

Town of Mercer  
Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2018  
(unapproved)

- Chairman Sendra called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman John Sendra, Supervisors Tom Thompson, Chuck Schroepfer, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt, and Attorney Fritz Schellgell. Supervisor Mike Lambert arrived at 4:01. Absent Treasurer Lin Miller.
- **Public Comment:** Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that he wanted to thank the following on behalf of the Board for their contributions for the Cramer Lake Bridge project: Dr. Seidel, Iron County Forestry Administrator Eric Peterson, Town Crew, Engineer Greg Bubolz, Larson Construction as well as the residents affected by the bridge closure and finally Chairman Sendra for securing the agreement with Dr. Seidel and negotiating with the DOT. Brian Heleniak brought in a budget proposal for the dirt at the ball field. The board stated that this would have to go to the Park Board first for their review.
- **Lameka Road matters:** Chairman Sendra stated that the board felt that this was a neighbor matter and that the town should not be involved in it any longer, and we have spent enough time and money on this issue. Attorney Schellgell stated that there is a lot of private party action but the issue is that we still need a turnaround for the plow truck. He has the declaratory action ready to file but since it was on the agenda he held off. Bill Lauer voiced his concern over the easement access to his property. Attorney Schellgell stated that it would not affect him but that he could add him as a party, so that there would be no issues down the road. Bill Lauer had a suggestion that he had addressed with Mindy Matz. Neither the Board nor Attorney Schellgell had an issue with it. They would review the plan and get back as to if this was agreeable with the Town Crew. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Permission for Planning Commission member to discuss Sign Ordinance with Park Board:** Bonnie Banaszak stated that she already has a revision ready to go but would like to go over it with the Park Board to make sure that we are all on the same page as to what is going on. The board just needed to give her permission to do so. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Review the recommendations for employee handbook:** Attorney Schellgell stated that he was not sure that he agreed with the first issue that was brought up on the safety bonus. He was not sure that they read it correctly, but that maybe we could even change the verbiage to state that it is a safety award. The next issue that was addressed was the sexual harassment policy and Attorney Schellgell stated he felt that ours was fine, but that we should have someone come in occasionally to review what this is and that way we are safeguarded. We also mentioned that we had approved a clothing allowance for two shirts and two pants in the 2016 minutes and that needs to be placed in the handbook. There was no cost limit set so we need to look into that to add to the handbook. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Barricades on Margaret Street for Candy Crush Run:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Sale of Town property off of Popko Circle (Pine Tree Pit):** Supervisor Schroepfer stated that we don't use this area and it is not really a pit but a place where items have been dumped. It was thought that maybe the DNR would want it as it is already surrounded by State land. Supervisor

Thompson recommended to contact Eric Peterson at Forestry for contact information. We can contact Paul Carlson for an estimated appraisal and go from there. Motion to make contacts with the appropriate parties and go from there made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.

- **Legal:** Atty Schellgell stated that headway was made on the Flambeau Dam Project. We still have questions regarding reimbursement, but he will contact them regarding that as we still need some type of contingency. He served notice to McCann on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August and his Attorney got back to us two days past the due date. His Attorney stated that he had submitted a driveway permit to the town in September 2015 and never heard from anyone. He needs to build or turn back over to the town. It was agreed that he has 30 days to either submit a proposal. If we do not like it, we will take the property back. Supervisor Mike Lambert asked about the chains going across the “No Parking” signs by the school. Attorney Schellgell stated that the signs are the towns and that the town right-of-way extends past the curb, so that even though we did not put the chains up, we could be held liable for any negative occurrence. He recommends that the Clerk send a letter to the Church to remove them.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 38381 to 38393, 1000422 – 10004425 totaling \$17,860.39 and the vouchers for checks 38394 to 38417 in the amount of \$29,264.46. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Chair’s Report:** Chairman Sendra asked if Dave McNutt contacted the shop to see about some old lumber. He also stated that the Catholic church has some items in the basement that perhaps we could use it for the building. The Bridge will be open next week, and we will also be having a ribbon cutting for the bridge on October 2 at 10:00 am.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** The old garage is getting staged, and the company did send a nice information packet to the office. Gentile will be there to put the new wall up and make an area for the transfer station employees to stay in. He also stated that we need to contact the County to see about them paying rent on the building. Attorney Schellgell stated that we should write a letter stating that the policy has changed, and we need to negotiate a fee. Supervisor Tom Thompson asked why we changed Cut Off Road. Supervisor Schroepfer stated that it was a safety issue and that there have been many issues with speed and accidents on that road.
- **Closed Session per WI State Statute 19.85 (1) (b) (c)** Discuss employee matters and compensation: Motion to move to closed session made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. 5:00pm Roll Call taken.
- **Open Session:** Motion to return to open session made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tim Thompson. Carried. 5:39 pm Roll Call taken. Motion to give the Chairman authorization to lay off individuals at his discretion, both full and part time, made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. 3 yes, 1 No Carried.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, Seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.