

Minutes
Town of Vermont Board Meeting
October 8, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – 4017 County Road JJ

Call to Order and Certification of Notice Posting

Called to order by Karen Carlock at 8:16 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 Mt. Horeb Mail and the Star News.

Present: Karen Carlock (chair), Scott Moe, Todd Culliton, John Hallick, Doug Meier, Chris Christian (Clerk) and Jenna Schmidt (Treasurer)

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of September Minutes

Karen moved to approve the minutes, Scott seconded and motion approved 5-0.

Chairman's Report and Acknowledgments

Nothing to report.

Citizens' Input

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

Jenna presented that the total deposits for the month of September were \$2,191.09. The total account balances for September 30 are \$469,579.52. There was not much activity. Jenna went to treasurer training. Todd moved to approve the treasurer's report, John seconded and motion approved 5-0.

Clerk's Report

Chris reported that she and Karen have been working on the budget, and she is preparing for the November election. Karen moved to approve the Clerk's report, Doug seconded and motion approved 5-0.

Payment of the Bills

John moved and Todd seconded to approve payment of the bills. Motion approved 5-0.

Northwest Dane Senior Services Update

Moved to next month due to delay in meeting time after Plan Commission meeting.

Vermont Citizens ATC Committee Update

Moved to next month due to delay in meeting time.

Proposal for formation of committee and process to review/revise Tyrol Covenant of Deed Restrictions

2000 Covenant of Deeds is in effect. Karen proposed formation of a citizen committee comprised of 7 members including 1 Board Member, 1 Plan Commission member, and 5 citizens. Marc Brody requested that the Board rescind the June 11th vote on the Covenant of Deeds. Karen made a motion to clarify that the intent of the June 11th vote was not to amend the 2000 Covenant of Deed restrictions and the 2000 Covenant of Deed restrictions are still in place. Todd seconded and motion passed 5-0. Todd suggested that residents and owner of Tyrol Basin make a plan to get together and communicate.

Tyrol Basin Condition Use Permit Petition

John requested that we go to Dane County and ask them to correct their error in recording. Kay Millonzi indicated this is Tyrol's issue and the Town can weigh in on it. John made a motion that we present Dane County with current information and request that they correct their error, and if they do not correct their error, we would like a written explanation as to why. Karen seconded and motion passed 5-0.

ATV Use on Town Roads

John suggested that we get together with the towns that have approved or are planning to approval for ATV use. The map provided by Wildlife Forever was small and not very readable. We don't have sufficient information and will address next month after finding out if Diane Halverson will come to a meeting, what each town has approved, and what the county allows.

Town of Vermont Property Assessment Contract

We have been in maintenance for several years, and Steve Mahlik gave us a proposal for a revaluation. We are getting to the point where revaluation will be mandated. The documents that Steve provided had several errors. We are postponing until next month after we receive clean documents.

Review Process for Ordinance Enforcement

Karen went through the process, which steps include:

1. Optional: issue warning letter
2. Optional: gather proof such as pictures
3. Call 437-7748 for appearance data and time PRIOR to issuing the citation
4. Issue citation with appearance data and time stated on citation
5. Mail citation and all documents (warning letters, restitution requests, invoice(s)) to Mount Horeb Municipal Court

6. *Note:* In the case of towing a vehicle(s), the Town should include in the document packet a request for restitution with proof of invoice
7. The court enforces the penalty. The defendant has the option of a payment plan or 60 days to pay. Failure to pay will result in submission of the debt to the Department of Revenue collection services.

Tannerite

There have been several incidents of misuse of Tannerite in Vermont. We agreed that an ordinance would not be enforceable. It is agreed that prior notification of use is most important; we discussed ways to raise awareness and encourage respectful notification.

Backup Patrolman

Greg Denner has been hired as winter backup patrolman. Karen moved to hire Ross Powers and Rollie Peterson as backups to the backup. Doug seconded and motion approved 5-0.

2019 Budget

Karen presented the draft budget and general reasoning behind our numbers. Karen brought up the Mt. Horeb Fire Department payment we will be incurring and asked if we are interested in trying to pay it off in less than 40 years, which is the current agreement. We discussed pros and cons and decided to leave at 40 years. Karen moved that we schedule our budget hearing for November 12th at 6:30 p.m., before the board meeting. John seconded and motion approved 5-0. Karen made a note that we need to have notification of budget hearing posted at least 15 days in advance.

Pleasant Valley Conservancy Letter of Thanks

Karen moved to send a letter of thanks (drafted by David Stanfield) to Tom and Cathy Brock for all of their work with Pleasant Valley Conservancy. John seconded and motion approved 5-0.

Patrolman, Black Earth Fire District and District 1 EMS Reports

Jack has been working on a lot of tree cleanup after weather incidents. Doug reported that BEFD is still assessing damage from rains, there are donations coming in. Regarding a potential merger with Mazomanie, there would not be a cost savings because a full-time chief would need to be hired. John asked about increased efficiency. Equipment would then be decreased, but tradeoff with full-time chief salary may not be worth it.

Agenda Items for November

ATV use on town roads, Budget, NWDSS, Equity Appraisal Contract

Adjournment

Scott moved to adjourn, Todd seconded and motion approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.