

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes for December 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, Jeff Stenberg, Chuck Schroepfer, 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 Chuck Schroepfer seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Appoint Library Board Trustee:** We had two applications for the position. Hedda Patzke and Dorothy Bangle. Motion to reappoint Hedda Patzke made by Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Resolution 2018-07 to accept Fairview and Forest Road:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Approval/denial of hiring a person to mark cemetery sites and compensation:** Chairman Sendra stated that he would like to have Steve Altman start doing most of the work for the Cemetery. He stated that the Clerk could do the computer work and Steve can take care of everything else. Chuck stated that he was not happy about the winter burial that recently took place as our ordinances state we do not do this after the first snow fall. We will have to establish clear procedures for Steve, and they need to be followed. Motion to have Steve Altman mark sites through the Clerk's office and establish procedures made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Supervisor Schroepfer opposed until the procedures are clearly established. Carried.
- **Possible transfer station quarterly clean-up and fee determination:** Chairman Sendra wanted to get information to the Board so that they could look it over and give feedback to doing a cleanup of big household items more than once a year. It was suggested maybe doing it the weeks of Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. Think about this and once we get some ideas and costs, we can have Jim from Eagle Waste attend a meeting to help go over costs.
- **Discuss matters and funding for Ambulance Department:** Adam Kussard was in and explained that we needed to update some agreements between the Town and the Ambulance Department. We also would like to update the agreements between Oma and Sherman. Beacon covers part of Oma, and they have entered in to a new agreement where Beacon would get \$1.85 per capita for each citizen in Oma per month. Because we service half of Oma, they split the population between Beacon and Mercer Ambulance services. Mercer would service 290 residents. Currently, we receive a service fee of \$1000.00 from Oma per year and \$1500.00 from Sherman. This agreement update would raise the rate to \$2650.00 annually . He would like Chairman Sendra to bring it to the Town of Sherman's attention. Adam also stated that we are short on personnel and that the closest training is in Rhinelander. He would like the Board to send a letter to Nicolet College asking them to have the EMT training closer for our area. The cost of the training is extremely expensive and the successes rate is only 3 to 5%. The board will send a letter to the college and the Chairman will contact Sherman.
- **Approval of verbiage for PRAT Tax referendum:** Motion to approve the verbiage for the April referendum made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.

- **Mercer Sno-Goers to request funds for trail counters:** Dave McNutt stated that he was representing the snowmobile and ATV Club as well as the Chamber. Beth Wetzler from the Chamber was also present. They want to purchase six trail counters to capture the traffic numbers on the trails. The cost for the counters is \$3400.00. Supervisor Schroepfer stated that if we divide that amount by the four groups, it comes to \$850.00 each. He does not see an issue with giving them \$850.00 out of Room Tax to help purchase the counters. Motion to give \$850.00 from Room Tax to the Mercer Sno-Goers to help purchase trail counters made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. 3 yes 1 no carried.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 38642 to 27557, 1000441 – 1000444 totaling \$28,189.59 and the vouchers for checks 38669 to 38697 in the amount of \$28,342.09. 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 ending balance was \$183,877.44 and our total amount of funds was \$1,353,135.61. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** He stated that he has a Monday meeting with members of the school to discuss the concern of snow removal on the sidewalk. He spoke with Rebecca with the DNR regarding a culvert that was dug up by the Xcel project that we now have a drainage issue with. He has had too many complaints regarding Cut Off Road. Also, we have been named in a court case, along with 11 other towns, against the tribes for property taxes.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** The Library has a new online program called Gale Courses. There are quite a few classes, and they look very interesting. He also stated that he, Jake and Christan worked with Paul from FEMA with all the paperwork that needed to be done, but it sounds like the funds will first be in next year sometime. Mike Swartz from the county has our LRIP paperwork and we are just waiting for paperwork from the State to get that completed. Jake completed all the State road reports and those will go out tomorrow. Demo on the old garage is completed, and Nasi Construction will start on the shed.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** Stated that he has had calls regarding Cut Off Road as well.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** Stated that he was asked about 3-way stop signs and Popko and pike lake Road.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He would like to change some rules for the Transfer Station that if the attendants will not be able to work the next day, they need to call before 7:30 pm the night before.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried. 6:33 pm.

Approved:

Christan Brandt, Town Clerk