

Town of Mercer
Regular Board Meeting
Mercer Town Hall
June 11, 2026 at 530PM
Minutes

1. Order of business of the Regular Meeting
 - a. Call the regular meeting to order at 5:30
 - b. Pledge of allegiance
 - c. Roll call: Present were Supervisors Boes, Towne, Lutgen (via phone much of the meeting), Lundquist, Chairman Lambert, Attorney Schellgell, Road Foreman Saarnio and Clerk Hohner. Absent was Treasurer Bettin
 - d. The Clerk acknowledged that the meeting was properly posted
 - e. Approval of May 7, 2026 Regular Board meeting, May 11 and 14th, 2026 Special Meeting, motion by Lundquist, seconded by Lutgen. Carried
2. Open comment- limit 2 minutes per person- no formal discussion or action will be taken
 - a. Julia Pusateri from the Mercer Library stated that the meeting room pods are installed and will be ready at the end of the month. The rocks from the original desk is now in the garden together.
 - b. Mike Randal introduced himself and is running for Sheriff.
 - c. Debbie Watts asked if there are grants available for town purchases.
 - d. Janet Dadell asked about large rocks being traded for top soil.
3. Items for Discussion/Possible Action
 - a. Tourist Rooming House Permit at 2184 Pine Rd, Mercer, WI for Shane and Jessica Johnson d/b/a G. Montgomery Investments LLC.: Lundquist made a motion to approve, seconded by Lutgen. Carried
 - b. Tourist Rooming House Permit at 5878N Mays Rd, Mercer, WI for Traci Martinez.: Boes made a motion to table to look at the parking situation, seconded by Town. Carried 3-2 with Lutgen and Lundquist voting no.
 - c. Rezoning Application from A-1 (Agriculture) to RR-1 (Rural-Residential) at 5723N Payment Lake Rd, Mercer, WI from Andrew Smith. Lundquist made a motion to approve, seconded by Towne. Carried
 - d. Review of TRH Ordinance and Procedures related to TRH software and reporting.: Deb and Becky will look at and make future changes with the new software.
 - e. Maintenance vehicle: no action
 - f. Town of Mercer Town Board Meeting Policy and Procedure: Boes made a motion to change regular meeting time to 9am. Failed due to a lack of a second.
 - g. Closure of Railroad Street on August 22nd during the day for the car show: Lundquist made a motion to approve, seconded by Boes. Carried
 - h. Bids to Pulverize, Finish Grade, Pave (Type E-1 PG58-28), and Shoulder, Little Pike Lake Rd (7,444 feet 1.41 miles), Miller Road (1,690 feet .32 miles): Lundquist made a motion to deny any bid for Miller Road because Xcel Energy does not seem to be interested in doing this joint project, seconded by Boes. Carried. Boes made a motion to accept the bid from Pitlick and

Wick for Little Pike Lake Road in the amount of \$247,380.50, seconded by Towne. Carried with Lundquist abstaining.

i. Tool chest for shop: Lundquist made a motion for the purchase of a tool chest in the amount of 8,363.98, seconded by Boes. Carried

j. Library request for return of budgeted funds: Lundquist made a motion to approve, seconded by Towne. Carried with Lutgen abstaining

k. Garage position: Lundquist made a motion to hire Christ Thomposn at \$29/hour and increase wage of Conner Brandt and Tommy Hohner to \$29/hr. Carried

l. Projected department costs and levy: Projected numbers of costs for the next 10 years were presented. Deb will contact WTA to see if they have any suggestions related to long range planning of expenses and possible levy.

m. Springstead/Sherman Area FD coverage: Discussion about a potential situation if Springstead/Sherman area needs coverage from the Mercer FD. Lundquist made a motion advising Chief Altman to discuss with the state if this is possible and if so what the procedure would be.

4. Legal: The library had some paperwork that needed to complete for the library grant and he has worked on it and should be wrapped up by the next week.

5. Approvals

- a. Vouchers (issue of checks): Lundquist made a motion to approve along with a check to the library builder in the amount of \$53,106.75, and reconstruction of Hwy 51 to come out of room tax funds seconded by Boes. Carried
- b. Treasurer's report: Lundquist made a motion to approve as presented by Towne. Carried
- c. Operator's licenses: Lundquist made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Boes. Carried with Towne abstaining.
- d. Liquor licenses: Lundquist made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Boes. Carried with Towne abstain
- e. Cemetery deeds: Lundquist made a motion to approve sale of 3-30-4-7 to Toby Richards and 4-30-4 5 and 8 to Suzanne Bell, seconded by Boes. Carried

6. Operation Reports

- a. Chair's report: will have a special meeting on June 15th to discuss potential bids for paving near the ATV trail and garage parking spots
- b. Supervisor's reports
 - a. Lundquist none
 - b. Boes 23 calls in May, the stolen property was found in a storage unit #13 on G and the Sheriff's department was contacted. Vilas County is supposed to investigate. The Steak Fry will be in August and attended a WTA training. Went to meetings related to collaboration between FD and EMS departments.
 - c. Towne: the Room Tax Commission met and approved money for a stage at the park for organizations to use and attended the Park Board meeting. They have a lot of events
- c. Clerk's correspondence: The insurance agents met with all of the departments and went through all town's buildings and absentee ballots will go out next week.

- d. Road report: Concrete floor has been poured and generator almost done being installed, been brushing and patching and the Peterbilt is in Wausau turning it into a 5th wheel.
- e. Planning Commission report: no report
- f. Park Board report: 4th of July activities planned and looking for those to be willing to be in the dunk tank

The next meeting will be July 2, 2026 at 530pm at the Town Hall

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hohner, Clerk
Town of Mercer
Approved