

VILLAGE VOICE

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The Social Security Administration has announced that the employee's share of the FICA deduction will decrease to 4.2% for the year 2011. The employer's share will remain at 6.2%.

The Department of Natural Resources has announced staffing changes since January 1, 2011.

The Village engineering firm, BT Squared, has maintained their billing rate for the Village at 2008 levels for the year 2011.

Shellie announced a training opportunity for Board members to attend a planned giving seminar to be presented on February 17th by the Planned Giving Council of South Central Wisconsin.

The results of the school district's priorities survey were published in the January 26, 2011 edition of the Sauk Prairie Eagle. Closing of the Merrimac Charter School was listed as No. 4 priority on the survey. The survey has no binding effect on the school district.

Shellie summarized the service log with regard to the significant snowfall experienced recently. She asked that Village residents understand that not everyone's streets can be plowed early in the morning since we only have one full-time employee available to do the work. She reminded residents that it is the responsibility of the property owner to plow out their mailboxes.

Board member Bahe spoke on behalf of the Board to say that Jeff was doing a great job handling the heavy snowfall.

A new and relocated siren may cost from \$11,000 - \$18,000. Chief Jensen is still investigating.

A special Board meeting is scheduled for March 15th at 3:00 p.m. to review the revised Employee Handbook and water meter replacements.

Shellie is gathering information regarding remote-read water meters for consideration by the Village Board.

Bids for the extension of water and sewer service to the Gerry property will be opened at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 18, at the Village Hall.

The Wisconsin Rural Water Association conference will be held in Green Bay on March 29 – April 1, 2011.

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has scheduled an insurance seminar for April 14-15, 2011, which Shellie plans to attend. The seminar is at no charge for policyholders.

There being no other matters to come before the Board, Nawrocki /Bahe moved to adjourn. **Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Benish
Administrator

VILLAGE REMINDERS

- The next Village Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING IS NOW IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 15, 2011.
- PLEASE NOTE!! YARD WASTE PICKUP WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH. Bi-weekly pickup will begin in April, starting on April 6th.

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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.

Nawrocki/Bahe moved to amend the agenda to consider a Notice of Claim filed against the Village by Angela Figg and Michael Palombo regarding property taxes. **Motion carried.**

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

Malmberg/Nawrocki 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.**

Bahe/Rasmussen moved to adopt the resolution for payment of general village and park bills, including tax settlement payments due to others. (Copy of said resolution available upon request.) Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Nawrocki/Malmberg moved to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2011 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Shellie reported that the dinner meeting of the Board members with the School Board and local officials on January 31st was well received.

Rasmussen/Bahe moved to accept the minutes of the January 31, 2011 Special Board Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Nawrocki/Malmberg moved to accept the January Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**

Public Input: None

Malmberg/Rasmussen moved to approve the Joint Agreement for the Sauk County 911 System with the Sauk County Sheriff's Department. **Motion carried.**

Three parties appeared before the Board to request renewal of multiple pet licenses. Malmberg/Nawrocki moved to approve Linda Benish's request for 3 dog licenses, one of which is for a service dog. **Motion carried.**

Rasmussen/Malmberg moved to approve Steve and Jane Margraf's request for 3 dog licenses. **Motion carried.**

Nawrocki/Bahe moved to approve Laura Forbes' request for 3 cat and one dog licenses. **Motion carried.**

The Notice of Claim filed against the Village by Angela Figg and Michael Palombo regarding property taxes was presented for consideration. A Notice of Claim is required to be filed prior to commencing a lawsuit against a municipality. Rasmussen/Nawrocki moved to deny the claim. **Motion carried.**

Reserve Fund balances for the 2011 Budget were presented as Resolution #0209-01-11 in the total amount of \$302,000. Following discussion, the category "Park/Water Loan Payoff" was changed to "Loan Applications" and the total Reserve Funds were increased to include \$25,000 for vehicle replacement for a revised total of \$327,000. Malmberg/Bahe moved to approve the Resolution. **Motion carried.**

The 2011 tax equivalent of \$5,955 was presented as Resolution #0209-02-11. Nawrocki/Rasmussen moved to approve the Resolution. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Minutes of the December 6, 2010 Merrimac Area Fire Commission meeting, the December 13, 2010 Sauk Prairie School Board meeting and the February 3, 2011 Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission meetings were distributed to the Board.

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