

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2017
(unapproved)

- Chairman John Sendra called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman John Sendra, Supervisors Tom Thompson, Mike Lambert, Chuck Schroepfer, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt, Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Fritz Schellgell.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Jack Utrie from Wilson Lake asked when the road would be finished and paved. Supervisor Schroepfer stated that the work for the DNR was complete, but that we did not know when it would be paved. Chairman Sendra stated that we have numerous issues that play into factor, and we are in the process of working on the road plan, so at this time we do not have an answer. Kelly Klein, representing the broadband committee, stated that they are applying for a grant to work on expanding to the east and west which would include the Spider Lake and Lake of the Falls areas. The grant is a cash match, so we are asking for \$4000 from the Town of Mercer and the rest would be requested from the County. There will be a special meeting to determine the board's decision.
- **Heart of the North request to block street off for gathering on July 22:** Steve Ogden, owner of the Heart, stated that John and Judy Houle's daughter is getting married, and they are having a celebration of approximately 250 people at the Heart. He spoke with the neighboring businesses and they are fine with blocking off the street from 3:30 to about 9:00 p.m. from the corner of his building to corner of the old hardware store. Motion to approve with the stipulation that the area be cleaned up by 8:00 am the next morning made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Conditional use permit for a 64' x 48' accessory building at Fisherman's Landing Road owned by Reese Family Land Trust:** Planning Commission recommended approval. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Conditional use permit for a 40' x 40' accessory building at 2017N Carl's Park Road owned by Daniel and Sandra Tompkins:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Conditional use permit for a 30' x 40' accessory building at 4277W Lake of the Falls Road owned by Joseph and Cindy Hahn:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Application for a Tourist Rooming House at 5279N Goettsche Rd Unit 1 of Loon Haven Condos owned by Todd and Jennifer McDonell:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Application for a Tourist Rooming House at 5127N Hwy 51 owned by Keith and Sharon Davisson:** The application did not show if neighbors were contacted regarding the proposed tourist rooming house, plus they have an individual that is not a Mercer resident listed as the agent. Attorney Schellgell stated that to even approve the application, we would have to amend the ordinance. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Resolution 2017-02 to hold a public hearing for changes to the Future Land Use Map of the Town of Mercer Comprehensive Plan:** Bonnie Banaszak stated that this has been an ongoing process for a few years now and we have been working on the parcels along Hwy 51. We have to have a public hearing and it has to be published 30 days prior to the meeting. A date of

Tuesday July 25, 2017 at 5:00 pm was set. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.

- **Budget amendment to move \$6435 from expense line item contingency to expense line item chamber building fund:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Chamber Lease agreement:** Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Award Plow Truck bid:** Motion to postpone review of the bids made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert.
- **Clarification of motion to direct room tax funds to Park Board:** Motion to give the Park Board 20% of what the town receives from the room tax revenue made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Legal:** Supervisor Schroepfer asked questions about the issues with the LRIP program and the 5-year road plan as roads were not put into the WISLR system that are town roads. It will be looked into.
- **Vouchers:** The clerk presented the checks 36701 to 36720, 100289-100292 totaling \$21,393.32 and the vouchers for checks 36721 to 36766 in the amount of \$49,490.19. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer stated that the general account ending balance was \$110,293.18 and our total amount of funds was \$1,681,750.03. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Bartender's License:** An application for Patricia Wonderling. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Liquor Licenses/ Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses:** The clerk stated that these were the annual renewals and that all license will be granted contingent on payment of any fees, delinquent personal property tax, or wholesale liquor bills for the following: Anchor Inn, Antlers Pub, Around the Corner Pub, Arrowhead Resort, Beaver Lodge, Camp one , Cranberry Inn, Dear Lodge, Ding-a Ling Supper Club, Dollar General, Donner's Bay Resort, Gateway Lodge, Heart of the North, Joe Miller Cottage, Johnny's Bar & Grill, Krist Food Mart, Lazy Ace Saloon, Lotter's Mercer BP, Pine Forest Lodge, The Pines Restaurant and Beer Garden, Rugger's Landing, Snow Family Market, Sunken Horse Saloon, Tahoe Lynx Golf Course, The Hideaway, and The Wolf's Den. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Cemetery Deed:** The clerk stated that we have a deed for Donald Hakala for section 4, block 25 plot 2, site 6. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. A deed for Norbert and Georgene Urbanski for section 4 block 25 plot 2 site 3. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** Cramer Lake bridge project is still up in the air but he is still working on it. We are looking into trying to get better interest rates on our funds and currently Associated Bank is working on seeing what they can do for us. He spoke to Zoning regarding these accessory and Tourist Rooming houses and the request forms. He feels they should tell us what they are doing with it and they need to have something from their neighbors and not just stating that they spoke with them. Attorney Schellgell stated that we can deny them if the information is not included in the information.

- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** It was brought to the attention of the Planning Commission that other towns have permits that they hand out to vendors who are selling fireworks in their towns. This is something that we are thinking that needs to be addressed. Attorney Schellgell stated that we would need to broaden the ordinance that we have currently to include this. He also asked if the town had land that the ATV Club could use as a temporary mud pit. They stated that the club could contact Midwest themselves as that is the only property that they could think of for that activity. The Town Attorney advised the board to not get involved.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** He stated that Scott Tomek will mow 24 sections for \$500 for the season or \$75 a time. We will be patching in town on Harper Street and Mercer Lake Circle. He discussed the progress of the old garage regarding possible lead paint and working with the DNR. He also stated that an employee asked about a class A license with a restriction and if that would be good enough. It was decided the employee needs to have a license to handle the equipment that we have.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** The smell from the garbage/recycle site is bad again. He felt that we need to figure out a way to move it from in town. This will be put on an agenda.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.