

Town of Mercer  
Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2017  
(unapproved)

- Chairman Jim Kichak called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman Jim Kichak, Supervisors Bonnie Banaszak, Mike Lambert, John Sendra, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt and Treasurer Lin Miller. Absent Attorney Schellgell.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Xcel Energy to discuss the Turtle Flowage Dike construction:** Dean Steines the Civil Engineer for Xcel was here to explain the construction project that will take place on the dike. The best option for this was to use the existing road. They will raise the road by the dike 7 to 8 feet and as you move further west it will gradually lower so that there will be little change. The road will close for approximately two months to the public around September to November 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time, there are many issues with permitting, so they are not sure if this will take place this year or the next.
- **Budget amendment to move \$25,000 from line item Contingency to line item Public Safety:** Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Approval of Town Attorney to move forward with legal action against Kelly and Joann McCann:** Motion to approve town attorney to move forward made by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.
- **Snowmobile Club to request donation:** motion to postpone made by Supervisor John Sendra, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Northwoods Wildlife and Wetlands Club- range improvement request (donation):** They are requesting \$2,000 for an addition and have not previously come before the board to request funds. Motion to approve the donation made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak. Carried.
- **Mercer ICO to ask for waiver of 300 ft distance rule pertaining to the licensing of a "Class A" beer license:** They did go over to the Nazarene Church to speak with the Pastor who does not have an issue with it and has a signed letter noting so. Motion to approve the waiver made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak. Carried. Supervisor Jeff Stenberg abstained.
- **Pavers on County J for sidewalk extension:** Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak stated that she had numerous concerns with using pavers instead of concrete for the sidewalk. She also felt that the walkway treatment should be consistent throughout the path. There was further discussion regarding pavers, concrete, the length and width of the sidewalk, as well as possibly bidding this out. Motion to postpone until we have more complete information made by Supervisor John Sendra, seconded by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak. Carried.
- **Friends of the Library to discuss solar project for Library:** Wendy Thiede stated that the Friends of the Library have been looking into this project and saving money for it for a few years. They are not looking for approval to purchase as of yet but for a vote of confidence to move forward into looking into this investment further with getting quotes etc. It was stated that the system would possibly save the town \$1,000 a year and would be a ground unit. Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak asked who would be covering the upkeep in the future. Wendy stated that they did not think of this but didn't think it would be a problem for them to maintain it. Motion to give

them permission to continue to investigate for more information made by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.

- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented checks 36319 to 36347. 100261 to 100263 totaling \$34,466.83 and the vouchers for checks 36348 to 36372 in the amount of \$8,00.97. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer stated that the general account ending balance was \$318,241.81 and our total amount of funds was 1,987,354.88. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak, seconded by Supervisor Mike Lambert. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** Chairman Kichak stated that he gave the gas companies permits to run the roads this week with the cold temps. There was some issue with Stafford Point Road so he needed to have Todd Maki go and take a look at them to get them resolved. The County Zoning is also coming up on passing a 50-foot right-of-way where people would not be able to build or do anything near the roads. He got paperwork from the L-Rip program, and we will be getting a little over \$29,000 in funds in about 6 weeks. The road crew was out opening a few culverts as we had some beaver problems again.
- **Supervisor Mike Lambert:** None
- **Supervisor Bonnie Banaszak:** Asked about the bids regarding the old garage and the asbestos ad for the paper. She will go into the office so that she can work with the clerk to get that information out in the paper.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** Asked about the upcoming Highway project on 51 and 47. Chairman Kichak stated that it will be on the next agenda for the temporary pit on Mercer Lake. It was mentioned the issues and problems on Hwy 182 were done last year. Unfortunately, the State is in charge of the Hwys 51 & 47 projects, so there is nothing we can do about who gets the contract.
- **Supervisor John Sendra:** Stated that he would like to see another Solar meeting but maybe in the evening. In reference to the last board meeting, he also asked about the removal of the old garage. He has received numerous calls regarding how much of it was going to be removed and what will be in place for electricity. Chairman Kichak stated that we will have a warming facility and everything will be in place before we do this and nothing will take place until this summer.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:24 pm made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor John Sendra. Carried.

Approved:

Christan Brandt, Town Clerk