

**Town of Mercer**  
**Meeting Minutes: Oct. 3, 2019 (approved)**

**Call to order**

Chairman John Sendra called meeting to order at 5:30pm at the Haines Bldg.

**Roll call**

Town Clerk Amber Thompson conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Supervisors Chuck Schroepfer, Eric Snow, Opal Roberts, Mike Lambert, Treasurer Lin Miller, Chairman John Sendra and Attorney Fritz Schellgell.

**Approval of prior meeting minutes:**

Motion to accept prior minutes with correction made by Opal, seconded by Chuck. Carried.

**Public Comment:** Comments were made regarding:

The naming of a private road to Gateway drive- Opal stated since it is a private road it is not a board decision. They need to discuss it with Stacy Ofstadt, Emergency Director at the County.

Lake of the Falls residents discussed the need for a broadband tower out there.

**Items for Discussion/Possible Action**

**Kurt Meyer-Commercial Building Application:** Opal stated she attended the Planning Commission meeting, and they recommended approval. Eric made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Mike. Carried.

**Proposed Address changes on Popko Circle-Gateway Dr:** The board discussed it's a private road and the Town doesn't name it. The residents will need to contact Stacy Ofstadt to petition a change to the name. John will contact the Lipp's to let them know the next step.

**Gogebic Range-Broadband Tower-Land:** The board discussed the land that will be leased for the tower and decided they should all go look at the parcel of land in question and hold a public hearing regarding the tower. Opal made a motion to postpone until the next meeting, seconded by Chuck. Carried.

**Discuss/Consider-Town Health Insurance-renewal rates:** The board discussed the rate increase and the effect it will have on the employees. Chuck made a motion for the Town to absorb the total cost of increase, seconded by Mike. A roll call vote was taken. There were 5 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

**Legal:** Fritz presented to the board a draft of the revised Firework ordinance with permit requirements and prohibited conduct added. He discussed the revised ordinance will replace or repeal any other firework ordinance and when they are ready it should be put on an agenda for the board to review.

**Approvals**

**Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 39670 to 39704 totaling \$75,331.83. Motion to approve vouchers and issue checks, made by Chuck, seconded by Opal. Carried. Chuck stated the Xcel check we received for \$56,400 was for the Turtle Flambeau reimbursement, the DNR and FEMA checks for reimbursement were also received and we should be all caught up now.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer stated that the general account ending total was \$698,426.44 and our total amount of funds was \$1,831,663.76. Motion to approve as read by Eric, seconded by Mike. Carried.

**Bartender's License:** None

**Liquor License:** None

**Cemetery Deeds:** None

**Operations Reports:**

**Chair's Report:** Chairman John Sendra reported and discussed the following items:

WEA Insurance: Mike suggested looks and sounds like a good choice but there are concerns with follow-up, and it doesn't appear there is an agent to work with. Chuck stated he was hesitant to work with a different company. Opal added we could check with Mike Saari to see what insurance the county uses.

Broadband Tower- already discussed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> property wasn't useful.

Will contact Patt Lipp as discussed and Stacy Ofstadt to name the road as they wish.

Wrote a letter to Senator Janet Bewley regarding the DNR positions staying here in Mercer. She said she would investigate both sides and support us and the need for the jobs here.

Phase 2 of the GRH Grant for the Bike path expansion from Snow's to Carow Park.

Shay Dam Drawdown started, and the Road Crew will pull boards one at a time next week.

Kein Rd.- Discussed complaints on dust, petition for trees down and curb service for school bus.

**Supervisor's Report:**

**Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer** reported on: Attended the LRIP meeting at county with Jake.

**Supervisor Eric Snow** reported on: Business Park follow-up- John stated Fritz will look into the land lots.

There have been a lot of unfortunate accidents in our area, and it's a good thing we have two functioning ambulances.

**Supervisor Opal Roberts** reported on the following: Cemetery- Will contact a monument company because Altman doesn't want to move a monument.

County-discussed the Transportation Grant

**Supervisor Mike Lambert** reported on the following: The big pine tree on FF/Popko Circle is gone.

**c.) Clerk's Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** Comments were made regarding: Grant for the Bike Path/Lake Shore Drive.

A new DNR building is being built, but now they are shipping the employees somewhere else.

Blight update on the deteriorating barn on Flambeau Dam Rd.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Eric, seconded by Opal. Carried. John adjourned at 6:24 pm.

**Minutes submitted by:** Town Clerk, Amber Thompson **Approved:** 10/17/19