

Town of Mercer  
Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2018  
(unapproved)

- Chairman 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, Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Fritz Schellgell. Absent Clerk Christan Brandt.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve prior meeting minutes made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroeffer. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Hunter Lawn was in attendance and stated that their company runs commercial grade equipment.
- **ATV speed limit on Popko Circle:** A suggestion was made at a previous meeting that the ATV speed limit be lowered to 15 MPH on Popko Circle. The board did not act on it at that meeting. Ron Hjerstead stated that he felt it would be ridiculous to drop it down as the 25 MPH cannot even be enforced. He and many others felt that it should be left alone. Supervisor Chuck Schroeffer stated that there are a few signs on Wilson and other roads that state the speed is 10 MPH. He wanted to know who put signs up and the Tom Vavra from the ATV Club stated that they did not post them. Motion to leave the speed limit at 25 MPH made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Appoint a Town entity to oversee the bike path:** Chairman Sendra stated that at a meeting we put the Park Board in charge of the bike path. Attorney Schellgell also stated that by statute, he did not see how it could be any other way. Chairman Sendra stated that we had a meeting regarding the bike path where we discussed the maintenance of the trail, mowing and who will pay for it. We have funds from the prior Lupine Junefest Committee of \$24,000. MECCA has the equipment to mow the path but has not come in with a confirmed total for mowing. They estimated at the meeting that it was around \$500.00 per mowing. Chairman Sendra stated that since the maintenance will fall to the town to cover the cost, he has a suggestion to the board: The Chamber has taken over Lupine Junefest and last year they raised around \$8000. The Chamber also received over \$62,000.00 in room tax monies last year, and the Town gives them \$15,000 every year. He would like to suggest that we take \$3000.00 of the \$15,000.00 and put that towards the up keep of the bike path. Supervisor Mike Lambert asked if we could use room tax monies to use maintenance on the bike path. Attorney Schellgell stated that he was not sure we could use room tax for mowing of the bike path but he would look into it. Attorney Schellgell stated that the park board will be the entity in charge of the bike path. Supervisor Schroeffer asked if the park board could appoint a subcommittee. Attorney Schellgell stated that he did not know. He will have to look into it. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Chuck Schroeffer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Bike Path maintenance funding:** Chairman Sendra stated that we already discussed this item and the board will look at funding changes at budget time. Discussion ensued regarding the park board and how they are going to maintain the path. Adam from the park board stated that he wants to all be on board with this. It was stated that a joint meeting should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- **Town board to Open/Award park mowing bid per request of the park board:** We had 5 bids for the park mowing. Attorney Schellgell stated that looking over the forms, the board may want to make sure we are comparing apples to apples. We need to have everything spelled out specifically and if the bid did not, then we pitch them. Have the Christan make a spreadsheet as to what we are looking at.

1. B Square Maintenance	\$7300.00
2. MTG Outdoor service	\$6480.00
3. Hunters Lawn	\$7314.00
4. MAC and Laura	\$18,500.00

5. Northwood Lawn and Home

\$8800.00

Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.

- **Legal:** Attorney Schellgell stated
- **Vouchers:** The treasurer presented checks 37907 to 37930, 1000379-1000381 totaling \$25,448.22 and the vouchers for checks 37931 to 37947 in the amount of \$24,179.86. motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer stated that the general account ending balance was \$283,612.71 and the total amount of funds was \$1,850,360.96. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried
- **Bartender's License:** We had applications for Julie Brownell and Anne Murrin. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Liquor License:** Temp beer application for the Mercer Education Foundation "Taste of the Northwoods" on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Cemetery Deed:** An application for Becky Armstrong for section 3 block 16 plot 1 sites 6 and 7. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** Chairman Sendra stated that in the board packets they had copies of the paperwork for the bridge project that confirms that it is again a true 80/20 match. Pete Wetzler talked to him regarding that some towns have adopted state inspectors due to the state DSPS requiring state of Wisconsin licensed electrician on residential and commercial in the next few years. Frank Lotter was in and asking us to again review his request for signage. He was proposing we all go take a look at the sign. He would want to change the BP digital sign every ten minutes. Kathy Tutt stated if we do this for his business, we will need to do this for all Mercer businesses. Chairman Sendra stated that it would go back before the Planning if we did this.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** Nothing
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He stated that Pat Brandt asked if the town could grade Jug's Road.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** He asked Attorney Schellgell about what was going on with the lots of the business park.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** touching up roads as they dry out, Hadley pit will be open as early as Monday but will call Christian as soon as he knows for sure. Crew will meet with DNR to go over the projects that we want to work on this year. Crew has been cleaning up town this week. Next week they will work on the cemetery.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.