

Town of Mercer
Budget and regular meeting Minutes
November 15,2018
(unapproved)

- Public Budget Hearing called to order by Chairman Sendra at 5:00 pm.
- Roll Call: Chairman John Sendra, Supervisors Tom Thompson, Mike Lambert, Chuck Schroepfer, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt, Treasurer Lin Miller, Attorney Fritz Schellgell and 13 electors.
- **Review and discuss 2019 Budget:** Beth from the Mercer Chamber asked about the loss of the \$3000.00 in building funds for the Chamber. Opal Roberts had questions regarding wage line items for the Fire Department and garage and why they were less than prior year. She also asked why there was no increase in the budgeted funds for the library. Kathy Tutt asked about cost of Insurance. Bonnie Banaszak asked why the Treasurer did not receive a pay raise.
- **Adjourn Budget Hearing:** Motion to adjourn budget hearing made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Special Town Meeting of Electors called to order:**
- **Discuss/approve pay raises for elected officials:** The board members recommended pay raises of \$1000.00 for Supervisors, \$600.00 for Chairman and \$1500.00 for the Clerk for 2019 and another \$1500 in 2020. Discussion was had on the pro and cons of giving raises to the officials. Motion made by Dave McNutt to approve the raises as presented; seconded by Deanna Pierpont. 3 opposed and 10 approved. Carried. The elected officials all abstained from voting.
- **Approval of 2018 Town Levy to be paid in 2019:** Motion to approve the levy made by Noel Brandt, seconded by Deanna Pierpont. 3 opposed 9 approved. Carried.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Opal Roberts, seconded by Deanna Pierpont. Carried.
- **Special Town Board of Supervisors meeting called to order**
- **Adoption of 2019 budget:** Motion to adopt the budget made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried. 5:33pm
- **Regular Town Board of Supervisors called to order:**
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Bill Brundage from the Sanitary District stated that they never received the agreement that was set up this summer. The Clerk stated that she sent it twice and added that she would appreciate it if someone would like to come in person to get it
- **Chamber to discuss and get permission for Chamber Building Renovations:** Beth from the Chamber stated that they would like to get permission to replace existing flooring, windows, ceiling, lighting, electrical and some plumbing. Motion to allow the Chamber to do the upgrades to the building interior made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Approval/ denial to combine business lots 7 & 8 owned by Nicholas Schoenhard:** Let the record reflect that Attorney Schellgell seated himself in the audience for conversation purposes. Fritz Schellgell stated that Nick is his son-in-law, and that he is here to ask the board if they would combine the lots into one for him to build his business on, similar what they did for Mercer Valve. The board did not see an issue with doing this. Motion to combine lot 7 & 8 made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.

- **Permission for a 40 x 56 Commercial Building owned by Nicholas Schoenhard , Mercer Business Park Lots 7 & 8:** Kathy Tutt from the Planning Commission stated that it was contingent upon Nick contacting the commercial building inspector. Attorney Schellgell had stated that the Planning Commission, as well as the Town, could not enforce State or County Codes. We could add language to the permit process to let the individuals be aware of it. We would be opening ourselves up to problems if an approval is based upon a code contingency. Motion to approve the building made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Rezone from a F-1 (forestry) to RR-1 (Residential Recreation) at 4506W County FF owned by Craig Paeth:** Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Legal:** Attorney Schellgell stated that he filed the Lameka Road matter. He further discussed the area of the permit process and what we can and cannot uphold. Our job is to follow our guidelines for building, color, size etc. We cannot go into State matters as we open ourselves to liability. Supervisor Mike Lambert asked about Saxon Harbor and if there was anything that could be done so that Mercer would not have to pay for the project, some type of referendum or anything. Attorney Schellgell stated that he would look into it.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 38560 to 38604, 1000437-1000440 totaling \$56,478.32 and the vouchers for checks 38605 to 38641 in the amount of \$336,810.38. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer stated that the general account ending balance was \$40,303.89 and our total amount of funds is \$1,709,562.06. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Bartender's License:** An application for Jamie Johnston Cagle. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried
- **Chair's Report:** With the help of the Crew and Jeff Roadman and the Fisher Lake Association, we removed 2 boards at Shay's Dam to lower the water 2 feet on Fisher Lake. Minocqua passed their referendum for the PRAT Tax, and he would like to start getting a few informational meetings together, so that we can put this item on the April ballot. He received some information from Mike Lambert about Waupaca Foundry. Many towns up North are jumping at this opportunity to bring jobs into the area. He is hoping that he can throw our hat into the ring as well as it will bring a potential for 30 good paying jobs. He also wanted to inform the public and the board that the cars that are off Popko Circle East will be moved soon.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** We need to get the signs out at the business park changed. Simpson and Parkway Roads are incorrect. The bake sale on election day for the library raised \$339.00. We are still looking to knock down the old garage during the last week of November. He also wanted to see if the Board approve getting Al and Kim a gas card to compensate them since they will have to use their vehicles to stay warm while the building is being taken down. Todd Maki surveyed the black top portion of Forest/ Feely Lake Road, and we will need to abandon lots 9 & 10 as they are private property. It seems somehow the road was moved over more toward the west.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** He stated that he had a group in that said that they were going to stay in Mercer to Snowmobile and ATV as we have the best trail system.

- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** We have businesses piling snow on the sidewalks. I know that they had it around the lamp post in front of the station. Also, can we do something to clean in between the sidewalks and the street?
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** He stated that he met with the school, and they will not be able to clean snow off the sidewalks any longer. They do not have the manpower to get that done on top of everything else.
- **Closed Session per WI State Statute 19.85 (1) (g) Litigation for Business Park Lots:** Motion to move into Closed Session made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried. 6:14pm
- **Return to open session:** Motion to return to open session made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried. 6:20 pm Roll call taken. Motion to reject the letter from Mr. McCann and his attorney dated October 22, 2018 and ask for the property back made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer; seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.