

Town of Mercer  
Meeting Minutes for February  
(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 Fritz Schellgell.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Mike Ondreski informed the board about the snowmobiles running down the bike path.
- **Rezone from a RR-1 (Residential- Recreation) to a C-1 (Commercial) at 3567W Turtle Rapids Lane owned by LaVerne and Anne Louis:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Approval/ denial of accessory structure overhang to encroach on Town right of way on edge of alley and Richardson Street for Lotter Mercer BP:** Motion was made to approve Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert that the encroachment on Richardson and to approve the addition of the right of way encroachment on Vaughn Street with the stipulation that he keep to his word and push the snow towards Vaughn St and Joe would come remove right away. Carried.
- **Discuss and consider approval of temporary road easement with Dr. Barry Seidel:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried
- **Approval/denial of amendment to ATV Route Ordinance regarding temporary easement roads not to be used while being utilized for vehicles:** Motion to approve the amendment made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Approval/ denial of temporary road easement to not be open to through traffic:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Discuss and approve 5-year road plan:** Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that he explained to the road crew that we have roughly \$255,000 in the roads budget. They all worked together on this and he feels that it is pretty workable. He also said things can be amended down the road as things change such as cost and the weather. Motion to approve the road plan made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 37574 to 37600, 1000355-356 totaling \$24,174.28 and the vouchers for checks 37601 to 37617 in the amount of \$18,199.58. 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 ending balance was \$225,593.46 and our total amount of funds were \$3,731,080.79. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** The Chairman stated that he went to the informational meeting in Manitowish Waters regarding the possible connection of the bike path to Mercer. They are proposing a connection that would have a bridge over the Manitowish River. Also, we have an issue with the snowmobilers riding down our bike trail. We need to somehow address this issue, but he did not think signs would help. The Board agreed to schedule a meeting with the Snowmobile Club to see if they can't get the word out to stay off and maybe we can post something around town. We also now

have the addition of Bill Zumbeck on the Room Tax Committee so we should hopefully have a meeting soon.

- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** He stated that he talked with Todd Morrison from Architect North about the shop. Todd looked over the building and will be putting a proposal together that we will review in March. He also wanted to clarify that the Solar Panels are not getting cleaned by Jerry or Teresa. The insulation was put in over the reading room and the Community Center and are in your list of bills for this evening. We are going to work on lighting in shop #1 and #2 as it is pretty bad. Xcel offers a Focus on Energy program that we will apply for to help improve the lighting.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** He stated that he sent an email to the board asking if we should send a letter regarding the opening of the Turtle Flowage Scenic Waterway area for about ½ mile from Hadley to Sunken Horse. This would be trail 10 that could be opened up and get the ATV's and snowmobiles off the road. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that he felt the Board should stay neutral on the matter.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He informed the Board that the County Recycle program had a few dollars left in the budget so they had decided to give the workers a check for clothing allowance.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.

Approved:

Christan Brandt, Town Clerk