

Town of Mercer  
Meeting Minutes for September 21,2017  
(unapproved)

- Supervisor Jeff Stenberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Supervisors Jeff Stenberg, Tom Thompson, Mike Lambert, Chuck Schroepfer and Clerk Christan Brandt. Absent Chairman John Sendra, Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Fritz Schellgell.
- **Approval of Prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the September 7, 2017 meeting minutes made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Jim Hanneman from the Candy Cane Committee asked to be placed on the next agenda regarding decorations for the town. He would like the town to see about placing decorations on the South end of town. Bill Brundage spoke on the allocation of room tax funds as they are still working on the courts and have quotes for concrete. They Park Board was hoping that the town crew would have time to maybe help prep the site to save money. Angie Vonsyc commended whomever was in charge of working on the garden beds along 51 in town. Bob Singler stated that he was informed by Chuck that he needed to remove his trailer from the town property out on Popko Circle. Bob further stated that he had permission to be there from the prior Chairman and that he was allowed to take rock from there. This would have been done already but due to health issues he was unable to get it taken care of. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that in speaking to the town Attorney, it is a liability issue and it cannot be there. Bob stated that he is insured more than anyone in the area and it should not be an issue. This item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion when the town Attorney can also be present. Brian Helineak with the Mercer ATV and Sno-Goers clubs stated that they have been working on the trails and adding gravel. Beaver Lodge, Wolf's Den, the ATV and Snowmobile clubs donated a total of \$1000 for the upkeep expenses. They have been able to fix the area from Beaver Road to the pump house. They wish to be placed on the next agenda to see if the town would be able to donate more gravel to finish the project.
- **Mercer Lake Association to discuss new dock at the Mercer Lake boat landing:** Angie Von Syc from the Association stated that a few years back it was discussed that the current dock is great for the residents to fish from but not to take your boat in and out of the water. We have researched the current Iowa based dock Company to get more information and have also gotten quotes for the addition of a new separate dock to make it easier for residents to take their boats in and out of the lake. We would like the board to consider this at budget time and to know that the Mercer Lake Association is willing to donate up to \$4000.00 toward the new dock. Motion to postpone until budget time made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson Carried.
- **Mercer Chamber Renovation Project:** John Jagodzinski stated that they still do not have concrete numbers to bring to the Town Board but that they Chamber did like the kiosk idea that was part of the plan that McNutt came in with. The building committee working on this and when that is complete, they will then come back to the Town with hard numbers. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Mercer Chamber Pumpkin Run:** The Chamber asked permission to have someone bring the barricades down for them to use for the ATV Parade as well as see if the town would be willing to mow a section of Midwest Timber that they have permission to use for events that will be held. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that they would bring the barricades down and that they would cut the grass as long as the Town has permission from Midwest Timber to do this.

- **Room Tax Allocation:** This was placed on the agenda by Chairman Sendra, Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Vouchers:** Clerk Christan Brandt presented checks 37067 to 37091 & 1000316 to 1000322 in the amount of \$20,101.73 and the vouchers for checks 37092 to 37112 totaling \$25,152.99. Motion to pay the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Clerk stated that the general account ending balance was \$368,252.26 and the total amount of funds was \$1,545,041.35. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Temp Beer License:** An application for the Friends of the Mercer Library, Fall Celebration on September 30 at the Mercer Community Center. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Cemetery Deed:** An application for John Malone for Section 3, Block 1, Plot 4, Sites 1,4,5,8. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** He stated that the septic at the shop was installed, paving is complete, but waiting on the shouldering except out on Echo Lane. The asbestos was removed from the shop and the company will return to test the shingles. The culvert on Popko was installed and we are waiting for paving.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** He stated that he attended the Park Board Meeting and they received a quote for concrete for the basketball court of \$32,000 and the tennis court would be \$38,000. They would like to do this in segments so still getting the basketball done this year and then the tennis next year.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** The County Recycle Committee wants to go through all the hydraulics on the compactor as they say they are shot. He spoke with Adam at the Sanitary and they stated that we would not be able to drain the waste from the compactor into their system.
- **Public Comment:** Bill Brundage asked about the accommodations ordinance which states there is a committee overseeing the allocations. Who are they and when do they meet? He also stated that he thinks they are the group that should decide what the room tax funds are spent on. This will be looked into and placed on the next agenda.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.

Approved:

Christan Brandt, Town Clerk