

Minutes
Town of Vermont Board Meeting
February 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 Mount Horeb Mail and the Star News.

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Scott moved to table until next month, Todd seconded and motion approved 4-0.

Chairman's Report and Acknowledgments

Nothing to Report

Citizens' Input

Jim Pulvermacher came to share information from the roads seminar last month. Towns have been having issues with seal coat material sticking to the road. Strategies were discussed for improving longevity of the road surface. Scrub sealing is a product that has had an increase in interest recently. When writing specifications for a road project, Jim recommended that no one just use "DOT specs". Town of Springfield uses MSA to indicate GPS coordinates of culverts, signs, etc.

Treasurer's Report

Jenna's report indicated key financial activity for the month related to tax collection. Total account balance for the month is \$986,350.22. Todd moved to approve Treasurer's Report, Doug seconded, and motion passed 4-0.

Clerk's Report

The board reviewed the check register, discussed the property tax refund checks as well as the mandated expense checks (PILT). Public test of the voting equipment is scheduled for tomorrow, Jan 13th at 9:00 in preparation for the upcoming Feb 20th primary. Doug moved to approve Clerk's Report, Scott seconded, and motion passed 4-0.

Payment of Bills

Doug made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Todd seconded and motion passed 4-0.

Zoning Change, Driveway and Homesite petition for Joseph Schwarz at Blue Mounds Trail

Karen moved to approve the zoning change of 3 acres from A1(ex) to RH-1, Scott seconded and motion approved 4-0. Karen moved to approve the home site, Todd seconded and motion approved 4-0. Karen moved to approve the driveway petition; Todd seconded and motion 4-0.

Zoning Change, Driveway and Homesite petition for Don Parrell at 4543 Blue Mounds Trail

Scott moved to approve the zoning change to RH-3, Karen seconded and motion approved 4-0. Karen moved to approve the driveway petition for Don Parrell, Todd seconded and motion approved 4-0. Karen moved to approve the homesite, Scott seconded and motion approved 4-0.

Rezone Petition for Richard Anderson at 4551 Pleasant Valley

Karen moved to approve the zoning change of 3.8 acres from A1(ex) to RH-1, Todd seconded and motion approved 4-0.

Two Additional Operators Licenses for Tyrol Basin

Will address this next month when we have paperwork.

Vermont Citizens ATC Committee Update

Watched a video with residents from Vermont Township discussing the line and talked about distribution strategies for the video. There is an energy forum planned for March

2nd, 2018 that will bring together environmental groups and legislators to present alternatives to transmission lines.

Patrolman and District 1 EMS

Scott reported that District 1 EMS is in good shape financially and currently reviewing need for a new truck.

Report from Black Earth Fire District Rep, Report from Mt. Horeb Fire District Rep & Mt. Horeb Fire Department Salary Increase Proposal

Doug reported on a recent meeting to discuss merging Black Earth Fire District and Village of Mazomanie. They received bids to hire a consultant in order to provide a fully neutral stance.

John shared with Karen that there is a proposal on the table to increase staff salary. Board proposed reviewing detailed 2018 budget at the next meeting.

Road Safety Issue/Obstructions on Old Indian Trail

Reviewed safety issue on Old Indian Trail. Scott will follow up directly with property owner and then board will discuss issue again next month.

Set Plan Commission Direction for 2018

Discussed objectives for the Plan commission. The most pressing task is to review the Dane County Zoning Ordinance. This will likely have to be a special meeting. Also, a goal is to continue the work that Diane is doing to update the document storage system. The PC will also consider impacts to the comprehensive plan based on the changes to the county zoning ordinance.

DCTA Initiatives Prioritization

The board reviewed the list of initiatives and prioritized them in the following order: Annexation prevention, Local Control, Town Power Equality, Roads. Vermont did not prioritize any of the others as we are currently not concerned or do not anticipate being impacted. Karen will submit the prioritized list to DCTA.

Future Financial Planning for the Town

Karen will assign budget and planning categories to each board member and then the board will convene a special session in the spring or summer.

Appointed Clerk and Appointed Treasurer Ordinance Calling Referendum

Karen drafted a Vermont's Voice article to educate the residents on the considerations regarding a change. At the Annual meeting, we will discuss with the residents. If no issues with residents, then the board will consider calling a referendum to be on the ballot in August or November.

Deputy Clerk and Treasurer Compensation

Scott moved and Todd seconded to set the rate for deputy clerk and deputy treasurer at \$18/hour. Motion approved 4-0. The board will review a budget amendment next month.

Town Hall Accessibility and ADA Railing Requirement

Todd moved to approve purchase and installation of the ADA door apparatus with cost not to exceed \$2500 and Karen seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

Agenda Items for March Meeting

2017 Financial Report, Jan and Feb minutes review and approval, review 2018 Mt. Horeb Fire department budget, budget amendments for ADA door installation and deputy clerk/treasurer compensation, Old Indian Trail Obstruction

Adjournment

Todd moved to adjourn and Scott seconded, with motion being approved 4-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.