

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2020
(approved)

Call to order

Chairman Sendra called the meeting to order at 5:30PM at the Haines Building

Roll call

Town Clerk Debbie Hohner conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Supervisors Chuck Schroepfer, Eric Snow, Opal Roberts, Mike Lambert, Chairman John Sendra, Attorney Fritz Schellgell and Treasurer Lin Miller

Approval of prior meetings minutes

Motion to accept prior meeting minutes of Dec 19th, December 27th and December 31st made by Chuck, seconded by Mike. Carried

Items for Discussion/Possible Action

Shea Dam Grant

John is awaiting additional information about the grant for the repair of the dam from Dan. He hopes to have additional information soon.

Business Park

John had not heard back from John Schubitz about interest in parcels in the business park. Fritz stated that he thought that John is interested in parcels 9 and 10. Eric wondered if all businesses are in compliance with the rules and regulations? Fritz stated that he will contact Frank Schroeder. John stated that the board should relook at compliance of the rules and regulations.

Mecca Ski update for plans on Turtle River Pursuit-Mike Shouldice

The Mecca organizing has been really busy with activities from a recent grant and fundraising activities that they received and also the Turtle River Pursuit. These new activities are called the Mecca Experience—activities include teaching Mercer/Hurley students and adults to ski in addition programs at the Northland school and Wakefield/Marinesco school. Their major goal is making the Mecca Trail a year-round trail system. The club has three major activities: Live at 5, Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe and Turtle River Pursuit. This year's Turtle River Pursuit is a two-day event held in Mercer. They hope to have 100 skiers and 100 spectators with 50 volunteers. Mike requested that the town plow the parking lot—Chuck said that they will. Mike thanked the town for their support.

Appoint approval of Clerk

John stated that there will be a special meeting on Tuesday January 14th, 2020 at 10AM. Fritz stated that the Town Board selects the Clerk. Packets with applicant's information will be available to Board members before Monday.

Garbage/Transfer Site options

John stated that people believe it would be a good idea to have a large goods dumpster right in the town. Jerry, who is the head of the Transfer Station, agreed and thought that it would be a good idea to try during Spring through Fall. The Board asked Jerry to proceed with this as it is a good idea and something that we need. Jerry was asked to come back to the Board when he has more information. Chuck suggested that if we have this large goods dumpster to cancel the 4th of July large items dump.

Amended Dwelling Ordinance

Opal made a motion to approve the Amended Dwelling Ordinance, seconded by Mike. All in favor. Carried

Sign Ordinance

Scot Lundquist asked if the board could enforce the sign ordinance. Fritz/John asked the Clerk to send a letter to owner's that have signs up for business that are no longer open and to give them 90 days to remove the sign. The letter will include a copy of the ordinance

Legal

Fritz filed the stipulation on Lameka Road and a motion to dismiss and proposed order of dismissal. The judge should be signing within a day or two.

Approvals

Vouchers

Chuck made a motion to approve vouchers and issue checks, seconded by Mike. Chuck noted that the payment to Chaney Construction should be changed to be have funds taken from the park and not the section 24. The clerk will make the change in the records to note this change.

Treasurer's Report

Lin reported that the general account ending total is \$119,752.37. The total amount of funds is \$3,923,475.11. Motion to approve as read by Opal, seconded by Eric. Carried

Bartender's License- none

Liquor Licenses - none

Cemetery Deed- none

Operation Reports

Chair's Report

John stated the checks due to the schools will be ready on January 13th. December Settlement proceeds are transferred from the town and given to the schools, sanitary district and iron county. Iron County treasurer tells the town what the amounts are due to each of the entities. Checks need to be written by January 15th.

John will be bringing before the board to seek approval for application for a loan for the ambulance.

There is a boarder dispute between some landowners regarding snow removal on private land that was originally 80 acres parceled off into 9 properties. Dan Soine stated that the road between the properties is not a town road. There was a question as to how can a road become a town road. He was informed of the process to go through. Fritz stated that if the property owner can prove that the property is platted the town might be able to get involved.

Supervisor's Reports

Opal

Cemetery: Opal stated that it is great to have the files on her computer. A funeral home called and she was able to give them the information they needed without having to drive to town to get the file.

Library: Welcomed the new school representative Sue Guenard. Election of officers was held. Approved the replacement of the toilet fixture because the fix the company sent will only prevent the tank from bursting, not from cracking and causing water damage. Approved their 2020 budget.

Senior Center: Their Dec 18th Christmas party and the Leos Senior Center Party went very well with a number of people in attendance. Approved a draft of a survey asking participants about their personal history. The purpose of this is to get to know each other better.

Mike: None

Chuck

Contacted Tara at Iron County Forestry. The club can receive \$12,313 a year from a maintenance fund. Anything needed after that for trail improvements the club

can apply for grant funds or can request assistance from Iron Co Forest Department.

Jake and Chuck applying for a grant for road work.

Eric: None

Clerk's Correspondence - none

Next regular meeting of the Mercer Town Board of Supervisors will be held on
January 23, 2020 at 5:30pm

Public Comment

Kathy asked about the change of schedule for the Board's meeting. John informed her that meetings will go back to the usual schedule of first and third Thursdays.

Tom Schlueter questioned the use of Nicolet College by Mercer residents. Opal informed him that the residents of Mercer are required to pay funds to Nicolet College. There also was discussion that Nicolet provides very few services to our area.

Tom had concerns about snowmobiles driving on the bike path near the hotel. After discussion of ideas of how to deal with the issue Chuck said he will look into it and see what he can do.

Adjournment

Opal made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eric at 6:14. Motion carried

Minutes submitted by Interim Clerk, Debbie Hohner

Approved: (approved)