

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2017
(unapproved)

- Chairman Kichak called the meeting to order at 4:30pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman Jim Kichak, Supervisor's Mike Lambert, John Sendra, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt and Treasurer Lin Miller. Absent Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak and Attorney Fritz Schellgell.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve as printed made by Supervisor John Sendra, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Mick McKindles the president of the Broadband Committee updated the board on the progress that has been made in the area. The Committee has received two grants to help expand broadband into the unserved areas. At present time, they had two phases that were in place and the first phase included coverage from a private tower that would help areas in Southern Ironwood and The Gile area. As of today, the tower near Pine Lake was supposed to go live today to support that area. The second phase of the project is a tower on Popko. This tower will support the area near the Flowage as well as the Springstead area. This phase of the project also included working on coverage for Saxon Harbor. They are hoping to have the Popko Phase completed sometime this year.
- **Sign permit application for Carl Stier and Smarty Pants Deli located at 5226 Hwy 51:** Carl from the Deli was present and explained where the sign would be placed and that it is also going to be a little smaller than originally planned. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.
- **Friends of the Library for permission to purchase new drinking fountains:** Wendy Theide a member of the friends of the Library stated that they would like to purchase two new drinking fountains that would be donated to the Library and Community Center. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried
- **Rezone for a RR-1 (Residential Recreation) to a C-1 (Commercial) to bring property into zoning compliance at the intersection of County FF & Hwy 51 owned by Cranberry Holdings:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 36200 to 36238 & 100254-256 totaling \$43,034.45 and the vouchers for checks 36239 to 36257 in the amount of \$10,588.16. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer stated that the general account ending balance was \$355,842.70 and the total amount of funds was \$3,641,935.87. Motion to approve made by Supervisor John Sendra, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** Chairman Kichak stated that some issues were brought to his attention this week regarding road conditions. He stated that going forward he is going to have someone available to work weekends when roads are slippery. We had a few issues where the roads were scraped down to far but we have had loggers out on a few of those roads, so it needed to be done in some areas. He did state however, that it would not be done that far down again and some of the sides would be left for the snowmobiles.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** He stated that the Fire department was asking again about a dumpster. Jim stated that he would look into this with Eagle Waste but it would be a small one for the ambulance.
- **Supervisor John Sendra:** He attended the Park Board meeting regarding the trailhead meeting and the issue came down to asking the Park Board what is their interest in the trailhead and having it at

the park. They decided they would rather not bother with it and we should go ahead and have the trailhead at Snows. The members of the park board recused themselves from it and that was the end of it. He also stated that if it is on private property then why does the town have to be involved? Supervisor Mike Lambert stated that the park board wanted nothing to do with it.

- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 4:55pm made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.