

Town of Mercer Meeting Minutes: Aug. 1, 2019 (approved).

Call to order

Chairman John Sendra called meeting to order at 5:29pm 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, Chairman John Sendra, Supervisor Opal Roberts and Supervisor Mike Lambert. Absent Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Fritz Schellgell.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

Motion to accept prior minutes made by Supervisor Opal Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried.

Public Comment: Comments were made regarding:

Weed Control on Bike Path -Weeds are doing damage to the pavement per a town resident.

Items for Discussion/Possible Action

Michael Kapets Conditional Use Application-3014N Hiawatha Rd: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended approval. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried.

William & Stacey Smith Conditional Use Application-6710N Spider Ln: Kathy Tutt from Planning Commission recommended approval pending they contact the neighbors. A motion to approve upon submitted information to the clerk was made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, Seconded by Supervisor Opal Roberts. Carried.

Lisa Fossum-Snowmobile Trail on W Lake Rd: Property owner Lisa discussed her concerns, issues and requests regarding the snowmobile trail on W Lake Road.

The Town Board agreed this was an issue for the Mercer Area SnoGoers as it is not a Town Rd. No Action Taken.

Hank Joustra president of Mercer Area SnoGoers stated they are working on resolving this issue and the trail will be off the road.

Lake Shore Drive Drainage Problem: Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated the Sanitary District will not be pursuing any grants and recommended the Town writes a letter to the snowmobile club and ask them not to groom along the trail abutting Lake Shore Drive.

Leash Law Ordinance-Review/update: Chairman John Sendra stated this ordinance goes back to 1964 and Legal recommended adopting county Leash Law then county can enforce it. Supervisor Eric Snow stated the county already has a leash law that they can enforce. Supervisor Mike Lambert made a motion to leave the ordinance alone and let county enforce, seconded by Supervisor Opal Roberts. Carried.

CDL Reimbursement: Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer made a motion to discuss in closed session under employee compensation, seconded by supervisor Eric Snow. Carried.

Land Use Fees-Cell Tower Construction Fee: Chairman John Sendra discussed this with Legal and recommended the new fee to be \$500.00. A motion to accept \$500.00 as the new Stand-Alone permit fee was made by Supervisor Opal Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.

Adopt a Resolution-to reallocate monies for Fire Dept. to be used at discretion of Fire Chief: Chairman John Sendra discussed that per legal the Town can not give a donation but can adopt a resolution to reallocate money which would allow the Fire Chief to use at his discretion.

Members of the Fire Department appreciate the thought and stated a simple thank you is just fine as the Town already does a lot for them.

No Action Taken.

Mercer School-Football Scoreboard: Supervisor Mike Lambert stated the Park Board needs to look into it more and made a motion to postpone until a later date, seconded by Supervisor Opal Roberts. Carried.

Town Audit-Special Meeting for review: Chairman John Sendra discussed that a request was made by a resident to have a special meeting with the audit results. He stated for \$500.00 the auditors will come in and give a report and answer questions from 5-5:30pm on August 15th.

Sign Ordinance-Modifications: The Board members discussed the revisions needed and stated they will have a public hearing. Supervisor Opal Roberts made a motion to set a public hearing date, seconded by supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.

Chairman John Sendra set the date for the public hearing before the September 5th regular Board meeting.

Legal: None

Approvals

Vouchers: The Clerk presented checks 39491 to 39511 totaling \$18,183.04. 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 \$445,949.92 and our total amount of funds was \$1,578,307.28. Motion to approve as read made by Supervisor Opal Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried.

Bartender's License: Town Clerk presented a new bartender application for Megan Headington for approval. Supervisor Mike Lambert made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried.

Liquor License: None

Cemetery Deeds: None

Operations Reports:

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

County HWY ATV Routes- not open yet. They are signed but will remain covered until the ordinance is written and HWY Committee will meet here on Aug. 20th at 4pm

Fireworks meeting with DA and Sheriff was postponed until and rescheduled for 14th to discuss the permitting process

Our CD is coming due on 8/11 with Associated Bank and we will have a meeting with Associated regarding rates for this.

Cooper Engineering, for the DNR mandated repairs for Shays Dam sent a proposal for \$27,000.00

County Human Services Board gave good news from county that placement costs went down

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Mike Lambert: None

Supervisor Opal Roberts reported on:

Cemetery-still mapping plots

The Friends of the Library- Commented on meetings and discussed With Chuck regarding comments and fees.

Supervisor Eric Snow reported on:

EMT Classes in Manitowish waters at the Community Center starting on Aug. 8th and you can contact Adam Kussard or Jim Bianga for more details.

Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer reported on:

Pitlick & Wick paved Turtle Dam Road. Stated to Opal and Eric that we will be billed for paving and then it will be submitted for reimbursement

Roof Repairs- The repair of the Community Center Roof is scheduled to start after Loon Day and had not heard from Nasi regarding the Ambulance roof but it is scheduled for this year.

c.) Clerk's Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Comments were made regarding:

Leash Law and getting a Dog License.

Comments made regarding Shay Dam if the permit application has been put in to the DNR

Closed Session:

Supervisor Opal Roberts made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried.

Town Clerk Amber Thompson conducted a roll call vote, ayes were Chuck, Eric, John, Opal and Mike. No Nays.

Supervisor Eric Snow made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Supervisor Opal Roberts. Carried.

Town Clerk Amber Thompson conducted roll call vote, ayes were Chuck, Eric, John, Opal and Mike. No Nays.

Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer made a motion to reimburse an employee up to \$200.00 for their CDL test after 1 year of continued employment with the Town of Mercer, Seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

Supervisor Eric Snow made a motion to give a conditional offer of employment to Don Geisberger, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Opal Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Eric Snow. Carried. Chairman John Sendra adjourned at 7:04pm.

Minutes submitted by: Town Clerk, Amber Thompson **Approved:** (8/15/19)