

The proposed 2017 General Fund Budget hearing was held Tuesday November 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the fire hall with Margaret Young, Debra Horan, Genny Eddy, Nancy Hinds, Debra Horan, Paul Harmer, Al Lunderville and Debra Green. Also present was, Mike Johnson, Garrett Nix and Abby Bernhagen.

President Young opened the public hearing at 7:00 PM for public comment. President Young asked three (3) times if there were any comments from the public and, there being none, declared the public hearing closed at 7:02 PM.

### VILLAGE BOARD MEETING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The Village Board met Tuesday November 8, 2016 at 7:03 PM with Margaret Young, Debra Horan, Genny Eddy, Nancy Hinds, Al Lunderville, Paul Harmer, Attorney Garrett Nix, Officer Mike Johnson, Abby Bernhagen with MSA and Debra Green.

**1. Call to Order – 7:03 PM**

**2. Vouchers:** were approved and signed.

**3. October 11, 2016 Board Minutes:** Lunderville moved, seconded by Hinds to approve as printed. Carried.

**4. November 1, 2016 Committee Minutes:** Horan moved, seconded by Eddy to approve as printed. Carried.

**5. October 31, 2016 Financial Statement:** Hinds moved, seconded by Harmer to approve as printed. Carried.

COMBINED CHECKING:	2016	2015	F D DONATED CHECKING:	2016	2015
Balance 09/30/16	-13,566.75	12,113.19	Balance 09/30/16	6,359.03	2,971.46
Deposits	150,942.10	69,631.78	Deposits	1,679.24	8,516.91
Orders Written	108,687.08	65,049.08	Orders Written	6,137.23	166.11
Balance 10/31/16	28,688.27	16,695.89	Balance 10/31/16	1,901.04	11,322.26
CEMETERY CHECKING - JCB:			FIRE POP FUND CHECKING:		
Balance 09/30/16	736.47	420.59	Balance 9/30/16	1514.95	0
Deposits/Interest	500.07	0.04	Deposits	305.61	0
Orders Written	585.00	0.00	Orders Written	597.65	0
Balance 10/31/16	651.54	420.63	Balance 10/31/16	1222.91	0
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE CD - JCB:			FIRE ENG # 3 LOAN - JCB		
12 M CD Perpetual Care- matur.	36,324.10	35,999.58	Current Balance:	4,920.00	0
CEMETERY SAVINGS - JC BANK			Original Loan Amount:	30,000.00	0
Memorial Fund 0001	1,509.40	608.55	Current Pay-Off thru 11/02/16:	5,329.34	0
			INT Rate is 3.63%		
MONEY MARKET CHK - JCB:			SAVINGS ACCTS - JCB:		
Tax Account	1,069.02	1,069.90	F D Savings - Equip Fund	3,528.00	4,584.56
St Tax Sharing	27,586.80	69,305.41	EMS Donated Savings Fund	36,723.52	9,263.22
Road Fund	5,400.59	23,699.07	P D Savings Equip Fund	1,107.91	1,106.80
Water Reserve	86,202.04	91,296.51	Utility Fund Savings	105,994.03	162,606.14
Sewer Spec. Redemption	68,004.67	69,190.30	SAVINGS ACCT - CCU:		
GENERAL FUND CHK - CCU :			CCU Member Share	5.05	5.00
General Working Fund	114,750.44	93,737.33	UTILITY RECEIPTS:		
GENERAL TRUST CD - CCU :			Electric Revenues	32,838.34	30,641.31
Dam Fund - maturity 8/11/16	22,729.09	22,084.33	Water Revenues	10,644.63	9,908.38
UTILITY TRUST CD'S - CCU:			Sewer Revenues	12,943.70	12,400.05
Sewer Equip.- matur. 8/11/16	54,745.57	51,214.07	Public Fire Protection (PFP)	2,916.08	2,744.96
Diesel Insure - matur. 8/11/16	49,600.06	69,166.98	GENERAL RECEIPTS:		
			Hall Rent	100.00	100.00
			Ordinance Violations	490.95	395.20
			Park Revenue	200.00	215.00
			MHP Taxes	69.48	57.22
			Alma Center Police Services	898.70	915.34
			T of Mentor Police Services	275.00	0.00
			Building Permits	151.25	539.03
			Operator License	20.00	40.00
			Kennel License	300.00	0.00
			USDA Grant - ENG. #3, Squad,		
			Mower	51,000.00	0.00
			State Aid - Local Road Improvement	9,108.15	0.00
			Police Revenue	25.00	0.00
			Public Charges - USIC & Thompson	2,279.50	0.00

**6. Proposed 2017 General Fund Budget:** Horan moved, seconded by Eddy to adopt the proposed 2017 General Fund Budget as presented with a levy of \$29,885.00. Carried.

**7. General Public Wishing to Address the Board:** none.

**8. Communication and Recommendations from Village Attorney:**

a. Property Razing Update - 401 Lafayette Street and 105 N East Street: after reading the inspection report and further discussion Harmer moved, seconded by Hindes to direct Village Attorney Garrett Nix to commence condemnation proceedings on the Richard Breheim property located at 105 N East Street, Merrilan, Wisconsin, described as: LOT 3 BLK 1 LA Comstock's Addition to Merrilan, pursuant to the provisions of 66.0413 of the Wisconsin Statutes, The Board of Trustees has found that the following described building is old, dilapidated, or out of repair, and, consequently, dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary, or otherwise unfit for human habitation and that repair of the building is unreasonable, and has determined that the cost of repairs to the building would exceed 50% of the assessed value of the building divided by the ratio of the assessed value to the recommended value as last published by the department of revenue for the Village. Carried.

The owner of the property located at 401 Lafayette Street contacted the village hall to say she has sold her property to Pat Murphy, who has already begun working on restoring the property back to a habitable state. No raze order will be dispensed by the Board at this time.

b. Ordinance NO. 06-16 Amendment - Village Marshal to Police Chief: Harmer moved, seconded by Lunderville to approve Ordinance NO. 06-16 amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Merrilan as follows:

(1) The Village hereby creates the position of Chief of Police, which shall replace the current position of Village Marshal. (2) The current position of Village Marshal is hereby eliminated. (3) The Village Code of Ordinances shall be amended such that any and all references to "Village Marshal" or "Marshal" enumerated in the Village Code of Ordinances are hereby replaced with "Village Chief of Police", respectfully. Carried.

c. Tax Intercept Process - Delinquent Fines: Attorney Nix explained that the tax intercept process is conceptual at this time but worth examining and reaching out to other municipalities who may be interested in the tax intercept concept. He also feels it would be worthwhile if the village president contacted other municipalities to let them know Merrilan is interested in this concept of a municipal court and municipal court clerk. Municipal court would be beneficial due to potentially lower fines for offenders and thus more fine money would stay local. President Young will send letters to area municipalities that Merrilan is willing to pursue the intercept process through a municipal court.

**9. Merrilan Police Chief Hours:** Horan moved, seconded by Hindes to increase the Merrilan police chief hours from 20 hours per week to 22 hours per week effective January 1, 2017. Carried.

**10. Gile Park Camping Fee Increase:** Harmer moved, seconded by Lunderville to increase the Gile Park camping fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00, effective January 1, 2017. Carried.

**11. MSA – Merrilan Phosphorus Compliance Year 2 Status Report:** Horan moved, seconded by Harmer to approve MSA task order # 00154022, authorizing MSA to prepare a phosphorus compliance status letter report for submittal to the DNR by the WPDES deadline of December 1, 2016. The letter report will outline the Village's progress in optimizing its WWTF to remove phosphorus. Chemical pilot testing is not included in the scope but can be conducted as an additional service. The schedule to perform the work is: approximate start: November 8, 2016 approximate completion: December 1, 2016 for a lump sum fee for the work of \$500. Carried

**12. Meeting Adjournment:** Hindes moved, seconded by Harmer to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debra Green*, Clerk

11.9.16