

Town of Mercer  
Meeting minutes for November 1, 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, Jeff Stenberg, Chuck Schroepfer, and Clerk Christan Brandt. Absent Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Fritz Schellgell.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Beth from the Chamber thanked the Town Board for getting the sidewalk fixed in front of the Chamber building.
- **Roof bid for Community Center:** The Architect stated that we should go with the bid from Luppino. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that we will have to wait now until next spring to get this done. Cost may go up, or we can pre-buy now if we award it. Motion to award the bid to Luppino, complete the work in 2019 and pay for it at that time made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Shea Dam proposed log removal:** Chairman Sendra stated that the DNR requires us to do a 2-foot drawdown on an annual basis. This year we are trying to work on doing a 4-foot draw as there are areas of the concrete on the dam that are damaged. We need to see the extent of this damage, so that a plan can be set in place to repair it. Jeff Roadman from the Fisher Lake Association was present and would like permission to help remove the boards. He explained how they will remove the boards. Jeff stated that they use a strap from over the railing and a come along to pop out the boards. The board thought a joint effort working with the town crew would be the best way to handle the removal of the logs. Motion to have the Fisher Lake Association help the town crew remove 2 logs from the dam made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Conditional use permit for an accessory building at 5174 Kimberly Lane owned by Robert Singler:** The Planning Commission approved this CUP since the DNR was out to address the water run off that was of concern at the prior meeting. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Rezone for a F-1 (forestry) to a C-1 (Commercial) at 4306 Old Hwy 51 owned by Charlie Spencer:** This is to bring the property into compliance with the "Future Land Use Map" of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Commercial permit for Shell Station fuel pumps and canopy at 5126 Hwy 51 owned by Snows Family Market:** Planning Commission recommended approval. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Billboard permit for a 10 x 4 sign at 5126 Hwy 51 owned by Snows Family Market:** Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval. Motion to approve made Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisors Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Sign permit for a 4 x 8 wood sign at 5126 Hwy 51 owned by Snows Family Market:** Planning Commission recommended approval. Motion to approve made by supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Billboard permit for B & B storage at 5391 Hwy 51 owned by Curt Blankenhagen:** Planning Commission recommended denial as he did not submit all the proper paperwork. Motion to deny made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.

- **Fees for Conditional Use permit/Planning Review:** The Clerk stated that in reviewing what other towns charge for review of CUPs, as well as the County, and speaking with Planning Commission members, we felt that the town should address this issue and begin to charge a fee as well. We did not feel all tax payers should have to pay for an individual's conditional use permit to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Our suggestion is to charge \$100 for a conditional use application and \$50 for sign application. Motion to approve the fees made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Hold harmless agreement:** Because Atty Schellgell was absent, motion to postpone was made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Vouchers:** The clerk presented checks 38515 to 38532, 1000434 – 100436 totaling \$19,530.84 and the vouchers for checks 38533 to 38559 in the amount of \$122,421.11. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Clerk stated that the general account has an ending balance of \$214,904.15 and our total amount of funds was \$1,883,619.71. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Chair Report:** He stated that he had many complaints regarding Cut Off Road. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer had the Clerk read minutes from years ago that stated that the County Highway Commissioner had suggested closing the road all together at the end by FF. There's a change to the road, and it will take time to get used to. Chairman Sendra went on to state that we had a letter from the DNR regarding the purchase of land in Mercer. We have questions on what kind of revenue would be gained or lost if we agreed to this. It was stated to place on next agenda.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He stated that Iron County withdrew 4 acres of land from forestry. This will be for a tower near the existing DNR tower.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** He talked with the school regarding the winter plowing of town sidewalks, and we will be on our own for a most of the winter. They will help us until we get things figured out. He will be meeting with the school to get final information and suggestions as this was just a discussion.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** He stated that paving is complete and that the crusher was in the pit. He also had someone out there to take care of the stumps as we cannot bury them. Demo of the old garage will be around the end of November or beginning of December.
- **Clerks Correspondence:** The Clerk stated that we received a \$100 donation from the Health and Wellness for water and electricity used by the gardeners.
- **Closed Session:** Motion to go into closed session per WI State Statute 19.85 (1) (C) made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. Roll Taken. 6:15 pm
- **Return to Open Session:** Motion to return to open session made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried. Roll taken. 6:34 pm. Motion to hire Tyler Bianga for the full-time road crew position at \$16 an hour made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried. Supervisor Mike Lambert abstained.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.