

Minutes
Town of Vermont Budget Hearing
November 12, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Karen went over 2019 budget, including any significant changes from 2018. Sharon Gaskill made a motion to accept the 2019 budget as written. David Stanfield seconded the motion and it passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Town of Vermont Board Meeting
November 12, 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 Mt. Horeb Mail and the Star News.

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

Absent: John Hallick and Scott Moe

Approval of Agenda

Todd moved to approve the agenda, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Approval of October Minutes

Doug moved to approve the minutes, Karen seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Chairman's Report and Acknowledgments

Karen reported 85% voter turnout in November election. Appointed Clerk/Treasurer and Money in Politics referendums passed and next steps will be addressed at December meeting. Communication regarding Open Meetings law was received from DCTA so that will also be on December agenda.

Citizens' Input

Ross Reinhold distributed handouts in support of rejecting Tyrol Basin CUP for future lighting plan and spoke about his opposition. He went over details from meetings in 1999 to support his position. Joanne Reinhold spoke about her opposition to the CUP for Tyrol's future lighting, citing a Dane County meeting where she witnessed a business owner from another town whom she felt was held to much higher standards in planning than Tyrol Basin. She feels our township is going backward in this regard. Andy

Grimmer spoke about his opposition to the Tyrol CUP. Karen Sutherland spoke about her opposition to the Tyrol CUP. Jon Norris spoke about his opposition to the Tyrol CUP. He expressed his opinion that fatalities on North Road will increase if Tyrol is allowed to expand and traffic increases. Josh Kramer spoke about his opposition to the Tyrol CUP.

Treasurer's Report

Jenna presented that the total deposits for the month of October were \$23,809.30, the largest component of which was transportation aid. The account balances at the end of October totaled \$459,418.70. There was not much activity. Todd moved to approve the treasurer's report, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Clerk's Report

Chris reported that she was thrilled with the November election turnout and she is still working on election paperwork. She thanked the election inspectors who worked. Karen moved to approve the Clerk's report, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Payment of the Bills

Doug moved and Todd seconded to approve payment of the bills. Motion approved 3-0.

Northwest Dane Senior Services Update

Ginny Dennis from Northwest Dane Senior Services came to give us an update on what they are doing. They are hoping to expand their Adult Day Program (for folks with dementia or other limiting factors) by purchasing a condominium next door; an offer to purchase has been made. The Adult Day Program is income generating, which is crucial as one third of their funding comes from Dane County but they need to make up the rest. During flooding this past summer, NWDSS opened their facility to Team Rubicon, an organization that helps disaster victims. They are looking forward to celebrating their Celebrate a Life annual fundraiser on December 4. They will host a medication review with a pharmacist, and in the spring, volunteers will come and help with income taxes. The Adult Day Program has 5-12 people in it, and Mazomanie is one of the biggest client bases. Ginny almost mentioned that they have a lending library of wheelchairs, canes, walkers, etc. David Stanfield spoke in support of the organization; they were able to utilize NWDSS in the fall and they were wonderful.

Vermont Citizens ATC Committee Update

Michael McDermott indicated that application is in and they are currently in the environmental impact study phase. They were currently holding scoping meetings. Sharon had attended a meeting and noted that, despite the fact that Vermont area was listed as an alternate route, she was surprised that our area is still under consideration with the PSC despite the fact that ATC indicated the preferred route was moving forward. Michael mentioned that the incoming governor could appoint a new person to the PSC and that person could potentially serve as chair.

Town of Vermont 2019 Budget

Karen mentioned that the budget hearing was held right before the board meeting and folks asked questions and gave approval. She indicated that we have a healthy reserve fund and may want to add long term building projects to the December agenda. Karen moved to approve 2019 budget, Todd seconded and motion passed 3-0.

Town of Vermont Line of Credit Renewal

We have a line of credit in the amount of \$75,000 with State Bank of Cross Plains just in the case of emergency. Rate will increase from 4.25% to 4.5%. We have never used the line of credit and it doesn't cost us anything as long as it's unused. Todd moved to approve renewal of Town of Vermont line of credit, Doug seconded and motion passed 3-0.

Tom Foseid Conditional Use Permit application to create limited family business at 9485 Braun Road

Plan Commission heard plans by Tom Foseid to create a limited family business to roast coffee and distribute wholesale. Plan Commission passed, but we need to wait to receive documents from the county. We will talk about it in December after we receive application from the county; this is acceptable, as the county hearing is not until January 22. Sharon Gaskill inquired if there were any town processes to notify neighbors before something like this is heard by the Plan Commission. Karen indicated that we use the same public notice rules for everything, but that maybe we should rethink prioritizing some things and perhaps risk "overnotification."

Tyrol Basin Conditional Use Permit petition for outdoor lighting at 3487 Bohn Road

Karen spoke about moving forward with Tyrol's CUP for lighting but adding conditions. Dark Sky compliance is not feasible for ski hills due to safety concerns. Roger Lane from Dane County presented another plan that had gone through the town and the county in 2000. The folks with objections to the CUP were citing information from an earlier plan in 1999. The 2000 plan that was approved indicates that the entire area that was zoned recreational was part of the plan, which includes the tubing hill, and includes all of the 30 acres. The 2000 plan superceded the 1999 plan. Karen moved to approve CUP 2441 with associated six conditions as a correction, Todd seconded and motion approved 3-0. The six standards generally assessed as part of the Dane County CUP process were deemed to have been met due to CUP 2241 being an update to CUP 1632, with the concurrence of Roger Lane. The CUP is subject to the following conditions:

1. This conditional use permit will allow the entire property to be lighted at night in accordance with the provisions below.
2. Outside light fixtures shall be located for existing activities, the proposed tubing hill, and where necessary for safety.
3. All lights shall be installed and/or maintained in a manner (including directional LED lights, hoods or shields) so as to minimize direct illumination of adjoining premises and the night sky. No amount of relocation, aiming, or shielding will eliminate direct viewing or reflection of some

of the lighting. If a specific fixture can be identified as posing a concern to a neighbor, Tyrol will review and make modifications if possible or reasonable from both an operational and economic (cost) perspective.

4. If current lighting is replaced or new lighting installed, the luminaries shall have a maximum Kelvin color temperature of 4000k.
5. Hours of lighting operation shall be limited to when the facility is open for recreational purposes or special events. However, partial lighting may be continued after closing provided every reasonable effort shall be made to limit lighting to only those areas where maintenance, snow making, and grooming are taking place, or as safety necessitates.
6. A safety and privacy fence shall be installed along the top of the tubing hill, near the northeast side of the Reinhold property.

ATV Use on Town Roads

We discussed currently approved roads in Wisconsin; it appears there are no roads in Dane County that are yet approved. Some folks in attendance provided the name of a county contact for us (Jim Wensler) that we can speak with to find out more information. We will address this at a future meeting.

Town of Vermont Creek Naming Proposal

Wisconsin Geographic Names Council sent a proposal to name a currently unnamed creek that falls within the Town of Vermont. Karen moved to approve the name of the creek to Pleasant Valley Creek, Todd seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Town of Vermont Property Assessment Contract

Equity Appraisal provided us with two options, one- and two-year contracts, and Todd moved that we accept the one-year revaluation contract for the amount of \$27,000. Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Patrolman, Black Earth Fire District and District 1 EMS Reports

Doug reported that Black Earth Fire Department budget is on track, there has been no change in merger status, it is still under consideration, and there has been \$14,000 in donations to rebuild BEFD after flooding.

Agenda Items for December

Long term town hall building needs, Foseid CUP application, ATV use, Clerk/Treasurer appointment, DCTA communication about Open Meetings Law

Adjournment

Karen moved to adjourn, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.