

Town of Mercer  
Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2018  
(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, Treasurer Lin Miller, Clerk Christan Brandt, and Attorney Schellgell arrived at 5:31 pm. Absent Supervisor Jeff Stenberg.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes with the correction of a spelling of last name in the Chair's report made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Dorothy Wahner from the Senior Center reported that they had their open house and it was a great turnout and thanked Chairman Sendra for attending.
- **ATV Club request for town to take loan out for new tractor:** Jeff Schoenbeck (Six) and Tom Vavra from the Dusty Loons were in attendance to speak about the purchase of a new tractor to help maintain the trails. With a municipality discount and with the Club providing \$30,000 down, the loan would be for \$32,385.00. Attorney Schellgell stated the Club would have to sign an obligation to secure the loan. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Historical Society requesting funds for building projects:** No one was in attendance from the Historical Society. When Jerry Slivinski came into the office he requested funding for building projects. Lucien Peron came in later in the week and gave us the enclosed bid for tree and brush removal. The bid is for over \$3000.00. Motion to deny made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Ordinance 2018.07 amendment to the Town of Mercer Comprehensive and Outdoor Plan:** This is to update the sections regarding the MECCA. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Resolution 2018.03** to amend the Town of Mercer Comprehensive and Outdoor Plan: Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Roll Call Vote taken. 3 yes 0 no Carried.
- **Possible permits for street vendors and soliciting:** Chairman Sendra stated that he placed this item on the agenda after there were many calls regarding having stands and different sellers in town and thought the town should have them apply for a permit to do so. Motion made to not address this item and not necessitate permits made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Annual Liquor Licenses:** The Clerk stated that the liquor licenses will be granted contingent on payment of any fees, delinquent personal property tax, or wholesale liquor bills. The names are as follows: Anchor Inn, Antlers Pub, Around the Corner Pub, Arrowhead Resort, Beaver Lodge, Beaver's Resort, Camp One, Cranberry Inn, Dear Lodge, Ding-a-Ling Supper Club, Dollar General, Donner's Bay Resort, Gateway Lodge, Heart of the North Bar, Inter City Oil, Joe Miller Cottages, Johnny's Bar and Grill, Krist Food Mart, Lazy Ace Saloon, Liberty Way Tap House, Lotter's Mercer BP, Pine Forest Lodge, Pines Restaurant & Beer Garden, Ruggier's Landing, Smarty Pants Deli, Snow's Family Market, Sunken Horse Saloon, Tahoe Lynx Golf Club, The Hideaway, and the Wolfs Den. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Chairman Sendra Abstained. Carried.
- **Old Garage building:** Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that the ad for asbestos removal was in the paper today. Once the asbestos is removed then we can work on getting the building

knocked down. Supervisor Mike Lambert asked if the Fire Department could use the building to work on the fireworks. Supervisor Schroepfer stated that they could use the back section and not the front.

- **Gravel crushing bids:** The town received three bids as follows:  
James Peterson & Sons base @ \$4.39yd, sand @ \$4.50yd, rock @ \$2.60ton  
Meverden base @ \$ 3.83yd, sand @ \$ 2.50yd, rock @ \$4.00ton  
Pitlik & Wick base @ \$4.50yd, sand @ \$2.50yd, rock @ \$8.00ton  
Motion to award the bid to Meverden made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Insurance requirement for new employees:** Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that he wanted to bring ours standard in line with the standard of most companies today. That standard is 30 days after employment. The Clerk checked with our current insurance provider, and we provide it at 60 days currently. We would just have to inform the provider of the changes and have a new agreement drawn up to reflect this change. Motion to provide insurance coverage after 30 days of employment for all employees in order to acquire insurance made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Pier on Mercer Lake Boat landing:** Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that he went and took a look at the issues and the Lake Association has sent in a letter with a suggestion. They would like to have the T taken off the dock and move it over. They would like it to look like the dock on Echo and Grand Portage Lake boat landings. He did contact the DNR, and they are fine with what we want to do as we own the landing. Supervisor Mike Lambert asked about the cost to move it. It would mainly be man hours. Supervisor Schroepfer is not sure on if we would need to put any concrete down at the site. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Employee Handbook changes to Insurance, vacation and personal days:** Supervisor Schroepfer stated that we had the one item about layoffs. He feels that should be further described. Personal days do not state if they should be prorated or not . We need to clarify this area. Attorney Schellgell stated whatever we decide, it should be made effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. We can note in the beginning of the handbook that the town is allowed to deviate from the structure of the handbook. We will include that wording in there and, we will prorate the personal days and further describe the weeks' notice for layoffs. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Transfer Site Changes:** Chairman Sendra stated that he wanted to discuss this item in closed session as he did not feel it was appropriate to discuss now.
- **Legal:** Attorney Schellgell stated that he will be meeting with Todd Maki and would like to have Jake and/or Chuck there as well when they stake out Lameka Road.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 37986 to 38016, 1000386-393 in the amount of \$50,150.75 and the vouchers for checks 38017 to 38049 totaling \$168,853.79, this includes the check for the new plow truck. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer stated that the general account ending balance was \$114,908.00, and our total amount of funds was \$1,682,888.51. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Bartender's license:** We have applications for the flowing: Darcie Herman, Edith Gillian, Darren Petushek, David Perez, Merry Perkins, Kim Wasak, Eric Pulchinski, Teresa Palmquist, Patricia Wonderling, Linda Anderson, Aimee Oberst, Emilie Johnston, Robin Swanson. Motion to

approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. Chairman Sendra Abstained.

- **Liquor Licenses:** we had a Temp Beer License for the Mercer Chamber 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on July 4 at Carow Park. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- Lucien Peron from the Historical Society came in, and the board wanted to see what he had to say. He stated that they have some large trees and brush that needs to be taken down that is behind the old school. Some of the trees are leaning, and they do not want them to come down on the buildings. They reached out to 3 people and only got one bid back. Because the property is not owned by the town, the town cannot do any of the work. We will take a look at it so that we know what the Society wants to do and then we can always place it back on the agenda if we decide we want to help with the funds.
- **Chair's Report:** DNR and Xcel Energy met with us regarding the Flambeau Dam Road work. They gave their reason for the work, and we provided them with our concerns regarding them doing possible damage to our roads. Jerry Luke from Springstead had concerns as well. They will be starting in September and the work should be completed in November at the latest. The ATV club is not getting paid to brush and maintain trail 17, from three ten road to the Oma boarder. Somehow Hurley does it and gets the funds. When discussed, the possibility was dismissed by Tara and Eric. He wanted to know if we could send a letter to the county because they were told there is an agreement, but we do not have any record of it. Attorney Schellgell stated that we should send a letter requesting a copy of the agreement and then go from there.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** He stated that the Fire Department sold the van they had up for sale. In the future, they are also looking at a storage building for 4<sup>th</sup> of July storage. He wanted to also know about the signs for the crosswalks in town. Supervisor Schroepfer stated that they are always getting knocked down and that according to Mike Schwartz, Hwy Commissioner we do not have to have them there. The Clerk stated that she believed that we actually did have to have them placed out due to the Safe Routes to school grant we received during the road project, and that was one of the requirements.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He asked when we were going to move the employees at the Transfer Station into some other type of building especially since it will hopefully be coming down soon. He stated he has felt frustrated about all the items that are discussed but never followed through. He did state that he spoke with Supervisor Schroepfer and feels somewhat better about some of the concerns he had. He went on to thank the park board for all the work they did due to issues with the restrooms on the park side.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** He stated that he met with Glenn Morrison and Todd Nasi regarding the Fire Hall, Ambulance and garage roofs. The economy has picked up and now trying to find someone to do the work is difficult. All of the roofs need work as they have issues. We will get specs together for a Dura-last roof with a 20-year warranty. Still waiting to hear back from Mike Barton on when he can get to the Community Center steps. We are working on the road out by Cramer Lake, and it has been a huge problem because the weather has not been helping either.
- **Public Comment:** Scot Lundquist asked about sealing the sidewalks in town.
- **Closed session per WI statute 19.85 (1) (c )** Personnel matters, review applications for job positions and matters regarding transfer station. Motion to go into closed session at 6:36 pm made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. Roll Call taken.

- **Return to open session to report any action taken if necessary:** Motion to return to open session at 7:17 pm made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. Roll Call taken. Motion to hire Tyler Bianga as part time summer help at \$11.00 an hour made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Supervisor Lambert abstained. The Clerk will schedule interviews for Wednesday, June 13th at 5:00 and 5:30 pm for full-time position applicants.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.