

# **Town of Mercer Meeting Minutes**

**January 23, 2020**

**Approved**

## **Order of Business**

### **Call to order**

Chairman John Sendra called the meeting to order at 530PM

### **Roll call**

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

### **Approval of prior meetings minutes**

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes from January 9th, 14th and 20<sup>th</sup> with corrections, seconded by Opal. Carried

## **Items for Discussion/Possible Action**

### **Discuss and consider applying for financial assistance in regard to Murray Landing Road**

Chuck started discussion regarding options for improving Murray Landing Road. A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Eric, to give permission to apply for funding to improve the road. Carried

### **Support for local recreational clubs purchasing private lands or easements**

Chuck initiated discussion about allowing the Chairman to write a letter of support for grant writing. Attorney Schellgell discussed about the Town not wanting to be held liable for easements. At this point the decision to support local recreation clubs will be made on a case by case basis. This issue will be back on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Clarify roads: Pine Bough- Deep Roots Courts in Beaver Lodge Estates Unit 2- Kathy Tutt**

Kathy wanted clarification if Pine Bough and Deep Roots Courts are legally town roads. Fritz will look into this at the county level and Debbie will look for any minutes/resolutions at the Town Hall.

### **Update and possible action Shay Dam Grant**

John reviewed past discussion related to who actually owns Shay Dam. He will discuss this at the Iron County Board meeting under committee reports on Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>. John also met with Erik Peterson at Iron County Forestry. Members of the board assured the public that the the grant application will be turned in on time, due the end of Feb. John found that Oma owns 60% of the land

around the dam. A rough estimated cost of the repairs of the dam is \$86,000—the grant is 50% match. John is working toward a common goal and hoping that the county will pay a portion of the cost. John will have an update at the next meeting.

### **Business Park- compliance/enforcement of rules and regulations**

John/ Debi Schubitz are looking at buying lot 9 and 10. Lot 4 has an offer from Bob Heinz for purchase, which is Resolution of Town of Mercer-Sale of Lot 4 in Mercer Business Park to RCH Holdings, LLC. Eric questioned the lot owned by Frank from Mercer Well and Drilling. Fritz sent Frank a letter and is hoping to hear back from him. Eric wants to be sure that the town is following through on the enforcement of rules and regulations.

### **Large items/transfer station option**

John reported that he and Jerry met with Eagle Waste. Would like to start having a location for large items to be thrown away by the end of May. If it is successful then we would continue on through the summer. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekly dump would be ended if we provide this new service. Costs from Eagle Waste were verbally quoted as: 90/month for the dumpster, \$400 fuel charge, \$62 a ton for up to 13 tons. We do well with recycle so we maximize our fuel charge.

John presented local transfer site's charges for dumping items in a spreadsheet.

Eagle Waste will be presenting specific costs to John and Jerry. Eric made a motion, seconded by Mike, to go forward with this. Carried

### **Resolution of Town of Mercer- Sale of Lot 4 in Mercer Business Park to RCH Holdings, LLC**

Resolution 2020.01

Sale of Mercer Business Park Lot 4

The undersigned Board Members, consisting of 100% of the Town of Mercer Board of Supervisors, hereby and do so authorize the sale of Lot 4 of the Mercer Business Park to RCH Holdings, LLC.

Motion by Chuck, seconded by Eric to adopt. All aye. Motion carried

### **LEGAL**

Fritz wanted to make sure everyone knows that the Town of Mercer paid 1/3 of the bill to resolve and dismiss the Lameka Road issue.

Chuck asked if the Town of Sherman approved the sharing of the road agreement. The Town of Sherman did sign the road agreement and dropped it off on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Chuck asked about the fireworks ordinance and if the county would accept to go into an agreement to enforce our ordinances. Fritz stated Paul Smardich does not feel comfortable going into a contract with the town to do this. The town amended the fireworks ordinance to reflect the county so the sheriff can have enforcement authority. Eric stated that Iron Co follows state statute.

Chuck presented a newspaper article related to county's not enforcing local town road's speed limits. Fritz stated that our more recent ordinances state that they are enforced by the Town Chairman or

his/her designee, therefore, the Chairman can designate someone for enforcement. Eric stated that the sheriff's department cannot be designated without the sheriff's approval. Fritz will look into what the newspaper article is about.

### **Approvals**

#### **Vouchers (issue of checks)**

Opal made a motion to approve the vouchers and issue checks, seconded by Eric. Motion carried

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Town Clerk reported that the General Account has an ending total of \$270,564.95, subtotal of \$727,356.56 and total amount of funds \$2,710,160.68. A motion to approve was made by Eric, seconded by Chuck. Carried

#### **Bartenders License**

None

#### **Liquor License**

None

#### **Cemetery Deed**

None

### **Operations Report**

#### **Chairman Sendra**

John spoke with Jeff Wilson regarding the DNR removing three agents from Mercer and moving the positions to Ashland. There will be a meeting in April at the Community Center to work towards keeping the jobs in Mercer. Janet Bewley has been invited and she said that she will attend.

John asked Chuck about gravel for Oma. John will contact Jake to see if we have any to sell to them.

John asked Chuck about the new shed to hold items at the Transfer Station. At this time Chuck is looking for information for an 18X28 shed to cover some equipment and to have it match the building. This is at the planning stage.

John stated that he would like to look at purchasing our own propane tanks because of issues with changing of tanks causing problems with restarting furnaces, etc. Will still bid out for the propane itself. John will place on the next meeting's agenda.

John discussed the sign ordinance and removal of outdated signs- there has been some progress.

#### **Supervisor Roberts**

Opal is working on the capital improvement plan for the town. Opal wants to get an in-depth picture of the buildings we own and future needs for improvements. Chuck has information and will work with Opal on it.

**Supervisor Schroepfer**

Asked Debbie if will look into becoming a notary. She will do so

Suggested that we have a backup person to do payroll in case something happens to the clerk so employees are ensured to be paid on time.

**Supervisor Lambert**

Was excused from the meeting. Nothing to report

**Supervisor Snow**

Nothing to report

**Clerk's Correspondence**

We are working with accounting firm for reports and completing W2's

The election crew is in full motion and ready for the election on February 18, 2020

**Set the next meeting's date to February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 530PM**

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

Opal made a motion at 6:32 to adjourn, seconded by Eric. Motion carried

**Minutes respectfully submitted by: Clerk, Debbie Hohner**