

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2017
(unapproved)

- The Chairman 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, Clerk Christan Brandt, Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Schellgell.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the September 21 and 29 meeting minutes made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Bob Singler was in to discuss the matter of the staging area on Popko Circle where he has equipment on Town property. This will be on the next agenda. Stu Pfeiffer wanted to know why they cut trees on Stafford Point because for over 20 years there has never been a problem with plowing and room to push the snow until the new neighbor placed rocks and a statue in the town right-of-way. Supervisor Schroepfer stated that it has always been an issue with getting the trucks in and out of that cul-de-sac, as well as having a ton of driveways in a small space. Bill Brundage asked about the stop signs on Lakeshore and when this would be rectified. This will be placed on the next agenda. Angie Vansyc from the Mercer Lake Association came in with an estimate from SS Sports for a roll-a-dock to view for budget time.
- **Rezoning for an F-1 (forestry) to a C-1 (commercial) at 5044N Highway 51 owned by Michael Case:** The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Town Hall phone and internet service:** Clerk Christan Brandt stated that she has been looking at ways to save money since the office phones cost around \$285 a month with CenturyLink and keeping their internet. Going with Verizon for phone service would save anywhere from \$145 to \$175 a month. She would like permission to switch the service. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Open/award propane bid:** We received one bid from Ritchie Oil @ 1.298 and up to a 10% rebate may apply. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Decorations South of Town:** Jim Hannemann stated that he is a member of the Candy Cane Committee and they do not feel they should be the group to decide on decorations as well as they do not have the funds to do so. He would like to see someone like the Park Board be able to decide this over as it is a beautification matter. The Board wanted to know cost and what they were thinking. They did not have costs together. Clerk Christan Brandt stated that she could look into cost as well as suggested purchasing the holders for the flags and placing the current Christmas flags down on the South end of Town.
- **Donation of gravel to ATV/ Snow Mobile Club:** They need gravel to finish graveling the trail from Horner's Road to Cramer Lake Road, and they are figuring they would need around 24 loads. Attorney Schellgell asked if this would be going across private property and the Club stated that it would. Attorney Schellgell advised that the Town should donate money and the Club could purchase the gravel on their own. Motion to give \$4000 to the snowmobile club for the purchase
- **Accommodations Tax Ordinance and Committee:** Need to contact a current member to have him resign as he no longer meets the criteria to be a member. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Set date for budget workshop:** The date will be October 13, 2017 at 9:00 am. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

- **Legal:** None
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 37113 to 37143, 1000323-1000329 totaling \$86,044.64 and the vouchers for checks 37144 to 37164 in the amount of \$35,120.56. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer stated that the general account ending balance was \$266,077.50 and out total amount of funds was \$1,442,866.59. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** He spoke to Michel from DOT and he did not have good news. He stated that the State said we can have a temp bridge for Cramer Lake Road but we would have to pay for the whole thing. he believed it was a few hundred thousand to get a temp bridge and we do not have the funds for that. Chairman Sendra also stated that we should start preparing for options during that 7-week period. He thinks the DOT will hold a public meeting some time in November. Attorney Schellgell stated that we should send certified letters to the residents on that will be affected so they know about the meeting.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** Popko Circle was striped from FF to Hadley Road. He also had a resident ask if Cutoff Road would be paved. He also stated it was mentioned that that at Fire Practice, the Fire Department had to take the rescue boat out on the Flowage to look for canoers that were missing. They were called out because DNR was not in the area and the Sheriff Department did not have a hitch. The Fire Department does not feel that the tax payers should have to cover this incident as it cost roughly \$1400.00. Attorney Schellgell stated that we should send a bill.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** Do we know when the crew can get down to the park to work on the court. Chuck stated that he will speak with Jake and get back to him.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** We need to send a letter to get the car out of the alley behind the town hall. Chairman Sendra stated that he would speak to them.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** Shouldering is done on Klick Road, and we were able to get all the paperwork in on time to the State for reimbursement. Also working on getting May Rock Road on the system along with the bridge out there.
- **Clerks Correspondence:** Received letters about Stafford Point and Wilson Lake Circle but Supervisor Schroepfer sent letters to address both issues. He also stated in the meeting that they are hoping to pave 7/10 of a mile next year but that \$240,000 does not go very far when you have paving, patching, and chip sealing to do.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.