

Town of Mercer  
Meeting Minutes for February 16,2017  
(unapproved)

- Chairman Jim Kichak called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman Jim Kichak, Supervisors Bonnie Banaszak, Mike Lambert, John Sendra, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt and Attorney Fritz Schellgell. Absent Treasurer Lin Miller.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried. Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak abstained.
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Trailhead for Bike Path:** Chairman Jim Kichak stated that they will be moving forward with getting the trail to the park from Scheels Road and will redo the trail from the school to Scheels as well. He would like to use concrete so that it will hold up better and define where the trail is and the roadway. He also mentioned that he may use pavers on the segment from Scheels Road to the Park as his son-in-law works for County Concrete, and he can get us a deal on pavers for \$2 a square foot. The Park Board turned down the approval for the trailhead at Snows but Attorney Schellgell stated that he spoke with the Towns Association and because of how the statute is worded, we can go ahead and enter into the lease without them. Motion to approve the trailhead lease made by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.
- **Fire Department purchase of brush truck:** Fire Chief Steve Altman stated that the brush truck that they currently have is a 39-year-old pickup truck and they have had to stick some money into it this year to keep it road worthy. They have \$25,000 put away in outlay but would need an additional \$25,000.00. They have contacted the three leading companies and GM gave them the best municipal discount for a truck with a flatbed for \$42,000 as it sits. They would use the existing pump unit as this is only 5-years-old and have it installed in the new truck. The board approved the purchase and will place the transfer of funds from contingency to public safety outlay to help purchase the new truck on the next agenda.
- **Discuss the removal of old town garage:** Chairman Kichak stated that we need to get this taken down as it is getting worse. He stated that he knows that Giovanoni had the equipment to remove asbestos and he would like to contact them to get a quote. It was decided to put an ad in the paper to see if we can get other quotes also.
- **Legal:** Attorney Schellgell stated that Jim had brought in a check from McCanns with a different address on it. He is the individual that we served papers to last summer and kept dodging us. An attorney finally accepted service for them. He would like to know how the Board would like to proceed from here regarding the business park property. Approval for Town Attorney to move forward and take legal action against Kelly and Joann McCann will be placed on the next agenda.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 36258 to 36283, 100257-260 totaling \$232,759.46 and vouchers for checks 36284 to 36316 in the amount of \$1,768,765.30. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The clerk stated that the general account balance was \$573,055.36 and our total amount of funds was \$3,986,208.32. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Bartender's License:** We have an application for Ryan Skoviera. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.

- **Chair's Report:** Chairman Kichak stated that they still have loggers on Swamp Creek, so we must keep that road open for them. He spoke with the County and the sales of stumpage that we received, which is a substantial amount, is to help pay for clearing the roads so the loggers can use them. Swamp Creek is a heavily used road for the loggers and snowmobiles. IT would be great if we could find a way to somehow get the trail off that road to go out in that area. He had had the crew winging back the roads, and he sent them out to put salt/sand down where there are icy patches. We have a '96 or '97 truck with a bad underbody, and he would like to purchase a new one, which would cost around \$10,000.00 from Monroe. He feels this would be wise for us to do. Supervisor Mike Lambert asked where he would purchase it and if we should shop around for prices as the County uses Wausau. The Chairman stated that he would shop around for the best price.
- **Supervisor John Sendra:** He stated that he had calls, as well, regarding Swamp Creek Road and the snowmobile trail. He also stated that he was working with some of the land owners out on Trail 12 north of town near Russell Brothers Road. We have letters from Forestry in place to get that trail off the road and that will help to get funds for the ATV Club. He also had a complaint on Cramer Lake Road that an excavator was out there and dug out holes and made a terrible mess. This was near the corner by Bambi Land Road. Chairman Kichak stated that they did not have the excavators out at all but the loaders have been out, and that he would go look at what happened.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** Out on Hwy 51 there are areas where the snowbanks are still pretty high and a smaller vehicle has a tough time seeing around them, such as the areas by Dollar General and Beachway. Could the County take care of that or could we get the Town crew to go out and take care of this?
- **Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak:** She stated that in their packets they had a ledger from with the total amount spent on the bike trail, and she wanted to explain the overage. She stated that in beginning we exceeded the allotted grant funding for trail design because of all the times they had to move the trail and issues with property owners and extra surveys. Attorney Schellgell stated that we might be able to recoup a portion of that as some of the issues were Coleman's fault. Supervisor Banaszak also stated that it was stated at the Library meeting that one of the water fountains that would be donated is going to be paid by the Health and Wellness and the other by the Friends of the library. She also stated that they will be fixing the issue with the name for the committee that put the interest survey out.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** He asked about the dumpster again. and Chairman Kichak stated that it should be here today or tomorrow. He had already informed Adam of it coming, and that it would have a lock on it.
- **Adjournment:** motion to adjourn at 4:08 pm made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.

Approval:

Christan Brandt, Town Clerk