

Town of Mercer  
Meeting Minutes for July 6,2017  
(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, and Clerk Christian Brandt. Absent Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Schellgell.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the June 20<sup>th</sup> minutes as written made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried. Motion to approve the June 16 special meeting minutes made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried. Motion to approve the June 15 special meeting minutes made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Bonnie Banaszak stated that the town does not own the tree where the depot is and the Loons need to go to Historical Society to discuss lighting it for the holidays. Clerk Christian Brandt stated she did speak with the Loons about that and at this time they were not ready to come to the board with the request so it would need to be postponed.
- **Library solar panel agreement:** Attorney Schellgell had drawn up an agreement in which the Friends would donate the money to the town to purchase the panels. This way the town would have recourse if something were to ever happen because of them. The Friends would like to have an attorney look at the agreement first. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **An application for a tourist rooming house at 5127 Hwy 51 owned by Keith and Sharon Davisson:** They still have not changed the agent to someone here in Mercer. Motion to deny made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried
- **Sign application for a 4' x 8' sign at 2510 Hwy 51 (Kohegyi property) owned by Dennik Stump Removal:** Planning Commission reviewed and approved. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **An application to allow an average setback of 50' for construction of an accessory building at 2679 Portage Ave owner Adam and Samantha Kussard:** Planning Commission reviewed this and approved. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Sno-Goers to request Town to take loan for new groomer:** Darrell Fohr of the Sno-Goers stated that the town has taken 6 loans for them over the years and have all been paid off on time or early, and they currently have one left on the building that will be paid off next June. They would like to purchase a light weight groomer to use earlier in the season, and they would be putting half of the funds down to purchase it. So, they are looking for a loan of \$50,000.00. Motion to approve the town taking out the loan pending the Town Attorney's approval in case any laws have changed made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Mercer Loons request to place Christmas lights back on the tree by the depot:** This has been requested to be postponed. The Supervisors stated that since it is not our property that we deny this. Motion to deny made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Chamber Lease Agreement:** Supervisor Jeff Stenberg stated that the 180 days is an issue since we do not have all the funds in the budget for this year. If they can work with us a little to do some of this next year, I would not have an issue. John Jagodzinski from the Chamber stated

that he did not see a problem with postponing some of the items such as siding. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.

- **Possible other areas for the transfer/recycle center:** Supervisor Tom Thompson stated that they were looking to move the facility to get the smell out of the residential area. We have had numerous complaints from the residents that live near there. The compactors are oozing liquid out of the bottom of the container and then we have a river of smell running down the concrete. The ideal spot would be to have it somewhere off Hwy 51 so that we could just have a gate placed in the front. Tom stated that when he spoke to Eagle Waste they said that no one else has ever complained before.
- **Approval of office printer:** The Clerk stated the she had received a letter from the company stating that they would no longer guarantee parts and that the agreement would be null. This printer was purchased in 2008, as far as she could tell, and she does have the funds in her office budget. The Clerk stated that she did research and has 3 different quotes for similar machines and her preference would be the EO Johnson. It is also the cheaper unit. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Approval letting of bids for paving and crack sealing:** Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that the paving bid is a TRIP project and had to be published in the paper 2 times in order to complete the project. The crack sealing was put in the paper for today, and then we can go ahead and get them started. Motion to let the bid out made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried
- **Reimbursement of cell phone use and mileage:** Chairman Sendra stated that he wanted to standardize things by having a proper expense report and he also felt that we should get reimbursed for attending seminars and workshops. He also stated that most businesses pay 20 to 25% of cell phone fees for employees that use them. Supervisor Mike Lambert asked why this came up, and commented that if we do it for the crew then we would need to do it for everyone such as the Fire Department. The Clerk stated that we get reimbursed for workshops and that we have two town cell phones already, not to mention where this expenditure would fit in the budget. Motion to postpone so that it can be looked into further made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Approve bid for truck accessories:** We have the accessory information from Monroe and the total would be \$85,784.00. If we want the electronic hydraulic package, it would cost an additional \$12,474.00. Motion to approve with the hydraulic package made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Cramer Lake Bridge:** Chairman Sendra stated that he has been in contact with Beth Meyers and she had Robin Stafford from the DOT contact him regarding our hardship on the bridge project. At this time, we may be able to get a temp bridge added to the project but it would have to be pushed out until 2020, but then there would be no guarantee that we would get our funding.
- **Park Board to discuss funds for basketball and tennis courts:** Adam Kussard from the park board stated that at this time they still did not receive the quote they were waiting for to so they are asking to postpone until the next meeting. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Policy for Conditional use and Tourist rooming house application/permits:** Chairman Sendra stated that Springstead stated that they have their Planning Commission contact the neighbors that surround the property that is taking out the permit. Supervisor Stenberg stated that we do have a form that asks them to fill out who they have talked with, and if it is not filled out we can always deny it. It was stated that we should review what we already have in place and then

maybe look into what other towns are doing. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.

- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 36767 to 36797, 100293-100297 totaling \$39,557.16 and the vouchers for checks 36798 to 36837 in the amount of \$34,698.50. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** none
- **Bartender's License:** We have applications for Diana Schuette, Georgia Flanagan, Kendra Tutt, Edith Gillian, Merry Perkins, Traci Thurman, Nancy Malouf, Amelia Arnold, Jeff Stenberg, Erica Ryskey, Julia Wagner, and Madeline Cole. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. Supervisor Jeff Stenberg abstained.
- **Chairs Report:** Oneida County voted down the 12-bed hospital that Marshfield Clinic wanted to put in Minocqua, so he contacted Dr. Melmer about maybe moving the proposed project to Mercer since they already have a clinic here in town. Dr. Melmer stated that at this time they are going through an appeal process and that will take quite some time before they will know anything further. Supervisor Stenberg asked if we could talk to Paul Carlson, our assessor, to see if there would be any tax breaks if they came here.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** The paint test came back on shop #2, and it is lead free. Our hang up at this time is with the asbestos removal as the company is so logged up that they cannot fit us in any time soon.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** We may be close to the two-year time frame with another lot at the business park. He will look into this matter.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He stated that we have many ATV signs up but that there is a bill going in front of the state assembly. If this bill passes, a town could place a sign at the end of town stating that our roads are open. We will hold off until we find out the outcome of this bill. He also stated that the basketball and tennis courts are getting worse. The cracks are huge and asked if we couldn't we close them down temporarily until they get fixed before someone get hurt.
- **Closed Session per WI State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) employee matters:** Motion to move into closed session made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Roll call taken.
- **Return to open session:** Motion to return to open session made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Roll call taken. Motion to accept the retirement of Joe Hammond in two weeks.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.