

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

- Chairman Jim Kichak called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman Jim Kichak, Supervisors Bonnie Banaszak, Mike Lambert, John Sendra, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt, Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Fritz Schellgell.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Richard Pegg President of the Spider Lake Association detailed the major concerns the Lake Association Board had regarding the Singler Addition plat.
- **Todd Maki to discuss proposed 11 plot County plat "Singler Addition":** Supervisor Jeff Stenberg stated that the Planning Commission denied this at their meeting as there are too many questions and concerns. We can do nothing about the New State Law regarding the 100 Feet of Shoreline but there are other issues regarding roads that would have to be brought to Town specs, culverts, driveways, and the turnaround areas. Additional concerns and questions were raised by Atty. Schellgell. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **An Application to operate a temporary portable hot mix plant on Mercer Lake Circle owner Angelo Luppino Inc, American Asphalt, Applicant:** Supervisor Mike Lambert brought up the matter of a performance bond to cover our roads if they were damaged. Tom Burch from American Asphalt stated that the state has it laid out in the contract to cover this. The way it works is that an engineer and a representative from the Town go out and video tape the road before they start. After they are done they look at the condition of the road and video it again. The road will be maintained and left in the same condition as before they came in. Supervisor Mike Lambert asked what time they would start hauling in the mornings, and it was stated that they hoped to start by 6:00 am and that no Jake-break would be used. Chairman Kichak had also contacted the neighbor abutting the plant; that individual had no concerns with its operation. Motion to approve the asphalt plant with the video of the road to insure it is maintained to where it was left before they came in made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Approval/Denial for a Class B Liquor License for Fisher Lake LLC at 1149 Fisher Lake RD Owner/agent Garry and Tammy Ruenger:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak. Carried.
- **Phase 1 ESA report for Kannenburg Building:** MI Tech stated that there is a mild case for contaminates and detailed all the reasons in its ESA PHASE I REPORT. Attorney Schellgell stated that the building aspect is not the issue; it is the ownership by the town. It is bothersome that they are mentioning Midwest Timber. IF the DNR comes in and states that you have a contaminated site then it is the issue of the owner. There are more questions and concerns before moving forward. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.
- **Senior Center to request funds:** Dorothy Wahner stated that last year during the budget process \$2000. Was taken out of the funds that were normally given to the Senior Center. It was also her understanding that if a special project came up that they were to come and see if they could get the remainder back. They are looking into remodeling the kitchen and are hoping to raise enough money to complete the project this fall, but would hope that the Town would get them started by giving them the \$2000.00 back. Motion to approve the funding made by Supervisor

Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak. Carried. The money will need to come from Contingency so it will be placed on the next agenda to move the funds.

- **Discuss Employee handbook:** The Clerk stated that with the recent issues of layoffs and in the future, there was nothing that states what happens to the employee portion of the insurance payments. Does the town pay it, or does the town cover it? Then, when the employee returns, do they then pay it back? The board agreed by consensus that the town would just cover it for now, and that the Clerk could amend the Employee Handbook to cover this inclusion. The Board could the review as agenda item at its next meeting.
- **Vouchers:** the clerk presented checks 36373 to 36385, 100260-100265 totaling \$61,684.10 and the vouchers for checks 36386 to 36415 in the amount of \$25,630.71. 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 had an ending balance of \$254,515.96 and that the total amount of funds was \$1,916,346.12. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Liquor License:** A application for a temp beer license for St Isaac Church for their Pizza/Bingo Party on April 2. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** The crew was laid off but he had called Jake back on Monday and both Joes were back on Tuesday. He will figure out what to do about the rest tomorrow. With the storms, last week, he had Jake out cleaning up the roads. The crew went out with the chipper but then had to shut it down due to issues.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** The Fire Department picked up the new truck and are waiting for the lights to be put on. The old one is sitting in the back of the town hall and is ready to be placed out for bids. Chairman Kichak stated that we will put an ad in the paper and place it on the next agenda. We will also put the bids to start at \$3500.00
- **Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak:** She asked if the Christmas banners could be taken down.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** Did we hear anything about prices for constructing the sidewalk down County J? Chairman Kichak stated he did get a rough quote from Scott Tomek. Supervisor Stenberg stated that this project does need to get completed this year. We have too many kids that walk that way. He also stated that these special permits for the County and Town to allow citizens to receive propane while the load limits are on have gotten out of hand, especially when no one is up at the county to issue them. We had many complaints about not being able to contact anyone from the County to issue the permits. He felt that this needs to be straightened out.
- **Supervisor John Sendra:** He had a complaint out on Kimmear Road and he stated that he went out there, and the pot holes are bad. He requested that we get more sand or something to fill them in for now. He also had calls about the culvert on Lake Tahoe. The Chairman will send the crew to look at the situation. Supervisor Sendra also asked about the contingency plan for the Cramer Road bridge and when is the construction taking place. Chairman Kichak stated that it will start in 2018 and that DOT will not be placing a temporary bridge to go across. They must go all the way around and out on G to access the area. We will also have to discuss what to do in regards to ambulance and fire calls as that bridge will be out for at least 6 weeks. It was asked if we could put a request in to the State to place a temp bridge while they are working on it.
- **Closed session per WI State Stat 19.85 (1) (c) Employee Matters:** Motion to move to closed session at 6:27 pm made by Supervisor John Sendra, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried. Roll call taken.

- **Return to open session:** Motion to return to open session at 6:50 pm made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried. Roll call taken. No action was taken at this time.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak. Carried.

Approved:

Christan Brandt, Town Clerk