

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes for September 6, 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, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt, and Treasurer Lin Miller. Absent Attorney Schellgell.
- **Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes for August 16, 2018 meeting made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Gene Urbanski asked about having the transfer station hours posted in the paper a few weeks in advance and recommended that the town could have a Facebook page with that information. Pam Davies thanked the board again for the emergency route for Cramer Lake Road. Bonnie Banaszak stated she is not anti- school or park board but that we need to govern what is going on a little better. She would like permission to work with a park board member to change the sign ordinance to help reflect the issues of the banners that are at the park. This will be on the next agenda. Jim Brncich a part-time resident on Fisher Lake asked about the culvert between Fisher and Catherine Lake and if the town was going to replace it. Brian Heleniak asked for money to purchase dirt for the ball fields and that the little league would be willing to pay for half. The board did state that he would have to go before the park board first.
- **PRAT Tax:** Chairman Sendra stated that there was misinformation going around about the PRAT Tax. We are only looking at ½ (half) of a percent not 5% (five). This is a ½ a penny on the dollar. A local would pay on average .0175 and a tourist would pay .0325 on the dollar. He also gave figures for the other 7 towns that are currently collecting this tax. This is a tax that would be and has to be used strictly for roads.
- **Conditional use permit to allow an average setback of 51' for a proposed 28' x 28' accessory building at 5097N Beachway Dr owned by John and Jacquelyn Schmidt:** The Planning Commission approved this with the stipulation that it is not used for commercial use or human habitation. Motion to approve with the above stipulations made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. 3 yes 1 no Carried.
- **Conditional use permit to operate a tourist rooming house at 4660W Camp Nokomis Road owned by Chris Ederer:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Conditional use permit to operate a tourist rooming house at 3418N Tutt Rd owned by Theodore Dixey:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Conditional use permit to operate a tourist rooming house at 3422N Tutt Rd owned by Stephen Duerkop:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson Seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Conditional use permit for an 80' x 27' accessory building at lot 3 of Allyn Road owned by Thomas Miller:** It was stated that the building was actually for an 80' x 48' accessory. Planning Commission approved this with the following stipulations. Motion to approve with the stipulations that it is not used for commercial use or human habitation made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by **Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.**

- **Amend budget to move \$27,115.00** from expense line item Contingency Fund to expense line item Building and Maintenance: Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Amend budget to move \$1500.00** from expense line item Park Outlay to expense line item Park Utilities: Supervisor Thompson asked why we had to move funds. The Clerk stated that due to the last few months of high-water bills, at the park we must move funds to cover it. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. 3 yes 1 no. Carried.
- **Amend budget to move \$15840.00** from expense item Contingency Fund to expense line item Street Lighting: Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Vouchers:** The clerk presented checks 38302 to 38344, 100416-100421 totaling \$35,838.81 and the vouchers for checks 38345 to 38380 in the amount of \$63,134.36. 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 had an ending balance of \$368,215.99 and our total amount of funds was \$2,036,406.66. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Cemetery Deeds:** A deed for Richard, Mathias, Wendy, Joseph, and James Schmidt for section 4 block 29, plot 8, sites 5 & 8. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. A deed for Natalie Tackett for section 3, block 17W, plot 1, sites 2 & 3. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Chair Report:** The Cramer Lake Bridge will be done around the 19th, and we were asked to do a ribbon cutting. We will have to set a date at the next meeting. He also stated that we need to place the Lameka Road/ Matz issue on the agenda as we have spent enough time on it and in legal fees. This is a matter to be settled by the residents, and he asked for the board to out an end to this matter.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** He asked if we got new bags in, and if we still had any old bags left as they have had a few bad ones at the ICO.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** He stated that Nasi will be working on the Fire Hall Roof to make it water tight. He also got estimates for budget time on the Fire Hall and ambulance barn. The Insurance company has settled with the Mack truck and they will be fixing it. He and John met with Xcel Energy regarding the dike on Flambeau Dam Rd. We still do not have an agreement with them, and since legal counsel was not there, we did not feel inclined to decide.
- **Closed Session Per WI State Statutes 19.85 (1) (b) (c) Discuss employee matters and compensation** Considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission & Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction: Motion to move into closed session made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried. Roll call taken.
- **Return to Open Session to report any action taken if necessary** Motion to return to open session made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. Motion to complete the 30-day probation for the new mechanic and to have him sign the job description for the shop mechanic made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried. Motion to give potential pay increases-based on finding money in the

2019 budget made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.