

Town of Mercer
Municipal Officer's Meeting Minutes
April 09, 2020 -- COVID-19
(Approved 4/23/2020)

Present: 1st MO- Ricky Parlin, 2nd MO- Gary Mosher, 3rd MO- Dari Hurley, Yolanda Violette (Tax Collector/Treasurer/Clerk) Tammy Lamphere(secretary) Resident: Joel Lamphere

Meeting Opens: Ricky P opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

Citizens Inquiry:

Julia Howard, will be doing a Rome Road Clean Up on April 19th and has asked if all trash be disposed of at the Transfer Station for no fees. A motion was made that all trash from the cleanup be disposed of at the Mercer Transfer Station at no charge and Derek will be notified. **VOTE 3-0**

A Pond Road resident stopped Donnie Howard and complained about the road. **RESIDENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE WITH COMPLAINTS.** Ricky drove down the Pond Road and found that there are pot holes but vehicles are able to get through and work will be done when the weather permits.

Fred LaPlante and Joel Hooper had concerns about a culvert near their homes. Ricky went over and cleaned it out. It's working great now!

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Boundary Line Agreement:** This issue was discussed at the workshop on April 2, 2020. It was decided that Amanda Meader, the Town Attorney, will look into this. Gary was hesitant about this decision and suggested that Yolanda reach out to the Zulieve's and see what they want. Gary didn't want to proceed because of the cost of hiring Amanda. Dari explained that there is a need to address this legally, investigate and get a clear title so that the town does not run into trouble again. A motion was made to hire Amanda. **VOTE 3-0**
Yolanda asked for a contract from Amanda for the title search. Dari will get a contract that will state a per hour agreement that will cover any work done by Amanda Meader for the year.
- **Winter Road Contract:** The contract for the 2020-2023 snow plowing is complete. It was approved by Amanda Meader. The newspaper ad will begin on April 14, 2020. Bids must be received by May 14, 2020. Bids will be reviewed at the following Municipal Officers Meeting.
- **Abandoned Property:** Letter from Amanda Meader being sent to Vern Worthen on April 10, 2020. The date of removal, stated in the letter, is April 18, 2020. A motion was made to accept the letter and date of removal. **VOTE 3-0**
- **MCC Gutters:** The MCC Club has approved covering the cost of the installation of the gutters for \$975. THANK YOU!! The project is scheduled by GET R DONE GUTTERS possibly on April 17th or 20th depending on the weather.
- **Town Forest:** Darren Turner submitted a report and bill of \$280. (The details of the bill are at the Town Office for public review) Ricky said the Darren did an outstanding job!! Darren stated that Jerry will be

back into the woodlot to clean up anything left behind at the landing. Revenue from the town forest was \$60,230.57 A motion was made to accept Darren's bill. **VOTE 3-0.**

- **Town Office Hours:** Yolanda stated that the new COVID-19 hours are working well for everyone. The MO will revisit this matter in May as more information from the State is received. A motion was made to continue to pay Sherry and Tammy's wages until a May MO meeting. **VOTE 3-0**

Reduced Hours are as follows

Monday-Closed to public, Available by phone or email 9-3, Tuesday - *Open to public 1-5:30 pm
Wednesday-*Open to public 1-5:30 pm, Thursday - *Open to public 11-3 pm, Friday- Closed
Saturday-2nd sat of Month 9-12pm *Will be available by phone/email 9am each day till closing.

New Business:

- **For the record - Workshop:** April 2, 2020 at 3:15 pm and the items for discussion were the review of the Winter Road Contract, Bid Notice, Personal Property issue, Parties of interest on the Boundary Line agreement and talking to Amanda Meader-Attorney. Attendees: Ricky, Gary & Dari. 2 hrs
- **Assessing:** Approximately 130 properties needs to be reviewed. Ricky stated that Harriet is willing to help but only after the COVID -19 is cleared. Jerry Redlevske is willing to work with one of the MO. A motion was made to accept these offers. **VOTE 3-0**
- **Budget Committee:** A decision was made to hold off until the social distancing was lifted. A motion was made to table until a May MO meeting. **VOTE 3-0**
- **Tree Growth:** 3 applications were submitted. Ricky signed all 3.
- **Sand & Gravel Pricing:** For sand and gravel for winter and summer roads: Gary has gotten two prices. Joel Lamphere suggested that Gary speak to Ron Farron. Gary will contact Ron and review the prices at the next MO meeting.
- **Municipal Bridges Report:** The Annual Inspection Reports for Indian Stream Bridge (East Sandy River Road) and Mercer Bog Bridge (Main Street) were received and given to the MO's for them to review.
- **Dig Safe:** Yolanda contacted Dig Safe for the road work on Elm Street from East Sandy River Road to Fredericks Corner Road. The town has 30 days from April 10th to start and must complete the work within 60 days.
- **Recall Ordinance:** Was signed by the MO's that was approved at the March 7, 2020 Town Meeting.
- **Lien Notifications:** Yolanda sent out 65 Lien Notification notices on April 4, 2020.
- **Resident Requests via email/phone:** Bob and Mary Burr sent a letter questioning their assessment from 2019 and ideas for improving the Annual Town Meeting. The Municipal Officers will review the letter and contact the Burrs.
There were 2 requests for grading of Elm Street

- **Road Repairs:** Elm Street has a bad culvert by the True farm that needs immediate attention. Dari collected estimates from EJ Prescott for the culvert of \$13,000 (2-75' 4'). This does not include installation. Joel Lamphere volunteered to help look into the price of culverts and see if he can decrease the price. Joel also mentioned that he has steel plates for emergency road repair and to please call him when the need for them arises.
- **Ditching:** Gary had suggested hiring Ron Chase. Joel brought up a few concerns. One being that the job can not be done alone and another being that Chase wanted to dump the dirt from the ditches onto the road and scoop it up. There would be an issue of contamination of the dirt from the ditches and the gravel on the roads. Contamination is already an issue with the roads. Scooping it up on the pavement would damage the tar and leave dirt in the uneven surfaces. Joel suggested that a track skid steer would be a better solution. West Sandy River was ditched using a track skid steer (as an example) Joel suggested that the town try to hire a contractor with that equipment. The MO asked if Joel would be interested in contracting the job.

Approval Of Warrant:

- Municipal Officer's the Warrant preview as presented, Vote 3-0

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Dari made two changes to the March 26th Minutes. Were approved as amended. Vote 3-0

Next Meetings:

- Workshops: April 16, 2020 at 3:15 to discuss the Old TO/CERT Building.
April 30, 2020 3:15 pm
- MO Meetings: April 23, 2020 (Please call Office if interested in attending)
May 14, 2020 (Please call Office if interested in attending)
May 28, 2020 (Please call Office if interested in attending)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Lamphere