

Town of Mercer
Special Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2017
(approved)

- Chairman John Sendra called the meeting to order at 9:00am in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman John Sendra, Supervisor's Tom Thompson, Mike Lambert, Chuck Schroepfer, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt and Attorney Fritz Schellgell.
- **Public Comment:** Numerous residents spoke in support of the broadband as well as the solar panels at the Library. Key points were that the solar panels would be of no cost to the Town and that it would benefit the students as well as the residents. Numerous residents stated that they would like to be able to get internet where they live.
- **Solar panel for Library:** Wendy Thiede stated that the Friends of the Library would fund the solar panels and not cost to town a dime. They have researched this project and saved for two years to be able to fund it. She sent out an email a day ago and had received 108 signatures of which 76 are full time Mercer Residents. First Motion was denied due to concerns with maintenance and who would take care of it in the future. Concerns were addressed by the Friends agreeing to sign an agreement that they would maintain the solar panels. Motion to approve with the stipulation that the Friends sign a maintenance agreement made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. 3 yes 1 no, motion carried.
- **Award plow truck bid:** Supervisor Mike Lambert stated that the crew liked the International truck over the Peterbilt. Ken Brunell from the road crew stated that the International has a Cummins engine as well as gets better fuel economy and has less issues. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that the reason we are purchasing a new one as it will replace our Oshkosh which is 17 years old, however we will keep it as a backup. We have the funds to purchase the chassis and put the remaining in the budget for next year as it will be January by time it will be delivered. Motion to purchase the International for \$117,000.00 made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Broadband Committee to request funds and letter of support:** Attorney Schellgell stated that we cannot donate to a for profit or nonprofit without entering into a contract. It was stated that we could give the funds to the County and then it would be inter-governmental and we would not need a contract. Mic McKindles stated that the funds will not be needed until next year as this is the spring 2018 project. We are currently working with a company to geographically find areas of elevation that will hopefully be on County land. The towers are only 75 to 100 feet tall and would only need a minimum of an acre. Motion to send a letter of support and send funds to the County made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

Approved: July 6,2017

Christan Brandt, Town Clerk