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Municipal Officer's Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 6/13/26

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June 23 2026 at 6:00 pm

Present were: Select Board – Ricky Parlin, Dari Hurley, Joel Hooper; Administrator – Nancy Gove; Public – Phil Mollica, Brian Breton, Denis Culley, Hillel Weisel, Nancy Gilman, Donna Parlin, Cherie Sadler and Gaylene Williams.

1. Pledge of Allegiance. Done.

2. Call meeting to order. Meeting was called to order by Ricky Parlin at 6:03 p.m.

3. Citizen's Concerns. The Board recognized the passing of Pamela Storms of Corson Road.

4. Old Business
   a. Discuss Rome Road project bids for ditching and culvert replacement. Pike revised their bid to include replacement of 5 culverts on the Rome end of Rome Road. The revised bid was $35,096. Roland Ray did not submit a revised quote. Town meeting approved $171,912 less paving of lower end (Rome end) of $148,191, leaves $23,721 to do culverts. The overage of $11,375, if approved, will need to come from the summer roads budget. With the overage from this project plus the overage on the remaining work to do on Bacon Road, the summer roads budget will not be able to support other routine maintenance work. Joel made a motion to approve Pike Industries quote of $35,096. Dari seconded. Vote 3-0.
   b. Discuss renewing contract for consulting services with Charles Baeder of GreenLands LLC. Dari reached out to Charlie who is interested in renewing his agreement. Nancy asked if he would submit his invoice for work done to submit the two grant applications. The Board was supportive of renewing Charlie Baeder's contract. Contract language to be worked on. Dari made a motion to execute a contract with Charlie Baeder of GreenLands LC and the Town for Grant writing support for a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Joel seconded. Vote 3-0. The Board discussed placing this item on the special town meeting warrant for funding since it was inadvertently left off the annual meeting's warrant.

5. New Business
   a. Discuss 2026 Tax Commitment with Board of Assessors. The 2026 Tax Rate was settled at $10.10/one thousand of value after revising the revenue sharing revenues to keep from going up a mil on the tax rate.
   b. Discuss moratorium on AI Data Centers coming to Mercer. Introduced by a citizen, a moratorium can be in place for an initial six months with a one-time extension for another six-month period as long as certain conditions are met (need still exists/work has progressed on development of a ordinance. The public was mostly favorable with a moratorium. Denis Culley offered to assist with the drafting of language to be used. The Board decided to ask the Planning Board their thoughts on the moratorium and ordinance development and how it would integrate with the town's zoning.
   c. Items from the Board. Dari reported that Elaine Hilton came to a workshop inquiring about using the community center for line dancing from 9/9 to 12/17 and again from February 2027 to April

2027. The Board was supportive of this event and would encourage using the solarium or yoga room to hold the classes.

6. Discussion with Treasurer:
   a. Warrants #34 – #35. Dari made a motion to approve the warrants. Ricky seconded. Vote 3-0.
   b. Other financial matters, if any.

7. Approve the minutes of the June 11, 2026 Meeting. Dari made a motion to approve the June 11th minutes as written. Joel seconded. Vote 3-0.

8. Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Joel, seconded by Rickey. Vote 3-0.