

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes: Nov. 7, 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 made by Eric, seconded by Chuck with correction to supervisor report where Presque Isle is to be changed to Winchester. Carried.

Public Comment: None

Items for Discussion/Possible Action

John Pierpont-Completed TRH Application-5268 N Lake Tahoe Dr: Bonnie from the Planning Commission stated the application was in compliance. A motion to approve made by Mike, seconded by Opal. Carried.

Bruce Gilbert-Completed TRH Application- 3707N Popko Circle: The board discussed with the agent for the rooming house that the owner let the application with Iron county lapse. The owner will need to reapply. A motion to deny without prejudice made by Chuck, seconded by Opal. Carried.

Library -Resolution for 2020 Tax Levy: A motion to approve made by Mike, seconded by Opal. Carried.

Discuss Sign/billboard ordinance to be combined: Bonnie from the Planning Commission submitted to the Board some changes and discussed combining both ordinances. Fritz suggested changing the definition of signs to state including all references of signs or billboards. Mike made a motion to accept the changes and inclusion of general definition of signs, seconded by Eric. Carried.

Finalize Amendment for portion of Mercer Lake Circle abandonment (Ritter property): Fritz discussed with the Board the portion of the platted land that will go to the Ritter's and the portion that will go to the Town. He stated it is a swap of lands. A motion to finalize the amendment made by Eric, seconded by Mike. Carried.

Approve Stipulation in Lamekas Road lawsuit: Fritz discussed with the Board the mediation that took place and explained the stipulation to be recorded at the Register of Deeds office. A motion to approve the stipulation made by Chuck, seconded by Mike. Carried.

Legal: Fritz reported good news to the Board that the Town of Mercer is out of the Tribal lawsuit. The Town is not part of the reservation and discussed some of the details.

Approvals

Vouchers: The Clerk presented checks 39762 to 39797, 1000518 to 1000520 totaling \$63,786.97. Motion to approve vouchers and issue checks, made by Chuck, seconded by Eric. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer stated that the general account ending total was \$641,298.56 and our total amount of funds were \$1,774,535.88. Motion to approve as read by Eric, seconded by Opal. 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: GHRF Grant- Didn't get the grant to extend the bike path but we can reapply.

Insurance meeting with Ansay & Associates- The broker sent some info, the co-pays are less, save insured some money. IT seemed to be a better deal but it's a 90/10 HMO instead of PPO.

Tower conclusion- Bug Tussel is for cell phones. The Broadband tower will not need the Town land. They found two properties from private owners with better land and they will be going with them. Iron County Forestry- looking for a representative to re-evaluate a 15 year plan. It's a volunteer position.

Shay Dam- A municipal grant came notification arrived, but Cooper Engineering is already doing everything.

Received a call from Dick Thiede regarding the newspaper article about the DNR position moving to Ashland. The move has been postponed for one year.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer reported on: Paving and shouldering of Thompson Trail and Martha Lake Rd has been completed. I would like to commend our crew for their efforts on these roads. Rebuilding 2.3 miles of road and still trying to keep up with all their other duties is quite an accomplishment.

LRIP (Local Roads Improvement Program) grant has been successfully applied for and accepted in the amount of \$25,227.93 The project selected was Pine Forest Road and will be done in 2020. This road was on our 2020 road plan and met all the criteria the program required. Jake submitted the grant.

The culvert installation on Martha Lake Road reimbursement request has been submitted to Iron County for half of the total cost of \$8,270.74. Jake did the documentation for this project.

In regard to Moose Lake Road. Jake and I met with Mark Sherman and his crew from Keweenaw Land Association, and with their assistance and cooperation, the road was improved.

The Community Center vent issue should hopefully be resolved next week.

Supervisor Eric Snow had nothing to report

Supervisor Opal Roberts reported on the following: Cemetery- I have finished scanning and creating a database for all the cemetery documents. The deeds we have on file are now in the spreadsheet. Next project is to make a map where people can see which sites are available. Dean from Peninsula Granite was kind enough to move the Kresal Monument at no charge.

Library- Meeting next Monday.

Senior Center- A painting class is being offered at the Senior Center on Wednesday Nov. 13th from 1:00 to 3:00pm. All materials will be provided. Suggested donation is \$10.

Supervisor Mike Lambert reported on the following: What is the status on the request for a Cricket class at the meeting room using our WIFI. The clerk stated we need to find have a separate WIFI login or there could be a security breach. Nothing has been set up yet.

Clerk's Correspondence: None

Public Comment: a resident asked if the LDF lawsuit was just for Mercer, Legal stated it involved many municipalities, but Mercer is out and that is it.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Eric, seconded by Opal. Carried. John adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Town Clerk, Amber Thompson

Approved: 11/21/19