

VILLAGE VOICE

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Revision of the Employee Handbook is complete except for the sections covering paid time off and insurance. Following discussion, Martin/Rasmussen moved to table further discussion of those two sections until the June meeting.

Motion carried.

Hahn/Martin moved to acknowledge review of a draft capitalization policy but not approve. Items costing over \$2,500 will be tracked on a spreadsheet. **Motion carried.**

The current brush pickup process is resulting in excessive amounts of yard waste and brush being accumulated by residents. Removal can be difficult because Jeff does not have a helper. Alternatives to the current program were discussed. Martin-/Malmberg moved to table the matter to allow Shellie to collect data on alternative methods. **Motion carried.**

Jeff Rasmussen provided material to the Board about a rebate program to encourage use of energy efficient fixtures in homes.

Administrator’s Report:

The Village and the Town of Merrimac have reached an amicable agreement regarding the annexation of additional acreage owned by Dave Gerry. A Petition for Annexation will be submitted to the Board at its June meeting.

The Village’s recycling grant has been reduced to \$1,441 for 2011; a 35% reduction from 2010.

The 2010 Census shows the Village having 420 residents. No explanation was provided for the decrease. Scott Martin voiced his objection to a question on the Census form that asks for “Race.” Shellie will contact someone from the Census Bureau to address the Board regarding the necessity for this question.

Donations in the amount of \$1,445 have been received from residents for purchase of banners and American flags. Rasmussen-/Martin moved to purchase 12 U.S. flags and to order 8 banners. **Motion carried.** The Village will not purchase a sign.

The Village has received requests from U.S. Cellular and Sauk County Emergency Management to locate fiber optic cables within the Village. Shellie is reviewing the requests.

A subrogation action has been brought by Rural Insurance against a Highway 78 contractor for damage to property during the highway construction. Shellie may be called to testify in the case.

Shellie pointed out that Baraboo Street needs repair. Lake Wisconsin Drive also needs repair. The Board will consider street repairs further at the June meeting.

Upcoming Dates:

May 21 – Board of Review 10 am

May 23 – Metal pickup

June 7 – Village Board meeting

The July Board meeting was tentatively set for July 7, 2011. This date will be confirmed at the June Board meeting.

There being no other matters to come before the Board, Hahn/Nawrocki moved to adjourn. **Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Benish
Administrator

VILLAGE REMINDERS

- **The next regular Village Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM.**
- **MERRIMAC AREA GARAGE SALE** will be held on Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30, 2011. Maps will be available from Merrimac businesses, sale participants and at the Village Hall.

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Board Minutes From the Village Board Meeting

President Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building meeting room. All Board members were present. The affidavit of posting was examined and verified to conform to the proper statutory requirements.

Rasmussen/Malmberg moved to adopt the resolution for payment of water utility bills. (Copy of said resolution available upon request.) Upon roll call vote, **motion carried**

Nawrocki/Malmberg moved to adopt the resolution for payment of the sewer utility bills. (Copy of said resolution available upon request.) Upon roll call vote, **motion carried**.

Martin/Nawrocki moved to adopt the resolution for payment of general village and park bills. (Copy of said resolution available upon request.) Upon roll call vote, **motion carried**.

A correction was noted to the minutes of the April Board meeting. The MDA Freedom Ride that the Village agreed to support at the April Board meeting will be held in 2012, not 2011. Martin/Rasmussen moved to accept the

minutes of the April 12, 2011 Village Board meeting as corrected. **Motion carried.**

Nawrocki/Martin moved to accept the minutes of the Special Board meeting of April 26, 2011. **Motion carried.**

Martin/Malmberg moved to accept the Village Treasurer's Report for April. **Motion carried.**

Public Input: Bill Helm-Quest was present as a student in the 2-year Certified Public Manager Program offered through the UW-Madison. A project of this program is for students to ask local municipalities how they plan to handle the effects of the budget issues the State is having. President Hahn responded that he did not anticipate that the Village would change its approach to budgeting significantly since every year's budget is reviewed very carefully; line item by line item. If we are faced with the need for cuts, every item will be scrutinized.

Plan Commission Minutes and Recommendations. President Hahn advised that Jim Malmberg was selected as Chair of the Plan Commission at its May meeting. Don Genrich will be leaving and a replacement is needed for his position. Anyone interested should call Shellie. Malmberg summarized the minutes and observed that some ordinances need to be reviewed. The Board directed Malmberg to

take back to the Plan Commission for further work the issues of driveway paving and whether the owner of a structure housing a business should be allowed to live on the same level as the business.

Three properties in the Village which are zoned R-1 are advertising short-term rental of the property on the Internet. Shellie will send letters to the property owners reminding them that property zoned R-1 cannot be used for business purposes.

The Board agreed to (1) consider the current sidewalk plan for the village and (2) to establish priority for sections to be completed at the June meeting. The additional considerations of (3) conducting a public hearing for taxpayer input, (4) applying for available grants, and (5) cost sharing by the Village will be heard at a future meeting. Martin/Nawrocki moved to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2011 Plan Commission meeting. **Motion carried.**

Bids for replacement windows and flooring were presented by Shellie. Nawrocki stated that the two window bids were too high. He stated that he wanted Shellie to contact Home Depot to get a price from them; then said he would contact them. Rasmussen/Martin moved to table the matter of window replacement until June. **Motion carried.** Rasmussen/Martin moved to take no action on flooring at this time. **Motion carried.**

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