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Sec. 2-1-1 Village Government.

The Village of Merrilan is a body corporate and politic with the powers of a municipality at common law and governed by the provisions of Chapters 61 and 66, Wis. Stats., laws amending those chapters, other acts of the legislature and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin.

State Law Reference: Wis. Const., Art. XI, Sec. 3.

Sec. 2-1-2 Election Poll Hours.

The voting polls in the Village of Merrilan, Jackson County, Wisconsin shall be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all elections.

Sec. 2-1-3 Election Officials.

- a) Pursuant to the Wisconsin Statutes, there is hereby established one (1) set of election officials to conduct all elections of the Village which shall consist of seven (7) election inspectors. However, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall have the power to limit the number of election officials. The Clerk-Treasurer shall determine in advance of each election whether the number of election officials for such election should be reduced from the number prescribed by the Wisconsin Statutes, and if such a reduction is so determined, the Clerk-Treasurer shall further redistribute duties among the remaining officials.
- b) Because Chapter 7.30(1), Wis. Stats., allows for the creation of alternate or two (2) sets of election officials to work at different times on election day, the Village Board authorizes the selection of alternate and/or two (2) sets of election officials to staff the polls on election day.

State Law Reference: Sec. 7.30, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-4 Election by Caucus.

Pursuant to Sec. 8.05, Wis. Stats., all interested candidates for public office in the Village of Merrilan are to be nominated by caucus. The Village Board shall, between December 1st and January 1st, decide the date of the caucus. The date of the caucus shall be established between the first (1st) Tuesday in January and the last Tuesday in January. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall give notice of the time and date of the caucus by posting same in his/her office and by one (1) publication in a newspaper under Chapter 985, Wis. Stats., at least five (5) days before the date of the caucus. The Village President, together with the Village Clerk-Treasurer, shall serve as caucus officials. If the president is a candidate, he/she shall call for election of the officials to conduct the caucus. The nomination of candidates for elective office shall be conducted according to Sec. 8.05(1), Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Sec. 8.05, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-5 Legal Posting.

When legal posting is used, the Village shall post notices in three (3) designated posting locations or one (1) designated location if also posted at the Official Village website.

Designated locations:

- (a) The municipal bulletin board.
- (b) Laundry Mat
- (c) U.S. Post Office

State Law Reference: Sec. 985.06, Wis. Stats. and Sec. 985.01, Wis. Stats.