

Town of Mercer
Regular Board Meeting
Mercer Town Hall
November 13, 2025 at 5:30pm

1. Order of business of the Regular Meeting
 - a. Mike called the meeting to order
 - b. Pledge of allegiance
 - c. Roll call: Present were Supervisors Mike Lambert, Christan Brandt, Rick Boes, Scot Lundquist, Attorney Fritz Schellgell, Road Foreman Jake Saarnio and Clerk Deb Hohner. Absent was Chairman Eric Snow and Treasurer Becky Bettin
 - d. The Clerk acknowledged that the meeting was properly posted
 - e. Scot made a motion, seconded by Rick to approve the October 9, 2025 Regular Board meeting, October 15, 23 and 30th special meeting minutes. Carried
2. Open comment- limit 2 minutes per person- no formal discussion or action will be taken
 - a. Mike made an announcement that Eric submitted his resignation this afternoon.
 - b. Karen Laurer informed the Board about the progress at the Clinic which will be open in 2026 and soon will be taking appointments. She also informed us that there will be a bus service, BART, that will provide bus service Monday-Friday for 10 hours a day. Transportation goes from Ashland to Minocqua. This service is on demand and there is a small fee for those that can pay.
 - c. Todd thanked the Board for reviewing the proposed wake board ordinance and that an ordinance has been adopted by 72 townships.
3. Items for Discussion/Possible Action
 - a. Cemetery rules: Christan made a motion to update the ordinance to not allow mausoleums in the cemetery, seconded by Scot. Carried
 - b. Library Board member appointments: no action- December meeting
 - c. Amendment of Mercer Sign/Billboard Ordinance for Public Art Murals: Rick made a motion to approve with the revisions presented, seconded by Scot. Carried
 - d. Cigarette license fee: Rick made a motion to increase the cigarette license fee to \$100, seconded by Scot. Carried
 - e. Tourist Rooming House Permit fee: Rick made a motion to increase the application fee to \$1,000 and the annual permit fee to \$750/year seconded by Christan. Carried.
 - f. Community building rental fees: Scot made a motion to double the community center fees, seconded by Rick. Carried. Rick made a motion to double the Haines Meeting Room fee, seconded by Scot. Carried
 - g. Resolution #2025-06 Certificate of Recognition of Judy Bugni: Rick made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-06, seconded by Scot. Carried

- h. Purchase of a Fire Truck: Our current truck is 25 years old now. Three year build time and time to pay for a new truck. Rick made a motion to lock in the price of \$619,395 for a Freightliner Pumper 112 DD13 engine with a 2026 chase, seconded by Scot. Carried Scot made a motion to authorize Mike to sign the purchase order, seconded by Rick.
 - i. Replacement of garage doors at the garage: Scot made a motion to go with all door improvements in the amount of \$13,280.52, seconded by Rick. Carried
 - j. Loader lease: Scot made a motion to go with the JD 624P Loader lease in the amount of \$27,267.23 with Mike signing the purchase order, seconded by Christan.
 - k. Tourist Rooming House Permit at 5182W Kimberly Lane, Mercer, WI for Chris & Micki Holmstrom: Rick made a motion to recommend approval with no more than 6 guests, seconded by Scot. Carried
- 4. Legal: Fritz has been in contact with Associated Bank regarding the Kohegyi park property. Has looked and will continue to look at the Wake Board Ordinance and suggests looking at the Flowage and smaller lakes first. Rob Milaushus has purchased the business park lot as an individual. Has been looking at an undeveloped road off of Black Lake Rd and a neighbor making ATV trails on it. Will contact the land owner. Fritz left at 6:53.
- 5. Approvals
 - a. Vouchers (issue of checks): Scot made a motion to approve seconded by Christan. Carried
 - b. Treasurer's report: Scot made a motion to accept as read, seconded by Christan. Carried
 - c. Operator's licenses: none
 - d. Liquor licenses: none
 - e. Cemetery deeds: Scot made a motion to approve the sale of sites to Michal Curtis McQueeney Sc 4, Block 5, Plot 5, Sites 1 and 4, seconded by Rick. Carried
- 6. Operation Reports
 - a. Chair's report: As Vice Chairman, Mike thanked Eric for all of his time on behalf of the town and hopes he enjoys his time.
 - b. Supervisor's reports
 - a. Scot- the water department has increased their prices by 3% and that the library and senior center will have tighter belts.
 - b. Christan- none
 - c. Rick- there is a FD/EMS Spaghetti feed on Dec 6th at Beaver Lodge, the electrical plug was disconnected from an ambulance but was fixed so won't happen again and is glad to see good progress with the wake board ordinance.

- c. Clerk's correspondence: attended the billing EMS conference with Rick and learned a lot
- d. Road report: Richie has been helping Jerry, have been working on garage improvements and still has the garden on their list.
- e. Planning Commission report: none
- f. Park Board report: has been shut down

The meeting adjourned at 7:05

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hohner, Clerk
Approved