

Minutes
Town of Vermont Board Meeting
July 10, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – 4017 County Road JJ

Call to Order and Certification of Notice Posting

Called to order by Karen Carlock at 7:00 p.m. Agenda was posted on the town website, the door of Town Hall, emailed to the online subscribers and a meeting notice was published in both the Mt. Horeb Mail and News Sickle Arrow.

Present: Todd Culliton, Mary George, Karen Carlock (Chair), Jenna Schmidt (Treasurer), Chris Christian (Clerk), Doug Meier and Scott Moe

Approval of Agenda

Todd moved to approve the agenda, Doug seconded and motion approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Todd moved to approve May 22 minutes, Doug seconded and motion approved 5-0.

Mary moved to approve June minutes, Doug seconded and motion approved 5-0.

Chairman's Report and Acknowledgments

Karen talked about WTA lobbying; also suggested adding appointed clerk and treasurer positions to future agenda. Todd agreed this was a good idea.

Citizens' Input

Ginny Dennis from NW Dane Senior Services in Cross Plains spoke about services available and a golf outing fundraiser at the end of the month. David Stanfield has been discussing early settlers in Vermont with Earl, studying time when settlers displaced Natives. He has done a case study on his farm; there have been 26 owners of the Stanfield Farm. He is considering offering historical perspective to 4th grade schoolchildren.

Treasurer's Report

Jenna reported there wasn't much June activity. Based on current activity, the Budgeted Reserve Fund is \$162,236.25. Regarding general cash management of accounts, she asked whether we would like her to go through and propose where money could be maximized. Scott moved to approve Treasurer's Report and Mary seconded with motion passing 5-0.

Clerk's Report

Chris reported that we were over budget on Maintenance and Repairs under General Buildings and Plant. Doug moved to approve Clerk's Report, Todd seconded and motion approved 5-0.

Payment of Bills

Doug moved to approve payment of the bills, Todd seconded and motion approved 5-0.

Presentation from Community Deputy

New Deputy Sheriff Brooke Gagner went over monthly contract policing report from January-June. She reported that we are low on calls, scams are big, especially those which take advantage of the elderly, and "smash and grabs" (vehicles broken into) are happening in neighboring communities. Karen inquired about action plan to combat heroin use. Brooke reported heroin is being cut with fentanyl. Police are now carrying Narcan, and often beating ambulances to overdose situations.

Presentation from Jim Pulvermacher, VP of DCTA

Jim indicated that in Springfield there is a combined clerk/treasurer who is appointed. He talked about AB 109 legislation introduced that would change timelines for towns that want to leave Dane County zoning. There are currently six towns that want to leave. Black Earth is in support of this legislation; he inquired about Vermont. The Plan Commission has talked about this but not stated an opinion. He indicated that if we have questions or want Hazlebaker to talk to PC about AB 109 to let them know.

Vermont Citizens ATC Committee Update

Michael McDermott indicated the local committee is largely behind the scenes now. They are setting up a table at Feast on the Farm. The project would not begin until late 2018 at the earliest. Someone asked whether they can put lines up in flood plain; Jim Pulvermacher responded that yes, they can.

Citizens Broadband Committee Update

We won't be seeing faster speeds until sometime next year.

Consideration and possible approval of Comprehensive Plan

Karen made the update regarding farm accessory buildings and maps are now included. Todd moved to approve 2017 Comprehensive Plan and Scott seconded with motion passing 5-0.

Patrolman, Fire District, EMS and Town Liaison Reports

The second round of mowing was to start this week. There has been patching and chipsealing done, with Cedar Hill Lane significantly patched. David Stanfield made a note to make sure Earl's road gets done. Fire truck has been ordered, build is ten months out. We need cash on the first of the year.

Bell Road Culvert

Finks is ready anytime and can do it for \$8000. Sharon, resident of Bell Rd., requested logistics and information for citizens of Bell Road- how long will closure be, etc. Todd moved to approve with communication with Bell Road residents and Doug seconded, with motion passing 5-0.

Road Committee Appointments

Nothing to report.

Allocation of reserve funds for fire department purchases

Mary indicated last estimate was \$115,000. We discussed LOC or allocating reserve funds; \$75,000 (of \$162,000) was mentioned as a potentially comfortable amount. \$44,000 would go to Black Earth for truck; loan would need to be \$40,000. Scott mentioned that the life of the truck would be twenty years; perhaps we should spread it out longer than one year. There will be smaller trucks that need to be replaced; this is the big one.

Diesel Tank on Katz Property

Moving the tank back to its previous location was discussed. It was clarified that we own the tank and Allegiant fills it. Doug made a motion to send an open-ended letter to Katzes and Scott seconded with motion passing 5-0.

Turnaround Easement Agreement

Todd made a motion to send a drafted turnaround easement agreement to Kay for inspection. Scott seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Premiere Co-op Propane Agreement

Todd moved to approve Premiere Co-op Propane Agreement for \$27,000; Doug seconded and motion passed 4-0, with Scott abstaining (due to a professional connection).

Deputy Positions and Compensation Structure

Discussion revolved around compensation structure for appointed deputy clerk and treasurer; what is appropriate compensation? \$15-20/hour? If we implement it this year, we would have to reallocate from Reserve Fund. We should make a line item in budget.

Archive and Meeting Document Storage Solution

Dropbox is cost prohibitive. Karen is using Google Docs for museum, which is \$700+ per year. A budget amendment will be drafted for next meeting.

Annual Town Picnic

Doug inquired about a town potluck; would Tyrol Basin host if it was in this format?

Agenda Items for August Meeting

Appointed positions, AB 109, ATC follow-up, legislator conversation.

Adjournment

Scott motioned to adjourn and Todd seconded, with motion being approved 5-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.