

**Town of Mercer**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 4, 2019 (approved)**

**I. Call to order**

Chairman John Sendra called the meeting to order at 5:30pm at The Haines Bldg.

**II. Roll call**

Town Clerk Amber Thompson conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, Chairman John Sendra, Attorney Fritz Schellgell, Supervisor Tom Thompson. Absent Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, Absent Treasurer Lin Miller. Absent Supervisor Mike Lambert

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.

**Public Comment:**

Chairman John Sendra congratulated the newly elected Town Board Supervisors Opal Roberts and Eric Snow and looks forward to working with them. Also thanked Supervisor Tom Thompson and Jeff Stenberg for their years of service.

Tom Hanrahan asked the Town Clerk for total number of registered voters in Mercer and total turnout of voters on Election Day. The Clerk confirmed 1,205 registered voters and total of 802 voters.

**IV. Items for Discussion/Possible Action**

- a) **Applications for Road Crew:** Chairman John Sendra discussed the position posted in the Iron County Minor for full time Road Crew. The current contract was with Noel Brandt, since he will be leaving it is an opportune time to combine the lawn cutting position with part time road crew responsibilities. We had two layoffs last year and we are trying to get back to a full crew. Also, Road Crew employee Joe Hammond may be resigning. The Board will review applications we have received at the next regular meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> and decide on who will be hired.
- b) **Town Sexton for Cemetery:** Chairman John Sendra discussed the issue that came up in Dec. 2016, whether the town sexton should be one person or two. There is a stipend for the Sexton and the law states the sexton should be one person. That person should not only

mark the site but should also retrieve all the information from the computer. We are trying to find a good fit for this position and a way to serve our customers properly. We came up with three options: One is to appoint Steve Altman to do it all, from getting the paper work from the clerk, marking the site, to burial. Second option is to do what we were doing in the past: have the clerk retrieve all the information and then pass it on to Steve Altman for the burial. Third option would be to divvy up the budgeted stipend of \$1500.00 and have a supervisor and the clerk work together. A decision should be made by the new board at the next regular meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

- c) **Proposal for Audit:** Chairman John Sendra discussed the audit supervisor Mike Lambert brought up at a previous meeting. It is customary to have one done every 2 years and it is in the budget already. The new board will review the audit details and discuss it at the next meeting.

**Legal:** None

## V. Approvals

- a) **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 39057 to 39105 and 1000469 totaling \$40,252.30. Motion to approve vouchers and issue checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- b) **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer stated that the general account ending balance was \$312,348.60 and our total amount of funds was \$1,689,523.58. Motion to approve by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- c) **Bartender's License:** Application for Margit Von Frankenberg. Motion to approve by Supervisor Tom Thompson, Seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- d) **Liquor License:** None
- e) **Cemetery Deed:** None

## VI. Operations Reports

- a.) **Chair's Report:** There will be the Annual Town meeting here on April 16<sup>th</sup> and the following Thursday will be the regular board meeting. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, the new board members will be sworn in. I wrote some letters to Sara Pearson, the new Northern region DNR contact, regarding ATV trails, regarding the use of the grade between Hwy 51 and Powell Road asking for permission to use the snowmobile trail for ATV

use. I also met with the agent from AFLAC to discuss benefits for our road crew, and they will submit a proposal. It would be for accidental and disability insurance. The new board will review the proposal and act on it. Sent a second letter to Mark Ratty; the ATV club has been asking to use the trail from Manitowish Waters Road to Murray's landing. Waiting for feedback from power company. It will go before the board for final discussion. I put a flow chart together for with the responsibilities of current Supervisors and the newly elected members.

b.) **Supervisor's Report:** None

c.) **Clerk's Correspondence:** None

d.) **Public Comment:** Kelly Kohegyi thanked the clerk for subbing in during the election.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried. Chairman John Sendra adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm.

Minutes submitted by: Town Clerk, Amber Thompson

Approved: 4/18/19