

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2019
(unapproved)

- Chairman John Sendra called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman Sendra, Supervisors Tom Thompson, Chuck Schroepfer, Jeff Stenberg and Clerk Christan Brandt. Absent Supervisor Mike Lambert, Treasurer Lin Miller, and Attorney Fritz Schellgell.
- **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Norm McKindles from The Iron County Citizens Forum stated they are having a candidate forum on Monday the 11th at 7 pm in the Community Center.
- **Permission to waive fee for Town Board Forum at Community Center:** Motion made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, no second motion not passed.
- **Purchase of refrigerator for Community Center:** The Clerk stated that she had contacted Woodruff Appliance for options. Motion to purchase the Fridge/ freezer made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Discuss roof repairs/replacement:** Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that we had approved the roof on the Community Center last year and had discussed the repairs needed for the Fire Hall and Ambulance Barn. He had some figures. To complete the items needed, the cost would be over \$123,000.00. We do have roughly \$94,000.00 set aside in the building outlay account for some of the projects. A plan to complete two items this spring had been previously agreed upon as necessary. Motion to work on the Community Center Roof and the Fire Hall roof made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Employee Handbook cell phone and texting usage:** The board determined that an employee would get warned once for inappropriate cell phone usage. After that they would receive a written disciplinary report. Cell phone use during working hours will be for Town Business only. Motion to find the appropriate language to put a stop to the excessive texting that is not town business made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Tourist Rooming House Matters:** We are finding individuals that are operating Rooming Houses but have not gotten the proper permits. How should we proceed if they do not respond to our letters? Chairman Sendra stated that he would talk to Zoning and see what can be done from that end.
- **Business Park Website:** A few years back we canceled the Business Park website that we were paying for as no one knew where to look for the information. We can just add the information to the Town Webpage since we are already paying for the page. It would also be easier for anyone to find. The Clerk stated that the board would have to let her know what information they wanted included, and she could place it on the webpage.
- **CD renewal at Associated Bank:** The Clerk stated that our CD is up that we have at Associated and we need to decide what term we would like to renew it at. Last time we renewed it for 6 months. Motion to renew the CD with Associated for 6 months at 2.45% made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Community Center as a shelter in inclement weather:** The question had arisen if the town could open the Community Center up to use in case of inclement weather to help residents in need. Motion to open it up as long as the Center has power made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.

- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 38854 to 38896, 1000454-1000459 totaling \$44,440.72 and the vouchers for checks 388897 to 38921 in the amount of \$40,009.82. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** None
- **Chair's Report:** He stated that at the County Board meeting on Tuesday Saxon Harbor was discussed. A modified version of the campground was presented that would be \$600 to \$700 thousand less. If we do not go forward, we lose over \$875 thousand. We are now getting transportation service for Seniors to Minocqua and Ironwood. The town also sent out certified letters for our two blight issues and have received one response. At the next regular meeting, we will again have an informational meeting regarding PRAT Tax.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He stated that he had someone contact him that the Transfer Station closed early one day.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** He stated that the guys are having a tough time getting through with the plow truck on Vaughn Street. There are signs that state no parking from 2 to 6 am but they are still parking there. Send a letter regarding this matter and maybe call the Sheriff's Department. Also there seems to be snow on the sidewalks from the plowing done on the BP property. We can send letters and if that does not work, we will remove it and charge them. We are also looking for a sweeper as the clutch went out in the broom and since it is a 1984, we can no longer get parts.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried. 6:03 pm.