

Town of Mercer  
Municipal Officer's Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)  
May 14, 2020

Meeting Opens: 6 p.m.

Present: 1st MO Ricky Parlin, 2nd MO Gary Mosher, 3rd MO Dari Hurley, Yolanda Violette (Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector), Tammy Lamphere (Minutes). Residents: Joel Lamphere, Bruce Hurley, Donnie and Julia Howard, Harriet Varney, Fred LaPlante. Non-Residents: Terry Warren and Joe Lewandowski

**Citizens Inquiry:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**-Assessing:** Gerri Redlevski, Ricky and Dari have completed the list for review and the New/Notifications field work! Harriet Varney has completed 1/3 of inputting into the computer.

**-Winter Road Contract Bids:** Ricky opened the single bid submitted by Joe Lewandowski. The bid was reviewed and accepted by the MO in the amount of \$156,000.00 This bid includes all roads, transfer station and MCC building. When asked what equipment he had, Joe replied that he had a 2004 pickup truck with plow. If awarded the contract, Joe stated he will purchase/rent needed equipment. The MO discussed the bid. Gary had a motion to award the winter roads contract to Joe Lewandowski pending proof of insurance, bond and passing inspection of required equipment. All equipment must be available for inspection by July 1, 2020. **Vote 3-0.**

**-Roadside Ditching Bids:** 2 bids were received and opened. Terry Warren submitted a bid for \$265 an hour. This bid included 4 workers, a dump truck, excavator with ditching bucket and flagger. Joel Lamphere submitted a bid for \$100 per hour with track skid steer, dump truck, 1 operator. \$30 additional when excavator is needed. The MO discussed the bids and a **vote was made 3-0** to award Joel Lamphere the Roadside Ditching on Elm Street.

**-Bounty Line Agreement:** Mr. Zulieve wants more information. He is concerned about taxes changing and the affect this will have on his tree farm Yolanda stated that the lot has a base value of \$25,000.00 There would be no change. Ricky stated that it was a wash. Mr. Zulieve gained 100' of road frontage and lost land out in the back of the lot that was unreachable because of the deep ravine. Ricky volunteered to walk with Mr. Zulieve and show him. According to the new survey, Mr. Zulieve gained 9 acres. Fred and Ricky both agreed that because the land was never previously surveyed, there is no way to know if that is accurate.

**-Old Town Office:** Was listed May 11, 2020. CERT was there cleaning on Saturday, May 9, 2020. As of the MO Meeting, the vehicles were still parked at the building.

**-MCC Gutters:** Did not get installed on May 2, 2020. There was material delivery issues. The issue has since been addressed and gutters will be installed on May 19, 2020.

**-Liens:** Filed on May 8, 2020. 40 were recorded from 65 notices sent on April 4, 2020.

**-Posted Signs:** Most were removed by Dari. Elm Street from Kimball Schoolhouse Rd/East Sandy River have remained posted. Ricky had concerns that Indian Stream was mushy.

**-Charlie Baeder:** Pond Road Grant work needs a road plan for \$3500. Charlie is asking that the town cover \$1000.00 Dari would like the town to have a copy of the road plan. Dari would like Fred involved with the inventory of culverts. Gary made a motion to to use \$1000.00 for approved monies from the Annual Budget Meeting Article (\$20,000) for the Pond Road Grant. Dari seconded it. **Vote 3-0**

**-Local Health Officer:** Heidi Dubois has completed training and been sworn in.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

-For The Record: Workshop n April 30th at 3:15 and the items for discussion were:

1. Concerns about the delay or reduction of revenue to the town based on COVID-19
  - A. LRAP will not be funded by the state this year.
  - B. Ricky is very concerned about the town finances and would like to table most projects until money comes in.
2. Phone conversation with Charlie Baeder about were/his fees are calculated into the Grant. Also additional conversation about pro's/con's, necessity to have a road plan prepared by Josh.
3. Discussed that based on the Bid Proposal that we would open the ditching bids at the 5/14 meeting as well.
4. Donnie is moving forward to grade Elm Street and Pond Rd. Recommended May 4th-8th if weather permits.
5. Discussion regarding the optimum time to start ditching Elm Street.
  - A. Joel will start middle of next week. Contract signed and insurance provided.
6. We updated Gary that Ricky & I have been out with Jerry assessing properties and we reviewed and signed the contracts for Jerry and Fran.
  - A. 3 days each, Dari 1 day

Ricky, Gary, Dari & Joel Lamphere were present, 2 hrs.

**-Tax Wave:** Bob and Mary Burr submitted a letter requested that their commercial tax be waved because of the COVID-19 and that the restaurant will not be open for the year 2020. Ricky suggested that the letter be tabled and discussed with the town assessors.

**-Grading of Roads:** Storm's on Corson Road have an issue with water damage and water running off the road into their house. This has been an issue for many years. Ricky and Donnie went to assess it. Ricky feels it should be addressed next week. All the dirt roads need grading.

**-Inventory of Towns Culverts** at MS&G and move them to the Salt/Sand shed. Donnie and Ricky will address the culverts and cold patch( check to see if it still usable) next week.

**-Clement Road:** Turn Around will cost over \$500.00

**-Mirror:** Chris Tibbets dropped off a traffic mirror that was meant for Hampshire Hill. The mirror needs to be installed and the bushes removed.

**-Street Signs:** Vern needs to return the hardware that accompanied the returned street signs.

**-Trees along the Roads:** Fred mentioned that Ladd Road has some serious issues with overhanging trees. There are many roads with tree issues. Beech Hill Rd, Rome Rd. WSR has been cleaned up by the residents.

**-Volunteer Hours:** Ricky and Gary spent two days cleaning up 12-14 big trees after the last winter storm. Gary mentioned that there downed trees that did not get reported on the morning after the storm.

**-Tree Removal Ideas:** Fred recalled that the town hired a Tree Company 3 years ago. Bruce Hurley mentioned a operation that had an excavator with a chipper head to clean the sides of the road. Joel Lamphere was willing to donate his commercial chipper (18" plus) as long as someone put together a crew to help.

**-Website:** Dari wants a statement on the website about the workshops. This will cover any advance notice needed.

**-Road Signs:** ESR Rd Bridge posted sign and other missing signs are ready to post.

**-Transfer Station:** Derek is ready to open on May 27, WEDNESDAY 4-6 pm. BLUE BAGS ONLY

**-Scholarship Letters:** Letters have been sent to 7 Seniors of SAHS for the Ethel Springer Scholarship.

-**Tree Growth:** Renewel of Sigersmith, J & L, signed

-**Mowing:** MCC and Cemeteries will start Sunday, May 17, 2020, then every two weeks thereafter.

**OTHER:**

- **Blue Sky Labs:** Needs application approved and signed for adult use. Dari had no prior knowledge of the application and wanted to take time to review it before signing. Jessie Crandall(who was in Greenville) was informed during the meeting that the application had been tabled for review and repeatedly called the Town Office until Yolanda answered. Jessie asked to speak to Gary because he was upset that the application was submitted days earlier and needed to be signed by May 18, 2020.

-**Assessing Hours:** There was a question of accuracy with Gerry's assessing hours. Gary made a motion to pay Gerry for 31 hours and discuss the remaining hours in question with Gerry. Dari seconded the motion. **Vote 3-0**

**Approval of Warrant:** Gary approved the warrant with changes on Gerry's hours.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** April 23, 2020 Changed made and Dari wants to review before approving.

**Schedule of Next Meetings** May 28, 2020 MO , June 11, 2020 MO, June 25, 2020 MO

**Adjournment:** 8:50