

Town of Mercer  
Meeting Minutes for July 5, 2018  
(unapproved)

- Chairman Sendra called the informational meeting to order at 5 pm in the Haines Building
- **Roll Call:** Chairman John Sendra, Supervisors Mike Lambert, Tom Thompson, Jeff Stenberg, Chuck Schroepfer, Clerk Christan Brandt, Treasurer Lin Miller. Attorney Schellgell arrived at 5:20 pm.
- **Informational meeting for Cramer Lake Bridge:** Chairman Sendra stated that the construction will start on Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> and run approximately 7 weeks. This would place the end date of the project around August 27<sup>th</sup>. No ATV's will be allowed on Cramer Lake Road or on the emergency route. The emergency route is 9/10 of a mile and comes out on Great Northern Trails Road that then will end up on Hwy 51. Caution cones will be placed and the entryways. The Fire Department has gone through the road and has approved being able to get through with emergency vehicles.
- **Regular meeting called to order**
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the June 21 and the June 29 special meeting minutes made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Amy Carlson asked if she could speak during item A on the agenda. Maryann Sabec asked about the microwaves at the Community Center as one is broken. Bill Brundage stated that the Lions donated \$5000.00 towards the new floor at the Carow Park Pavilion.
- **Approve/deny permit for water course of Martha Lake:** Amy Carlson stated that she uses this watercourse to teach kids to ski and that they have reached the next level to learn how to compete. Because she was going to leave the course up overnight she needed DNR approval. She is willing to take it down if she needs to and that the course is only temporary and would be up for only a week. Tim Lutgen with the Friends of the Martha Lake group stated that he sent a survey out to the residents that live on Martha Lake and no one was in favor of the course. Motion to not endorse the application made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson Carried.
- **Conditional use permit for a 64' x 30' accessory building at 4695N Popko Circle West owned by Wayne Riebe:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Bike Path funds (decision on returning funds from committee)** Chairman Sendra stated that if the Board wants to move the bike path funds from the town oversight, we can do so. Attorney Schellgell stated that they would have to go to the group for which the discretionary fund was established, and that was the Chamber. Supervisor Thompson stated that he spoke with the Chamber President and he does not want the funds. Motion to postpone until we have received written confirmation by the Chamber that they will accept the funds made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Resolution to borrow funds from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands:** Chairman Sendra went over the resolution and the dollar amount that we are looking to borrow. Motion to approve the resolution to borrow funds from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, and for which a note will be made by the town for the organization and a filing to the UCC made

by Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Roll Call Vote taken. 5 ayes 0 No. Carried. Attorney Schellgell stated that the ATV Club has to also make sure that the Town is on the Insurance until it is paid off.

- **Approve employee handbook addition to health insurance:** In the insurance portion it was added : All new employees and full-time elected officials will be added to the insurance after 30 days of employment. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Cell Phone For garage:** Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that he has been using his allotted minutes on his phone due to calls regarding town items. He also knows that Jake has been using a tremendous amount as well. After a brief discussion a motion was made to reimburse 50% of monthly individual portion of their phone bills made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer abstained.
- **Crosswalks on Hwy 51:** Supervisor Tom Thompson stated that the crosswalk stanchions need to be put back in as they are part of the Safe Routes to School grant that we received in conjunction with the road project. He also stated that the crosswalks need to be repainted and we could get a price from the County to stripe them for us. The crew will place the pedestrian signs out by the Wampum Shop and BP station. Motion to get a price from the County for striping made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Legal:** Letters were sent out regarding the extension to Frank, but he has not responded. Mercer Valve did speak with Christan and we should send him another letter on what we want to do going forward. He drafted a deed and complaint and one will be filed for Mercer Valve. This action will also be taken with Frank. Attorney Schellgell also stated that he will have the covenants recorded, before we close with Hynes so that this will be part of the deed going forward. We will also meet with Todd Maki on Monday or Tuesday with regard to Lameka Road. Supervisor Schroepfer also stated that we need to have Forest Road looked at as there may be an issue there as to where the road is.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 38098 to 38124, 1000397-100400 totaling \$26,879.74 and vouchers for checks 38125 to 38148 in the amount of \$52,514.87. 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 \$98,348.20 and our total amount of funds was \$1,466,328.71. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Bartender's License:** We had applications for Jeff Stenberg, Peggy Joustra, Sidney Schmitz, Mark Thorpe and Aaron Thorpe. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried. Supervisor Jeff Stenberg abstained.
- **Cemetery Deeds:** We have a cemetery deed for Paul, Karen, Stacy and Jessica Geiger for section 4 block 21 plot 5 sites 1 & 4. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. We had another deed for Ann and Laura Baxter for section 5 block 9 plot 8 site 5. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Chair Report:** The DNR is reviewing its master plan. There was an open house in Springstead regarding the plan and somehow, the town did not get anything. The DNR agent sent over a link so that we can at least fill out the survey. Randy Klopatek called and wanted to get plans for the storm sewers as they are going to be working on the BP building.

- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** Wanted to say that the Fire Department did another great job on the fireworks this year.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** The guys at the Recycling Center worked the day before the 4<sup>th</sup> and will be working the next two days after.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** The Drainage basin behind Kaufmann's store needs some type of cover.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** Clean up week is going well. He also he thought that the County was willing to help with work on the sidewalk going out to the park. Could we get the info and drawing that was done and then take it from there?
- **Public Comment:** Pam Davies **stated** that Faith Church parking lot gets used by the fisherman that use the Echo Lake boat landing for parking. We do not care that they park there but they are parking on the lawn. Could the town stripe the roadway or something to help with this problem? The board stated that the church could place signs to not park on the grass. Striping the road would not help in this situation.
- **Closed session:** Motion to postpone until the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried. 6:31 pm

Approved:

Christan Brandt, Town Clerk