

Town of Mercer  
Meeting Minutes for August 3,2017  
(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 Christan Brandt. Absent Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Schellgell.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Elmer Gosh stated that they are awaiting signs for the trailhead and want to know if the town would be willing to donate about six sign posts. They also have a bench coming and wanted to know if it had to be placed on top of concrete. The board was willing donate the posts and the bench does not have to be placed on concrete. Bill Brundage asked about placing stop signs on Lakeshore as cars and ATV's are speeding through there. Mike Novak asked when Wilson Lake Road would be paved. The stop signs will be placed on the agenda. The paving for Wilson Lake Road was placed on the road plan for next year, but that will also depend on the town's funds and how things go with the projects that need to be completed first.
- **Solar agreement with Friends of the Library:** Teresa met with Attorney Schellgell and he addressed the concerns that the group had, and then he drew up the current agreement. She felt everyone was in agreement and that it should be good to go. Supervisor Mike Lambert stated that he still did not like the way things went at the last meeting. He elaborated on the fact that they did not agree with the Town Attorney, and that he is trying to watch out for the best interest of the Town. He further noted that they continued to state that the person that would be placing the solar panels did not want to work with the town and that the Friends felt we were going to steal their money. He felt that was out of line and inappropriate. The Chairman agreed that it was uncalled for, and he stated that he did point out those facts during the prior meeting. When we agreed to forward the funds to the Library, a few individuals rubbed our noses in it. However, we need to move forward. Teresa agreed and stated that those were not the feelings of the 168 members that are currently Friends of the Library. We want to work with the town. Motion to approve made by Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. 3 yes 2 no Carried.
- **Resolution 2017-03 for County Library Levy Exemption:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Conditional use permit for a 30' x 45' accessory building at 5875W Payment Lake Rd owned by Steve Kraynick:** Planning Commission recommended approval. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Approval to move money form money market to CD's:** Since we are not sure where we will be financially next year, the suggestion was made to place half of the Hwy/Const Garage money market account in a CD. Motion to move \$295,440.21 into a 12-month CD made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Rezone from R-1 (Residential Recreation) to I-1 (industrial) to bring into compliance at 2553 County Rd J owned by Town of Mercer:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Open/award paving bid for 1.5 miles of hot mix asphalt:** We received one bid from Pitlik and Wick for \$180,841.55. Motion to award the bid to Pitlik and Wick made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Open/award bid for Chamber siding:** we received two bids. The first bid is from Angelo Luppino for \$15,070.00 and Bob Zell for \$10,900.00. Due to some issues that have arisen concerning this item, we will postpone awarding the bid. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

- **Open/award bid for septic at town garage:** We have one bid from Klopatek Plumbing for \$6,460.00. Supervisor Mike Lambert asked if the crew could do the excavating and removal of debris, would that save us money. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Open/award bid for paving tennis and basketball court:** One bid was submitted from Pitlik and Wick. Due to the amounts and the items that were on the bids, they felt that there may have been some miscommunication and would like to check into these items. Motion to deny and resubmit made Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Apply for aid from Iron County for culvert replacement on Popko Circle West:** Chuck Schroepfer explained that the culvert we currently have is a 24" and that he spoke with John Simonson with the DNR and he stated that he would recommend we go with a 36" and in doing so we would be entitled to ½ of the funding coming from the County.
- **Speed limit on Hwy 51 South end of town:** Chairman Sendra stated that we have a buffer zone on the North end of town where it goes from 45mph to 30mph but on the South end it goes from 55pmh to 30mph and he would like to get this changed. He spoke with Jack Keefer with the DOT and he agreed and stated to bring this to the town board for approval and then he would be able to move forward. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Discuss demolition of Town Garage #2:** Supervisor Schroepfer stated that the town does not have the amount of money in our budget that it is going to cost to complete the project this year. We already must cover the cost of electrical work and asbestos removal in the building. The asbestos removal is going to cost \$6,532.00 and he would like to get permission to go forward and get this done this year and do the demo next year. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Resolution 2017-04** to amend the Town of Mercer Comprehensive Plan: Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Amend Comprehensive Plan Ordinance 2017-01:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 36901 to 36927, 100305 – 100309 totaling \$36,918.27 and the vouchers for checks 36928 to 36941 in the amount of \$21,117.49. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Clerk stated that the general account had an ending balance of \$147,700.05 and out total amount of funds was \$1,621,345.38. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** The Chairman stated that last weekend they had bicyclists in town who stayed at the hotel and spent money at the restaurant and in town at other establishments. He felt that this was a good thing and that he has seen an increase in the number of bicyclists in town. Zach Lawson from the DNR was in and discussed the Shae Dam draw down and left him information on this procedure dating back to the early 1900's. Mike Grage from the DOT informed him that he is working on getting us more funds for a temporary bridge. We should know by April of next year and either way we will be doing the project next year or in 2019. We have a meeting set with the DNR and the ATV club to work on extending some of our trails South of town on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm for anyone interested.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** He stated that the crack sealing looks good and it is nice and smooth. He also asked about getting the cross-walk signs on 51, where some are missing. They will look up at the garage; otherwise, we will order more.

- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He picked up a sprayer at the Warehouse on Monday and asked the crew to bring a blower down to the old garage so that they can get the area cleaned up around recycling.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** He spoke with Six from Lazy Ace and he is all for the bike path but he stated that they have had quite a few near misses with cars and bikes, as the bikes just barrel right through and do not stop. He wanted to know if there was anything else that can be done or other signs that could be placed in the area.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** We had two of the guys go take their tests and passed. The paving on Hwy 51 will start on August 21 and the filming of Beachway Drive prior to heavy usage by the paving company will be done shortly per the agreement with the company.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. 6:58 pm

Approved:

Christan Brandt, Town Clerk