

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

S6911 State Highway 113 - P.O. Box 115
Merrimac, WI 53561

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Present were Chairman Steve Peetz and Supervisor Charlie Hall, as well as Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. Supervisor John Gaedke was excused.

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 November 7, 2018. Motion by Hall to approve the minutes by, second by Peetz. Motion passed. Motion to approve the financials by Peetz, second by Hall. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Craig Hamilton had a couple of questions about zoning. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the board received an invitation from Sauk County for the Annual Holiday Party. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported that tax Bills were mailed at the end of November. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board reviewed concepts a new town logo and website look to coincide with the tourism campaign. The consensus was that they liked the direction. The board then considered a 2019 Assessment Maintenance contract with Equity Appraisal, LLC showing no increase over 2018. McCumber reported that he had a conversation with Steve Mahlik and the town is likely going to need to do a revaluation in 2020 so he only provided a one year contract. His revaluation estimate will be dependent upon a number of new factors in the appraisal process and Mahlik hopes he'll be able to provide a better estimate for 2020 next fall. Motion to approve the contract by Peetz, second by Hall. Motion passed. McCumber then presented some 2018 budget adjustments which included amending the 2018 budget to increase Legal Fees to \$44,000 for actual expenses incurred and to move \$3,500 from Building Maintenance to Office Management to purchase new computers. Motion by Peetz, second by Hall to approve the amendments. McCumber then introduced a 2019 budget amendment to carry over \$10,000 from the 2018 Road Maintenance budget to 2019 at the request of the town's road commissioner, Denny Beich.

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

Dog Licenses

All dogs in the town are required to be licensed under county ordinance by state law. A dog license is \$5 for spayed or neutered. \$10 for all others. Make the check payable to Town of Merrimac. **Include your rabies vaccinations certificate and a self-addressed return envelope.** Mail to the Town of Merrimac at PO Box 115, Merrimac, 53561. Dog license fees are collected every tax collection period and are considered late after April 1 for that license year. A \$5 fee is assessed for renewal licenses after April 1.

Sauk Prairie Recreation Department Reimbursement

If you participate in a Sauk Prairie Recreation Department activity and are assessed the additional \$20.00 non-participating community fee, the Town will reimburse you that amount. Simply mail (Mail to the Town of Merrimac at PO Box 115, Merrimac, 53561) or email (townmerr@merr.com) a copy of your paid receipt. There is no limit on the number of programs you submit for reimbursement.

ATTENTION CYCLISTS! State Trail Passes sold here!

Every trail pass sold locally helps support the long-term maintenance of the Great Sauk State Trail and **can be used statewide**. A state trail pass is required for all people age 16 or older for biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding or in-line skating on certain trails. Mail a separate check for \$25 per pass made payable to the Town of Merrimac at PO Box 115, Merrimac, 53561. A daily pass is \$5.

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. Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations (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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