

**Minutes**  
**Town of Vermont Board Meeting**  
**September 11, 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**

Karen moved to approve August 14 minutes, Todd seconded and motion approved 5-0. Todd moved to approve August 29 special Bobcat meeting minutes, Doug seconded and motion approved 5-0.

**Chairman's Report and Acknowledgments**

Nothing to report.

**Citizens' Input**

Jim Pulvermacher spoke about the DCTA meeting to replace attorney. Karen inquired if they responded well to our letter; Jim said yes. Eitan Zohar, new resident of Vermont, introduced himself. He recently moved to Amble Lane with his fiancée, Aimee and daughter Lila. Caroline Greenwald, who owns property on Greenwald Road, handed out pictures and told of how some Oak trees on her property had been marked with large "X's." She was very concerned about tree poachers and wanted the town to be aware and vigilant. Karen was going to respond by posting a notice on the town website and possibly Next Door.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jenna reported that she transferred money between accounts to maximize interest. She provided the Budget vs Actual as of this date. Todd moved to approve Treasurer's Report and Doug seconded with motion passing 5-0.

**Clerk's Report**

Chris reported that she will begin election training soon and will also be at Town Hall in the evenings and filling in elsewhere during the day for the next couple of weeks in case anyone needs to reach her. Doug moved to approve Clerk's Report, Mary seconded and motion approved 5-0.

**Payment of Bills**

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

### **CSM for Norslein at 4722 State Highway 78**

The CSM did not show improvements and did not pass at Plan Commission. It will be revisited at next meeting.

### **Rezone Application for Don Parrell at Blue Mounds Trail**

Don Parrell wishes to sell without a PDR and rezone to A1 Exclusive. Karen moves to approve rezone from RH1 to A1, Doug seconds and motion approves 5-0.

### **Mount Horeb Telephone Company Utility Permit**

We received a request from MHTC for a utility permit. The only places where there would be digging would be pedestal placement and boor pit. Todd verifies they have to dig hole to get equipment under road; says it won't be very disruptive and this is the first one he has seen. Karen recommended Board approve. Jim Pulvermacher recommended that we set up a formal process. We could contact Springfield or Black Earth to find out about permitting process. Karen motioned that MHTC Utility Permit move forward, Todd seconded, and motion approved 5-0.

### **Vermont Citizens ATC Committee Update**

Michael McDermott said there have been lots of requests for anti-ATC signs. There was an August meeting with six legislators. Getting legislators to push PSC to make ATC answer questions is not working; Sondy Pope said they are not going to be involved. Todd asked why, Michael said Sondy indicated, "Too delicate." The idea that Mt. Horeb and Vermont have their own interests at heart was brought up; Michael does not think it is a bad idea to work WITH Mt. Horeb. Karen Elert thinks it will be difficult to not to pit residents of Mt. Horeb against residents of Vermont. Karen Carlock suggested that if we are going to oppose, then we need to propose something in its place.

### **Citizens Broadband Committee Update**

Karen Elert detailed her lack of internet service over Labor Day weekend; she was unable to even do a speed test. Since Governor Walker allocated money to TDS, Karen thinks they will prioritize more populated roads "to get more bang for their buck." Karen expresses her interest in a class action lawsuit by willing citizens. Todd expresses concern that a lawsuit might undermine the efforts of the committee, whose work resulted in the lion's share of the funding going to our area.

### **Review and Possible Approval of Resolution regarding AB10**

Plan Commission is comfortable with AB109 except Section 6. Jim Pulvermacher (Springfield Supervisor) indicated that Springfield is withdrawing from Dane County zoning. Doug cited elimination of town electorate's voice in decision for withdrawal.

They read our letter at their meeting. He thanked Jim Pulvermacher for coming and sharing information with us, which he is doing as a courtesy.

### **Interim Town Board and Plan Commission Member Appointments**

This was Mary's last meeting. Karen moves to nominate John Hallick as a replacement for Mary on the Board. Todd seconded and the motion passes 5-0. Karen moves to nominate Alex McKenzie as a replacement for John Hallick on Plan Commission. Doug seconded and motion passed 5-0.

### **Patrolman, Fire District, EMS and Town Liaison Reports**

Chip sealing is done. Doug reports that Black Earth Fire Department budget for next year remains the same as 2017. Fire truck price has gone up slightly because equalization values have gone up.

### **Mt. Horeb Fire Department Agreement**

Downside of a sinking fund with department is if we withdraw, we lose all interest. Terms are one year. Doug inquired about options if we disagree with clause; Gary Breed said voted on individually. Todd asked if we could approve it, striking Item 3; everyone thought yes. Todd moves to support the Amendment to Agreement, striking Item 3. Karen seconds, and motion passes 4-0.

### **Allocation of Reserve Funds for Fire Department Purchases**

Amount we owe on truck and potential (unallocated) reserve is \$185,257.72. January 1 is payday for Black Earth Fire Department. Equalized value is a fair way to do it; whatever we allocate out of our reserve, we will supplement with loans. There have been increases in reserve each year because chip sealing has been under budget.

### **2018 Draft Budget**

Karen went over the draft of the 2018 budget, taking into account the Fire Department expenditures, anticipated garage expenditures, potential laptop purchase, etc. There were a few numbers we were waiting to hear about for 2018 which will be updated.

### **Welcome Packet**

Eitan Zohar made recommendations to include information about plowing, mowing, and dog licenses. Doug suggested a monthly recap of sales taking place each month. Should we have new permits as part of Clerk's Report?

### **2020 Local Update of Census Addresses Operation**

Karen recommended holding tight until we hear if county is going to offer service.

## **October 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Event Planning**

Event will be from 2:00-5:00 pm at Town Hall We discussed whether we can show the Green Bay Packers game and whether we should use the same caterer as used at the annual meeting. Chris will design postcard and get out asap.

### **Agenda Items for October Meeting**

- Destruction of Records Ordinance- time is right. We need to destroy or designate documents as historic.
- Broadband Committee Update
- Another Plan Commission Appointment

### **Adjournment**

Todd motioned to adjourn and Mary seconded, with motion being approved 5-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.