

The DOT has provided a written ok to change the angle of the light.

A resident has requested that a street light be installed along Weynand Road for pedestrian safety. Shellie will contact Alliant Energy to determine the cost and whether one light or two will be needed.

Malmberg asked about the disposition of the 14 extra fire hydrants the Village has. The tops weighed in at 175 lbs. It was decided to sell the bottoms as scrap metal (currently worth \$195 per ton). The tops will be kept while the board investigates the best price the Village could get for their sale.

Shellie reported that one family has donated a picnic table for Memorial Park and another party has donated a bench. The cost of the 8' table is \$858 and the cost of the bench is approx. \$300. Memorial plaques that will be affixed to both pieces are \$200 each.

President Hahn stated that this was the last year for the Olson Foundation donation towards the highway 78 project. The Olson's will have donated \$125000 over five years. A **HUGE** Thank you to them for this most generous gift to the Village.

The following items were also noted:

- The county has adopted the redistricting plan.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce has notified us that a government survey will be coming.
- Tana will be out on Oct. 14 for utility software training.
- Fall metal drop off resulted in \$255.85 for the Village.
- A contractor was hired to repair a water valve box on Church Street.
- The legal issue for which Shellie was scheduled to go to court was settled for approximately \$500 prior to trial.

- Burning complaints are coming in. It is recommended neighbors try to talk to each other to work out issues prior to calling the Village. Notices on burning regulations are out & posted.

At 6:40 p.m. Malmberg/Nawrocki moved to convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (employee reviews). **Motion carried.**

At 7:30 p.m. Hahn/Malmberg moved to close the closed session. **Motion carried.**

At 7:31 p.m. Nawrocki/Martin moved to reconvene into open session. **Motion carried.**

The Board approved the payroll as budgeted by Administrator. This will be the first increase in three years to the staff.

There being no other matters to come before the Board, Nawrocki/Martin moved to adjourn. **Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Benish,
Administrator

HOLIDAY HOURS:

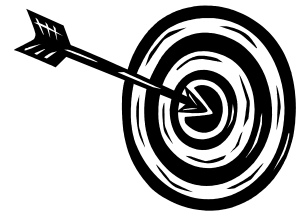
The Village Hall will be closed
November 24 & 25th for
Thanksgiving



**Join the
Senior
Exercise
Program!**

When: Now thru April 20, 2012
Where: Village Hall.
Fee: \$5.00
6 month session.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:30 a.m. 'til 10 a.m.



Village Reminders

Regular Village Board meeting
Tuesday, November 8th, 6 p.m.

BRUSH PICKUP
November 16th
December 14th
January 11, 2012

Now that Fall is here please remember to place your leaves in clear plastic bags for pickup. We ask for your help in keeping our street gutters clean of leaf debris as well.



**SNOW
REMOVAL TIME
IS COMING!**

**This means keeping your sidewalks,
mailboxes and hydrants clear of
snow and out of the streets for
plowing.**

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes From the Village Board Meeting

President Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building meeting room. Board members present upon roll call: Nick Hahn, Ed Nawrocki, Jim Malmberg, Jeff Rasmussen and Scott Martin. The affidavit of posting was examined and verified to conform to the proper statutory requirements.

The matter of the Pheasant Ridge Special Assessment was stricken from the agenda (Item No. 6), as payment of the current installment was received on 10/10/11. President Hahn asked Shellie to send a letter to Mr. Heffron thanking him for the payment and stating that the Village will expect future payments to be made on time. In place of this matter, the agenda was amended to include consideration of repacking two valves at the wastewater treatment plant.

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

Martin/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.**

Nawrocki/Rasmussen 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.**

Malmberg requested an amendment to the September Board minutes to note that the Village does not have the resources and it is not its role to remove large amounts of brush cut from residents' property, under the brush discussion item. Martin/Nawrocki moved to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting as amended. **Motion carried.**

Rasmussen/Malmberg moved to accept the minutes of the September 29, 2011 special Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Nawrocki/Hahn moved to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2011 budget meeting. **Motion carried.**

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

Public Input Session. None.

Two valves leading to the sand beds at the wastewater treatment plant need to be repacked. The cost to repair is estimated to be about \$1,000. Nawrocki suggested that Shellie contact the valve manufacturer to see if they repair the valves and whether the cost could be any less. Rasmussen /Nawrocki moved to repair the valves. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Martin/Rasmussen moved to pay off the balance due on the \$260,000 revenue bond the Village borrowed from the Bank of Prairie du Sac. Shellie will send the required 30-day notice letter. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Malmberg/Nawrocki moved to have the Village reimburse the Town of Merrimac for providing garbage pickup for the Gerry residence. The cost will be \$117

per year. Upon roll call vote, **Motion carried.**

Hahn/Malmberg moved to approve the Merrimac Area Fire District Budget for 2012. Hahn noted for the record that he is impressed with the work the District has done to hold down costs. **Motion carried.**

The motor in one of the two pumps in Lift Station #8 has failed (it is 25 years old). Shellie reported that the cost to repair the pump would be \$2,248, which would give 10-15 years additional use. The cost of a new pump is \$5,889. Nawrocki/ Malmberg moved to repair the pump. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

TM Spencer, LLC (dba Varsity Club) has applied for Operator's Licenses for Tyson Caves, Brandon Caves, Samantha Schider and Ava Schider. All applicants have completed the Wisconsin Operator's License training. Malmberg/Martin moved to approve and grant licenses to all four applicants. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report.

Minutes of the Sauk Prairie School Board meetings of August 22, 2011 and September 12, 2011 were distributed to the Board, along with minutes of the Merrimac Area Fire Commission meeting of August 1, 2011 and the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission meeting of September 22, 2011.

The River Street light that has been in question is working on being resolved by changing the angle of the light. The property owner will pay one-half the cost of the adjustment.