

Town of Mercer Meeting Minutes: July 18, 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: Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, Supervisor Eric Snow, Treasurer Lin Miller, Chairman John Sendra, Attorney Fritz Schellgell, Supervisor Opal Roberts and Supervisor Mike Lambert.

Approval of prior meeting minutes for June 20th and June 28th:

Motion to accept prior minutes made by Supervisor Opal Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.

Public Comment: Comments were made regarding the sign ordinance, amending it and if Town property can be exempted from the sign ordinance.

Items for Discussion/Possible Action

Sign Application-R&L Garbe Enterprises Inc., DBA Mercer Garden Center: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended approval. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Eric Snow, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

Sign Application-Rasmussen Dental: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended approval. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, Seconded by Supervisor Opal Roberts. Carried.

Sign Application-Wampum Shop: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended approval. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried.

Billboard-Mercer School-Football Scoreboard: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended the application goes back to the Park Board. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer made A motion to postpone until the next meeting, seconded by Supervisor Opal Roberts. Carried.

Commercial Design Review- Kurt & Heidi Meyer-1800W HWY 51 South: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended approval. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

William & Stacey Smith Conditional Use Application-6710N Spider Ln: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended approval contingent upon owners

contacting the adjoining neighbors. A motion to postpone until the next meeting was made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried.

Henry Krauss Conditional Use Application-4053 N Kimmear Rd: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended approval. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Eric Snow, seconded by Supervisor Opal Roberts. Carried.

Kurt & Leslie Calkins Conditional Use Application-2963 W Klick Rd: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended approval. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.

Tourist Rooming House Application- Dear Trail Lodge #4 of Grand Portage Resort: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended approval. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Opal Roberts. Carried.

Fireworks Ordinance-Eric Snow: A lengthy discussion between the Board members regarding the ordinance, issuing permits and enforcement.

Members of the Mercer Lake Association presented their ideas, concerns to the Town Board and voiced their opinions and experiences regarding the current firework issues.

The Board will have a special meeting to discuss any adjustments and/or amendments to consider permits and enforcement violations in the Fireworks Ordinance. No action taken.

Sign Ordinance: Chairman John Sendra stated the ordinance is outdated and needs improvement. Members of the Planning Commission suggested a meeting with the Board members to discuss revisions needed.

The Board, planning commission and park board will hold a special meeting to discuss amending the sign ordinance. No action taken.

Legal: Attorney Fritz Schellgell reported on the following: Lameka Road is moving forward. The Beachway Drive abandonment resolution passed and there will be a publication notice. The Board can act on the 6/28/19 Resolution for abandonment at the Sept. 5th meeting.

Approvals

Vouchers: The Clerk presented checks 39451 to 39474 totaling \$38,499.79. Motion to approve vouchers and issue checks, made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Clerk stated that the general account ending total was \$481,944.57 and our total amount of funds was \$1,610,614.25. Motion to

approve as read made by Supervisor Opal Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried.

Bartender's License: Town Clerk read the attached list of bartender applications for approval. Supervisor Mike Lambert made a motion to approve as read, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried.

Liquor License: Town Clerk presented a new Class B Liquor License Application for John E. Bestler as agent for The Bar. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

Cemetery Deeds: None

Operations Reports:

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

Phone call with Janet Bewley regarding the DNR Biologist job moving to Ashland.

The Leash Law- Ordinance needs to be updated and should include licensing.

Lipp Lake- the road is too high to access by car. The residents would like gravel filled from the Road to lake entrance.

Recycling- The County increased the wage reimbursement for recycle attendants to \$12.50 per hour starting August 1st 2019.

Tire Recycling for 8/24/19-Flyers are at the office. Why is it at the Town Garage and not at county garage? If we need a person there why not use on our recycle attendants.

Town Audit- is complete and per Board approval we will have a special meeting to review the results. The Auditors will be present for the review at the special meeting.

Blight Issues are working out and being handled.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer reported on:

Transportation aid- Mercer was the only municipality that received aid per an article in the Daily Globe.

Tyler got his CDL

Wilson Lake Association- Jake and Chuck checked looked at the Road and found minimal run off issues

County Roads open to ATV/UTV- Letters from Chairman on Town Letterhead, should it have been a personal letter instead?

Question for Opal regarding a meeting for the Friends of the Library.

Supervisor Eric Snow reported on: The letter from John Sendra regarding the county roads being open to ATV/UTV- He felt it was received as on behalf of the Town.

The Fire Dept. - They did a fantastic job on the Fireworks and the Town should do something for them as a thank you to recognize our volunteers.

Sign Ordinance - the procedures and possible modifications. It will be on the next agenda per Chairman John Sendra

Supervisor Mike Lambert reported on the following: Rob Milashus bought a house on Martha Lake Road and wants a turn around driveway. Per Chuck Schroepfer he will need to fill out a driveway permit and review the driveway ordinance.

Supervisor Opal Roberts reported on the following:

Cemetery- it was too hot and humid to do work over there so caught up on paperwork

Library- They are having issues with the building and staying connected to the internet.

Senior Center-Roof was fixed

Wilson Lake- The people had been very patient and waited a long time for the road to be fixed and The Town has done really nice work out there

Forest Road Complaint- Residents want more gravel

c.) Clerk's Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Comments were made by: Bill Brundage commented that someone mowed the grass on HWY 51 and they should be applauded as it looks really nice. Kelly Kohegyi gave an update on the "Slow Children" signs she requested. Thanked the County and Board for their quick response and now the children have signs. Mike Lambert added maybe a crosswalk should be put in. The Board stated that would be an item for county; it's a county road.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Opal Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried. Chairman John Sendra adjourned at 7:26pm.

Minutes submitted by: Town Clerk, Amber Thompson **Approved:** 8/1/19