

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes for November 16, 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 Schroeffer, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt, Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Fritz Schellgell who came in at 5:34 pm.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Jim Storck voiced concerns about fees for the Community Center. Jackie Lamberty from Health and Wellness also voiced her opinion regarding fees. Chairman Sendra stated that this was still something that they are looking into.
- **Run for the Vets to ask permission to place flags at each end of town:** Betty Snyder from the “Run for the Vets” stated that they would like to purchase two flags and the poles and have them placed somewhere as you come into town. Attorney Schellgell asked who would put these up and where would they be placed. Betty stated that some of the details needed to be worked out, but that she wanted to make sure that she had permission before moving forward. They stated that DOT would have to be notified due to right of way issues first.
- **Questions and issues with the purchase of lot 3 Cramer Lake Road:** Discussion between Ellen Kerwin and town board to come to an agreement regarding the .03 acres of temporary easement and .02 acres for new Hwy right of way purchase of her property. Mrs. Kerwin feels that she should get \$3580 for the portion of her parcel instead of the Appraisal done by CORRE which states that the land is worth \$300.00. Attorney Schellgell explained the process and how it works and that Mrs. Kerwin’s deadline for getting an appraisal done is the 24th of November. The other three land owners that abut the bridge were given \$300 to \$600 and the higher amount was because it involved more land. Supervisor Mike Lambert stated that if an appraisal is around \$600 then we can add that to the offer and that is that. Motion to offer \$900.00 made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Discuss and consider equipment purchases:** Supervisor Mike Lambert asked what was going on with the committee for the bike path and the funds that they currently have. They are all meeting on the 29th to go over what can be done to maintain the path going forward. Any other discussion was placed on hold until after the meeting in two weeks.
- **Discuss and consider administration charge on accounts receivables:** Supervisor Chuck Schroeffer stated that he feels that we need to add this charge. An example was that recently we had a company come in and damage our road. We had to have someone come in and take of the patch and that is all we get compensated for. We need to have an administration charge for all the paperwork that goes with it, just like the County Highway department does. The County charges 4.47% for an admin fee. He even stated that speaking with the Clerk we have many items that go through her office. Motion to charge 4% and 2% for nonprofits made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried. The Resolution will be placed on the next agenda.
- **Legal:** none
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 37257 to 37280, 1000333-338 in the amount of \$71,325.28 and the vouchers for checks 37281 to 37310 totaling \$39,974.59. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

- **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer stated that the general account ending balance was \$149,983.27 and our total amount of funds was \$1,226,750.98. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** He stated that he had contacted Dr. Melmer's assistant from Marshfield Clinic as the meeting was postponed again for their addition in Minocqua. He also stated that he spoke with the bike path committee and we are having a meeting on the 29th at 11:00 am, and he invited the Chamber to as well. Still nothing new on the Cramer Lake bridge project except for our portion is going up for the projected cost from last year. He did receive a letter from Jane Zillmer regarding concerns and the letter notes everything that we are already concerned with and we are working on. We will have a meeting in the spring for the residents to attend.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** He asked about the issue of the snow pile over by the post office. Are we going to let that continue as we get things cleaned up and there sits this pile that he believes is from the sidewalk being pushed off into a parking spot? If it gets hard and someone hits that, then what?
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He stated that the park was offered a donation for the new tennis courts, but we do not know how much it is yet. He also talked to Mike Schwartz County Highway Commissioner about getting prices and other information for culverts for Cramer Lake bridge.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** He stated that the road report is all sent in and includes the 13 new/old roads that needed to be entered. We also received our TRIP money and the \$550 from the County from plowing to the cell tower last year. The storm sewers have been cleaned. He also received a call from Gary Kessler from Springstead asking if we would be interested in taking over the quarter mile on Wilson Lake that is currently theirs and that we have been maintaining anyway.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** Stated that the furnace at the Community Center had gone out and is running again but we need to keep in mind that those furnaces are 22 years old. He also asked if we have contacted our Congressman about the Cramer Bridge and our issue. Chairman Sendra stated that he would speak with them again.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.