

The Village Board met at the Merrilan Village Hall on September 11, 2025, at 6:30p.m. in person and via Google meet. In person were President Chris Wruck, Jordan Powell, Jane Fehrman, Al Lunderville, Deputy Clerk Gween Lunderville, PW Griffin Abbott, Sergeant Bartlett, Bill Laurent, Tom Cooper, via google meet Jimmy Christensen.

1. President Wruck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. President Wruck Certified open meeting law requirements were met.
3. Roll Call was taken by President Wruck
4. Public Comment-none
5. Legal-
 - a. Abandoned/Dilapidated Buildings - Tabled
 - b. Nuisance Violations- Updates provided by attorney Radcliff via e-mail. Attorney Radcliff will touch Base with Deputy Eversum to inquire about the remaining clean-up needing to be completed at 203 N East Street. Attorney Radcliff will also send a letter to the property owner(s) at 403 S Hammond with a 10 day notice to clean up the property. Noncompliance will result in an injunction and the resulting costs will be added to the property taxes.
6. MSA- discussion and/or action
 - a. Earth Pay Application No.2 Moved by Powell 2nd by A.Lunderville to approve payment in the amount of \$308,716.75. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.
7. Fire District - Updates provided by Powell. Land acquisition is still in negotiations.
8. Police Report - Report was submitted.
9. Maintenance Report - Review
 - a. John Deere repairs Quote - Motion to approve payment of \$5759.50 from Equipment Fund by Fehrman 2nd by Wruck. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.
10. Clerk's office - Report
 - a. Water rate increase with PSC - Motion to file for water rate increase with PSC by Wruck 2nd by Powell. Motion Carried.
 - b. Sewer rate increase - discussion.
11. Vouchers- review & sign- no action
12. Delinquent List-review no action
13. Cemetery Report - discussion
 - a. Summer mowing expenses - Motion by Wruck 2nd by Fehrman to pay summer mowing expenses out of Cemetery Fund. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.
14. Approval of All Minutes- Motion to Approve August Meeting minutes (08/14), Special Meeting Minutes (08/26), and Public Hearing Minutes (8/27) by Fehrman 2nd by A. Lunderville. Motion Carried.
15. Approval of Financial Report - Motion to Accept by Powell, 2nd by Fehrman. Motion Carried.

16. Approval of Operator License - Motion to approve by Powell 2nd by Fehrman.
Motion Carried.

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Unfinished Business

17. Waterfall-Historical Landmark - Update by T. Cooper
18. Outdoor Rec Plan-Gile/Mill Park Grants - Update by T. Cooper
19. All-Abilities fishing piers - Update by T. Cooper

New Business

20. Law Enforcement coverage - Discussion.
21. Village President - Nice neighbor award - G. Abbott was nominated. Motion by Powell 2nd by Fehrman. Motion carried.
22. Motion at 7:24pm by Fehrman, 2nd by Powell to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c), may convene in Closed Session to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee, all employees part and full time, over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion Carried.
23. Motion at 7:33pm by Powell 2nd by Fehrman to reconvene into open session for possible discussion / action on matters from the Closed Session.
24. Motion by Wruck 2nd by Fehrman to increase full time employee wages by 5% and seasonal employee compensation will range from \$15 - \$18/hr based on experience to be determined at time of hire each season. All rate changes are effective January 1, 2026. End of year gratuity to be paid the same as last year. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.
25. Motion to Adjourn by Powell 2nd by Fehrman. Motion Carried at 7:36p.m.

Gween Lunderville - Deputy Clerk

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