

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes: Dec. 19, 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, Opal Roberts, Mike Lambert, Chairman John Sendra. Absent was Supervisor Eric Snow, Attorney Fritz Schellgell and Treasurer Lin Miller.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

Motion to accept prior minutes made by Mike, seconded by Opal. Carried.

Items for Discussion/Possible Action

Library Landscaping Plans

Teresa presented the attached plans for a new outside user area of the library to include an outside reading area, and replacement of dead trees with low upkeep. In 2020 the library will be looking for contractors for this project and then the plans will be open for the public. The Friends of the Library is paying for and maintaining this project with no funds needed from the town. John stated that check needs to be written by the town or library. Motion to approve the library plans was made by Mike, seconded by Chuck. Carried

Marvin Borth-Driveway Snow Removal

The Board moved up on the agenda Mr. Borth's concern about snow being left at the edge of his driveway after the road is plowed. Mr. Sendra read the town's ordinance 2009-9 re Winter Road Maintenance. It states that it is the responsibility of the property owner to clean up what is left after the snowplow removes the snow from the road. Discussion only-no action was taken.

Town Snow Plowing

The Board discussed the responsibilities of property owners keeping the snow clear from their mailboxes and reminding property owners to not blow snow from their property onto the town roads. Discussion only, no action was taken.

Discuss Sno-goer Funds

Dave McNutt, a Sno-goer member, informed the town that the \$6,000 that was requested by the Sno-goers for gravel was not yet used due to the early arrival of snow in November. He stated Fritz suggested putting the funds in escrow and when the bill arrives, he will pay it.

There was discussion about the ATV Club and Six stated that they are not looking for funds from the town.

There was discussion about grant funds available for the club to use. The clubs should contact the county to see if there are any funds available, specifically Tara and Forestry Department, before contacting the town for funds.

Conditional Use Application- Gilbert Family Lake Home LLC-TRH-3707N Popko Circle E

The board discussed the re-submitted application. Kathy stated that the application was complete and compliant and that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

Chuck made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Mike. Carried.

Conditional Use Application-Brian Osborne-TRH-3434 N Tutts Rd:

Kathy From stated that the planning commission recommended approval amendment to reflect changes to a 4 bedroom dwelling.

Mike made a motion to approve, seconded by Opal. Carried.

Amend Dwelling Ordinance

Kathy from Planning Commission discussed the recommended change to the attached dwelling ordinance stated that the Planning Commission recommends with amendments.

Mike made a motion to approve the ordinance with amendments to reflect the change, seconded by Opal. Carried

Discuss account for Room Tax

John discussed the Treasurer can give a quarterly report for expense/income if the Board would like. The Board also discussed having a segregated account. Opal stated she would like to see a monthly report. Discussion only. No action taken

Intergovernmental Agreement-Town of Oma

John stated he discussed with Steve Finco, Chairman of Town of Om and Jake an agreement between the Town of Oma and the Town of Mercer.

Chuck made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike. Carried.

Employee Raises Effective 2020

Mike made a motion to approve the attached employee raises effective 2020, seconded by Opal. Carried.

Permission for the Clerk to pay Utility, Insurance and Credit Card Bills when due if prior to meetings

Mike made a motion to approve, seconded by Opal. Carried.

DNR informational Sign at Chamber

Former Chamber Director Beth discussed the sign in front of the Chamber. The Board discussed concerns about not being able to see the Chamber sign and if the location reached the intended audience. John read a letter stating that the Chamber had discretion to allow the sign if they so choose to. According to Melissa, Chamber Director, the sign will be moved after the first of the year.

Legal:None

Approvals

Vouchers: The Clerk presented checks 39928 to 39953, 1000529, and 1000533 totaling 21,215.80 and checks 39954 to 39989, 1000534 to 1000535 totaling 93,671.07. Motion to approve vouchers and issue checks made by Chuck, seconded by Mike. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Clerk stated that the general account ending total was \$97,328.54 and our total amount of funds were 1,661,151.59. Motion to approve as read made by Opal, 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:

Shay Dam grant is in the works. Grant will be used to study for flood shadow/land use/fund for the dam.

Business Park- met with Schubitz—gave them a map and they stated that they want 3 lots: out lot 1, lot 3 and 4.—totally 5-6 acres.

Ansey and Associated Insurance: Met with them to discuss another health insurance plan but what we have right now is a better plan.

Presented a letter from Mr. Mangino with ideas for people to get rid of large goods. Board should consider for a large walk in dumpster or something like Manitowish Waters has.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Supervisor Eric Snow had nothing to report

Supervisor Opal Roberts had nothing to report.

Supervisor Mike Lambert reported on the following:

The street light on Lake Shore Dr, regarding it could use the extra light if it is in the Road Plan, but we should wait until the trees are cut down.

Clerk's Correspondence: None

Public Comment:

Heather Jordens questioned what the process is for businesses not for sale, not open or unused and are an eyesore. John replied that the blight ordinance could be considered. Letters should be written to the town to discuss the specific properties.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 6:29PM made by Opal, seconded by Chuck. Roll call taken by the Clerk: Chuck, John, Opal and Mike all ayes.

A motion to return to open session by Chuck, seconded by Mike at 7:13PM. Roll call taken: Chuck, John, Opal and Mike all ayes

Action Taken From Closed Session

Opal made a motion, seconded by Chuck, for the clerk salary to be increased \$1,500.00 approved at the 2018 budget hearing to \$46,843.00 for 2020. 3 ayes, 1 abstain. Motion carried

Adjournment

Chuck made a motion to adjourn at 7:19PM, seconded by Mike. Motion carried

Minutes submitted by: Town of Mercer, Board of Supervisors. Reviewed by John Sendra, Chairman

Approved: January 9, 2020