

Town of Mercer Meeting Minutes

February 6, 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

Erik made a motion to approve the minutes from January 23rd and February 3rd with an addition, seconded by Opal. Carried

Items for Discussion/Possible Action

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

Chuck made a motion to place this later into the agenda until the Town's attorney is in attendance, seconded by Mike. Carried

Propane Tank Bids

There have been some problems with having different propane companies. John asked Jerry to look into options for purchasing our own tanks in three location (2-1,000 gal/ 1-500 gal). Eric had concerns about how the town will pay for them and the upkeep. Jerry will find out how many gallons we have used so the Board has a better sense of how many gallons we use. Chuck made a motion to postpone this, seconded by Mike. Carried

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

Fritz looked into the history of these roads and his opinion is that they are town roads under Chapter 236. Once the plat was recorded and a resolution was made in 1980 we own the lands, therefore, the town owns it.

Vacation of roads in Secluded Sanctuary

Gregory Maines contacted the town about a customer of his wanting to vacate roads on the owner's property so he can redo lot lines. Fritz said that there are three ways of doing this but his suggestion was for the town to write a resolution to vacate the roads. Fritz also suggested that the land owner pay any out of pocket costs. Gregory Maines was in attendance of the meeting and shared the plans for the

land owner. He stated that the landowner owns 100% of the land associated with the road. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Mike, to give Fritz permission to go forward with vacating the roads.

Discuss and consider construction of a storage building @ the Transfer Station/Recycle Center

Chuck discussed how the town is in need of a storage building at the Transfer Station to hold equipment. He gave the Board some drawings of what he is looking to build. Chuck made a motion to proceed with the project, seconded by Opal. Carried

Approval for loan for the new fire truck

John presented the application and loan resolution paperwork from the Commissioners of Public lands to take out a loan for a new fire truck. Opal made a motion to approve the loan application and resolution of \$308,824 at 3.25% interest rate, seconded by Chuck. The loan will be paid off in 6-10 years. Roll call vote: Chuck- yes, Eric- yes, John- yes, Opal- yes and Mike- yes. Carried

Evenson's Bend Status- 5 Year Plan

There was concern by a property owner about the condition of Evenson's Bend road. This owner was assured that the road is on the 5 year plan for 2020. There was consensus amongst all of the Board members that there is concern about the condition of all of our roads but the problem is the limited funding to improve the roads.

LEGAL

Chuck questioned what is the consequence for not following the Sign Ordinance after owners pass the grace period that they were given by the Town. Fritz will look into the penalty phase.

Approvals

Vouchers (issue of checks)

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

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report

Bartenders License

Approve license for Christopher Jordens—motion made by Mike, seconded by Eric. Carried

Approve license for Christopher McMurray- motion made by Mike, seconded by Eric. Carried

Liquor License

Approve temporary Class B License for the VFW Building Fundraiser Feb 22, 2020 at the Community Center- motion by Chuck, seconded by Eric. Carried

Approve Class B and C liquor license to agent Christopher McMurray and Renae Burson from the Winding Path Corp. Business name is River's Edge Lodge and Outfitters S US Hwy 51- motion made by Mike, seconded by Opal. Carried

Cemetery Deed

None

Operations Report

Chairman Sendra

John shared with the Board that there is a 6 month CD that is maturing next week. He will work to gain higher interest on it.

John informed the public that at the meeting on Monday the Board agreed to not appoint someone to be written on the Spring ballot after opening occurred with the passing of Jeff Stenberg. Debbie informed the public that she spoke with Diane Lowe, Lead Elections Specialist, and reminded the public that in order for a write in vote to be counted the workers need to be able to understand the "voter's intent" with their vote. Diane also said although no paperwork needs to be completed for write in candidates for this situation, "if a candidate is given or spends even a penny" they need to have the financial form filled out.

Devin Olson is looking at Outlot #2. He is going to talk with the Schubitz's about purchasing a portion of one of the lots they are buying. Fritz did give the Schubitz's the offer to purchase.

John reported progress on the Shay Dam. Fritz reiterated that there are two ways to look at who owns the dam—citing easement or affixing to real property. The Iron County Forest Dept has agreed to do in kind work. John wants assurance that the town will receive the matching grant. John is working with the Dan Mortensen, who is in charge of the project, to finalize the paperwork for the grant which is due at the end of February.

John talked about an offer of some property around Feely Lake Road and FF was given to the town. The town is not sure if we need it. John will look more into it.

Supervisor Roberts

Opal received the new laptop for the cemetery. She also invited everyone to an open house on Friday for the new office for the ADRC.

Supervisor Schroepfer

Chuck asked if the Clerk has thought about a back up for writing of checks. Debbie informed him that the new Deputy Beth Wetzler worked with her to do the payroll checks.

Supervisor Lambert

None

Supervisor Snow

Said he received questions as to why there is no ice rink. Adam Kussard responded that it is school property and that he should direct the question to Administration or the School Board.

Clerk's Correspondence

Debbie announced that Beth Wetzler has agreed to be the Clerk's Deputy. She is looking forward to working with Beth and knows she will do an excellent job.

Set the next meeting's date to February 20th, 2020 at 530PM

Public Comment

Tom Schlueter thanked the Board and Jerry for working on the area to drop off large items at the Transfer Station later this Spring.

Adjournment

Opal made a motion at 6:43 to adjourn, seconded by Eric. Motion carried

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Clerk, Debbie Hohner

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