

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2017
(unapproved)

- Chairman John Sendra called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman John Sendra, Supervisors Tom Thompson, Mike Lambert, Chuck Schroepfer, Clerk Christian Brandt and Attorney Fritz Schellgell arrived at 3:36pm. Absent Treasurer Lin Miller.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Award Bid for septic at town garage:** This item had been postponed previously due to the question of the cost to do the excavation of the site, and if the town crew could do this to help reduce the expense of the project. Supervisor Schroepfer stated he spoke with Klopatek and they were fine with that. The change would decrease the cost by \$1000.00. The new bid for the septic was \$5460.00. Motion to approve the bid from Klopatek Plumbing made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Signage on Lakeshore Drive:** Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Chamber agreement regarding the \$50,000 allotment:** Bill Altman from the Mercer Chamber asked if the board could start the discussion about the proposed allotment since he was not sure what this is about. Supervisor Mike Lambert stated that the town does not have this amount in the budget to get items completed this year. Discussion ensued regarding what needs to be done and what could be put on hold for next year. Attorney Schellgell stated that we could amend the amount of days and the amount of funds if the work needs to be done to allow for construction prior to January 1, 2018. Bill Altman stated that the Chamber would meet again next week and that they could get more concrete information as far as the detailed costs of the needed repairs and what they are looking to get completed. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Business Park Lot #2 Mercer Industries:** They were going to be here this evening and before we make any decisions on what to do with this lot, we need to speak with them. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Business Park Lot #12 Mercer Well Drilling:** We received a letter from Mercer Well stating that they have had some financial hardships and are requesting an extension. The board agreed to give them an extension. Motion to have Attorney Schellgell execute a formal document giving them an extension until June 30, 2018, made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Legal:** Attorney Schellgell stated that he spoke with Dan Schneider, the Attorney for Russ Sleight, and informed him that we need documentation to move forward regarding the whole tree cutting issue on the bike path that involved his property. Once I receive anything I will forward it to Christian. He also stated that this is also why he has not filed any actions against Coleman as we may incur more costs with the outcome from the Sleight action.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented the checks for 36942 to 36955, 100310-100313 totaling \$19,701.18 and the vouchers for checks 36956 to 36988 in the amount of \$30,614.34. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.

- **Treasurer' Report:** The clerk stated that the general account ending balance was \$120,015.78 and the total amount of funds was \$1,296,408.05. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Bartender's License:** An application for Philip Wilson. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** He stated that he let Jack Keefer from the DOT know that the board agreed to the change in speed on Hwy 51, so Jack will be working on that for us.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** The roads are completely prepped for paving except Mercer Lake Circle where we need to cut and remove a few stumps. The culvert between Fisher and Catherine Lakes was checked out, and it is ok except for some washing. We will repair that with hot mix. He and Jake met with American Asphalt regarding resident concerns over all the truck traffic on Beachway, and he felt the meeting went well. We were also informed that we will not plow the Mercer Tower site any longer as the County has signed an agreement and will be responsible for that going forward.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** He stated that he wanted to thank Gino Mallum for mowing over by the Business Park and he asked for the size of the Chamber building footprint.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He attended the Iron County Recycle meeting in Hurley regarding issues with Eagle Waste. It sounds like we will be getting a different compactor than the one we have currently, but he was not sure when that would take place. He also stated that he will be taking the trailer with the cans up to the distributor and that the funds should go to town beautification.
- **Closed session per WI State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) discuss Personnel items:** Motion to go into closed session made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried. 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. Carried. No action taken.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.