possibility of sending the Town Administrator and possibly members of the town board to the Municipal Engineering Fundamentals for Non-engineers at UW-Madison. McCumber reported that this looked like a good course for the town board, but found the cost was significantly higher than the other courses in the brochure. He was contacting the organization to see if there were any price breaks for sending several town board members. He also believed this cost could be covered by the Army as part of the sanitary district proposal. Peetz agreed that McCumber should attend and if there were any reasonable discounts and then consider sending others. McCumber will report back in January when he has more information.

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

**Town Officers:** Steve Peetz, Chair, 493-2669 or cell 608-225-3110; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; John Gaedke, 356-2301; Supervisor; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, 493-2588 (please, no calls at residence). 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. If you need to report a non-life threatening emergency, such as a tree blocking the road, call the Sheriff's non-emergency dispatch number 356-4895.

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