

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2018
(unapproved)

- Chairman John Sendra called the meeting to order at 5:30pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman John Sendra, Supervisors Tom Thompson, Mike Lambert, Chuck Schroepfer, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt. Absent Treasurer Lin Miller. Attorney Schellgell arrived at 5:37pm
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes with the changes to the Bike Path fund motion to include the stipulation that if the Chamber accepted the funds they be used for the Bike path made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Frank Schroeder from Mercer Well stated that he had received the letter from the Town notifying him that it was going to take back the Business Park property that he had purchased because he had not fulfilled the deed compliance agreement. He stated that he would like to put a building up there but cannot afford to do so at this time. It was suggested that he contact Northwest Regional Planning and to see if he can get a loan.
- **Open Bids for the shop roof for review process:** The town received 3 bids: Nasi Construction for \$111,250.00; Badger land for \$121,408.00; Kulp's of Stratford for \$104,428.00. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that he recommends that we have the architect review them, and then he can make a recommendation. Motion to give the proposals to the architect for review and to make sure everything is accurate before we award the bid made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Mercer Sanitary discussion on Cemetery / Hydrant agreement:** The agreement is to basically swap bills when we plow out the hydrants. Attorney Schellgell stated that intergovernmental agreements are made all the time, and he does not see any issues with this proposal. He will draw up an agreement for both boards to review and sign. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Aramark contract for shop:** The Clerk stated that the Aramark bill has been running around \$94.00 biweekly and with the elimination of the air freshener it brought it down to \$73.00 biweekly. The supervisors' packets contained two different quotes one is for \$55.20 biweekly w/o the air fresheners and the second is for \$59.20 biweekly. Motion to approve the \$55.20 biweekly agreement contingent upon Attorney Schellgell's approval made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Blocking off parking on Hwy 51 for Loon Day:** Supervisor Tom Thompson stated that he had business owners contact him regarding blocking off parking spots in front of their businesses. Last year another owner turned some of them in to the sheriff's department for blocking spots off. Attorney Schellgell stated that we can go ahead and amend our parking ordinance now. Motion to amend our parking ordinance to state that parking be prohibited from 5pm the night before until 5:00pm the day of Loon day on Hwy 51 from County J to Lakeview and from Lakeview to Hwy 51 to the post office parking lot made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Striping crosswalks and painting parking areas downtown:** We contacted Mike Schwartz of Iron County and he came back with a quote for doing the painting. Motion to approve the County striping the crosswalks and parking pending they have the equipment made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Sidewalk from Scheels Road to Park:** Motion to recommend that we put \$17,500 in the 2019 budget this fall to get the sidewalk completed next spring made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

- **PRAT Tax:** Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that our roads are failing and we need to do something to repair them. He stated he was not against borrowing but this issue is not going away from year to year. The PRAT Tax would be an alternative where basically a .5% sales tax would be added to the 5.5% we pay now. Iron County receives half a million dollars from the .5% they get. Even if we figure ½ of that amount, we could be looking at \$45,000.00 plus. This tax can only be used for infrastructure. To do this an Ordinance or Resolution needs to be passed. Since we probably do not have 45% of our real estate being tourism based, this request would have to go to the legislature for approval. This item will be on the next agenda. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg. Carried.
- **Forest Road issues:** Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated that he gave all the information pertaining to Forest Road to Attorney Schellgell. Attorney Schellgell stated that he did not get this review finished and would like Todd Maki to take a look at issue. We take care of the front and end of the road and not the middle portion. The actual plat to the road is not where it should be, and we need to clean that up. Motion to authorize Attorney Schellgell to approve Todd Maki to survey Forest Road made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Christmas decorations for downtown:** The Clerk stated that new decorations were needed for the small poles downtown. We still have the banners and we would like to get the lighted pine garland to go along with them. Currently they are 15% off. We have enough in the beautification budget to get about 20 to 25 poles decorated out of the approximately 35 poles. Motion to take the money to purchase the decorations made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Legal:** Attorney Schellgell stated that he would write a letter to Frank of Mercer Well stating that we would need a letter from Northwest Regional Planning in 60 days. He has also had no response from McCann's so we will now file with the Courts. As for Lameka Road, he will meet with Todd Maki, Jake and the Hayes on their property about a proposed turn around for the town. Then Maki will have two proposals that all three owns would need to approve. He also stated that when going over the road we pushed snow where the garage is around 1985- 1990's, and Hayes placed their septic on our turn around between 1992-1994. We do not have a platted road, and no easement was ever recorded for the Town. There was a private easement that went all the way through Mindy's to Lauer's property.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 38149 to 38173, 1000401- 100407 totaling \$24,301.79 and the vouchers for checks 38174 to 38214 in the amount of \$35,199.37. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The clerk stated that the general account had an ending balance of \$136,486.23 and our total amount of funds was \$1,505,007.40. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Bartender's License:** We had applications for Georgia Flanagan, Philip Wilson, Kayla Palmer, and Brittany Dean. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert.
- **Chair's Report:** Chairman Sendra stated that he met with Adam Kussard from the Park Board and then met with Shari and Elmer Gosh. He felt good that we may be closer to a resolution with bike path funds. The date for the Cramer bridge to start is going to be September 25 to September 14. Larson, the Construction Company that will be working the project, is backed up.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** None
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** He stated that most should be aware that Teresa from the library has accepted another job, and he wanted to thank her for her 10 years of service. Town is out mowing the

sides of the roads. Supervisor Thompson asked if the road that goes to the gate at Lake of the Falls was a town road as it needs some gravel.

- **Supervisor Mike Lambert: none**
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He stated that the County Recycle had a meeting, and he was able to get additional hours for the 2nd person on 3 days a week. He also asked if anyone of the shop guys would be interested in helping on August 25 for the Hazardous Waste collection day.
- **Public Comment:**
- **Closed Session per WI State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) discuss employment and employee matters:** Motion to go into closed session made by Supervisor Tom Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. Roll call taken. 6:31pm
- **Return to open session to report any action taken if necessary:** Return to open session. Motion to give Jake Saarnio 2 weeks' vacation made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. Motion to hire David Skrenes for new mechanic position with a 60-day probation period made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried. Motion to pay David \$18.00 an hour made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried. Adjourned at 7:02 pm.