

Minutes
Town of Vermont Board Meeting
April 9, 2018 – 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 the Mount Horeb Mail and the Star News.

Present: Karen Carlock (Chair), Todd Culliton, Scott Moe, Doug Meier

Absent: John Hallick, Chris Christian (Clerk) and Jenna Schmidt (Treasurer)

Approval of Agenda

Todd moved to approve the agenda, Doug seconded and motion approve and 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Karen moved to approve the minutes with a change to the section documenting the approval of March minutes so that it indicates that Doug seconded the motion. Scott seconded the motion and motion approved 4-0.

Chairman's Report and Acknowledgments

Karen presented information from the Wisconsin Towns Association recommending that municipalities consider adopting a right-of-way ordinance. The Plan commission will add to an upcoming meeting agenda.

Citizens' Input

No input

Treasurer's Report

Karen presented the report Jenna prepared. Total deposits for the month of March were \$1636.45. Total account balance as of March 31, 2018 is \$542,755.93. Todd moved to approve the treasurer's report, Doug seconded and motion approved 4-0.

Clerk's Report

Karen presented a brief update since Chris was absent. The spring election on April 3rd went well and Town of Vermont had a solid voter turn-out. John Hallick and Doug Meier won the seats of Town Board Supervisor Seat 2 and Seat 4.

Payment of the Bills

Doug moved to approve payment of the bills, Todd seconded and motion approved 4-0.

Event Permit Application for Horribly Hilly Hundreds

Route is the same as last year. The event will have a 6:45 a.m. start time with Vermont impacted from roughly 7:15 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Abby is committed to pulling road stickers as part of the final cleanup. The hill at Ryan Road where there is a steep incline will have an extra person monitoring to warn of the steep hill. Union Valley Road and Blue Mounds Trail also have blind hills at the top so Abby took note and will add signs to each. Abby will publish a notice of the event as in prior years and also do the reverse 911 calls. Additionally, the town of Vermont will post the date of the event on the Town website.

Todd moved to approve the event permit application for the Horribly Hilly Hundreds, Doug seconded and motion approved 4-0.

Vermont Citizens ATC Committee Update

Vermont is officially being presented by ATC as the alternate route. The Vermont citizen committee is continuing to meet to work on efforts in opposition to the full project. Michael will continue to work with the Inter-Municipal Energy Planning Committee (IMEPC) as it shapes its next phase of efforts and those will be brought back to the Town of Vermont board for approval.

Patrolman, Black Earth Fire District and District 1 EMS Reports

Jack has been sweeping roads, picking up trash around the township and taking the plows off the trucks. Trees have not been coming down yet but there is likely to be more tree cleanup as spring rains begin. The Town of Vermont will begin a yearly performance review process for Jack.

There was not a Black Earth Fire District board meeting but there was an exploratory meeting to discuss merging the Village of Mazomanie and Black Earth Fire Districts. Chiefs and municipalities are currently supportive. The consultant is going to meet with each department and the consulting engagement will be approximately another year.

There was no meeting of District 1 EMS board.

Mount Horeb Fire Department Report and Building Sale

The Village of Mount Horeb presented a thorough economic development plan and they have structured the plan around purchasing the current Fire Department building and turning it into a parking lot. This plan has been in the works for some time and there is a strong need for parking in Mt. Horeb in order to move things forward economically.

As town representatives we have a fiduciary responsibility to get the best deal for the taxpayers. We also do not want to impede the development of Mt. Horeb. The Village says that they are not attempting to get the building for a discounted price. One suggestion posed at the April 3rd meeting was that both parties get independent appraisals for the building and then enter into negotiations. On Wednesday the 21st of April is the next MH Fire Board meeting where the process for the building sale will be discussed. Karen motioned that the Town of Vermont board a support that the Mount Horeb Fire Board obtain an independent appraisal of the current Fire Department building and consider entering into negotiations with the Village of Mount Horeb, Doug seconded and motion approved 4-0.

Tire Chains for Big Truck

Todd moved that the board approve the expenditure of the parts for tire chains for the big truck at a cost of less than \$850, Scott seconded. The chains will last up to 10 years. Motion approved 4-0.

Old Indian Trail Overlay

Town of Vermont was awarded funding for 2019 for Old Indian Trail. The Town will plan for this road in 2019. The board discussed not including Blue Mounds Trail for chip sealing this year, which was included in the chip sealing bid. Instead the board could include Blue Mounds Trail in the budget for next year. Scott's bid including Blue Mounds Trail was \$141,882.00 which was approximately \$20,000 under Farhner's bid.

Jack shared that in order to do chip sealing of Blue Mounds Trail next year, the Town should do crack filling this year. Jack also shared that construction traffic may make it necessary for Lattimer Lane to be chip sealed. With an additional building project planned, Doug recommended that the town wait to do that until all projects are complete.

Todd moved to transfer up to \$8,000 from the chip sealing budget line item to crack filling for the addition of Blue Mounds Trail. Doug seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

Karen moved to approve Scott's Construction bid for chip sealing without the inclusion of Blue Mounds Trail, Todd seconded and motion approved 4-0.

Old Indian Trail Right of Way Obstruction

There may be a new owner of the property so we will review the status of this property again in a few months.

2018/2019 Salt Agreement

Karen moved that the Town of Vermont continue participating in the WisDote Salt Contract and Salt Shed Inspection. Todd seconded and motion approved 4-0. Jack will complete the paperwork and then Chris will submit to the state by April 18th.

Annual Meeting Planning

The Town will have a comprehensive planning open house from 6:30-7:00 p.m. prior to Annual meeting. An item that will be added to the Annual meeting proposed agenda will be to request a representative to the Mount Horeb Fire Board.

Annual Town Picnic

Item will be added for discussion to the Annual Meeting agenda to see if there is a group who may want to form a planning committee.

Agenda Items for May Meeting

Liquor licenses, Mt. Horeb Fire District Report and Building Sale, Budget Amendment for Crack filling

Adjournment

Scott moved to adjourn, Todd seconded and motion approved 4-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.