

Minutes
Town of Vermont Board Meeting
March 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: Karen Carlock (Chair), Scott Moe, Doug Meier, Jenna Schmidt (Treasurer) and Chris Christian (Clerk)

Absent: John Hallick, Todd Culliton

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Doug moved to approve January minutes, Karen seconded and motion approved 3-0.
Scott moved to approve February minutes, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Chairman's Report and Acknowledgments

Nothing to report.

Citizens' Input

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

We paid the invoice for the Black Earth Fire Truck. Jenna went over bank statements for the month; nothing of significance was reported.

Clerk's Report

Chris reviewed largest checks on register, including tax levy checks to school districts and \$29,000 balance paid for the Bobcat. She reported that the February primary went well with good turnout for a winter primary, and she is getting inspectors on board for April election. Doug moved to approve Clerk's Report, Scott seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Payment of Bills

Doug made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Karen seconded and motion passed 3-0.

Black Earth 10 Mile Run Application

Everyone reviewed the application and route map, there is a short part of the race that goes through Vermont. Karen made a motion to table until Travis Bashaw arrives so we can ask a few questions. Doug seconded and motion passed 3-0.

Vermont Citizens ATC Committee Update and letter to project applicants and PSC

There was a meeting the preceding Friday with 150 or so attendees. ATC met with property owners of both preferred and alternate routes; Vermont is officially on the alternate route. Preferred route has been used very consistently in the past. John drafted a letter to project applicants and PSC; it is agreed that it couldn't hurt to send the letter. After application in April, we will only be allowed to give opinion instead of bringing in evidence, unless we officially become "intervenors." Doug motioned to approve sending the letter to project line transition applicants and Scott seconded with motion passing 3-0.

Patrolman, Black Earth Fire District and District 1 EMS Reports

Jack reported on the many short episodes of snow; he needed to go out every time it snowed because the snow was warmer than the road and turned to ice. The one ton broke down but it was under warranty so there was no problem. Culverts filled and clogged with two inches of rain. The mower is ready for pick up; Jack doesn't need until June.

Black Earth 10 Mile Run Application

Travis Bashaw arrived, talked about the race and answered questions. There will be appropriate race officials, cones will go up at 7:00am and taken down by 2:00pm. He is working with the sheriff's office. Scott moved to approve Black Earth 10 Mile Run

Application with no fees (because of the low number of participants, low impact, and charitable nature of event), Doug seconded and motion passed 2-0. Karen abstained because portion of proceeds benefits Black Earth Children's Museum.

Black Earth Fire District and District 1 EMS Reports continued

Doug indicated there was a Fire Board meeting on Thursday night and they are going to purchase 4 more sets of gear. Black Earth is installing Knox Boxes at businesses. A Knox Box is a company safe and only the fire department has a key to immediately enter in case of a fire. They were given the boxes free from Verona, which replaced theirs. The Black Earth Fire Board turned down a sinking fund; they felt the money was much better retained by the municipalities. They are moving forward with a study on merging Black Earth and Mazomanie into one fire district.

Scott reported on District One meeting also on Thursday night. The company that makes the chassis they have been purchasing went out of business. They are off a little bit financially because of medicare payments outstanding, due to an error in addressing payments. Defibrillator was \$25,000. Financial position will depend on ambulance resale amount. The new truck will be four-wheel drive on a 450 Ford chassis. Calls are up a little. Down the road they may be looking at filling a part-time position so someone could potentially transition into Jim's position.

Mt. Horeb Fire Department Report, Review of 2018 Department Budget & Discussion of Department Assessment/Survey

John forwarded notes regarding analysis of how Mt. Horeb arrived at decision on auction vs. sale of Fire Station building. Board had approved salary increases but agreed to an assessment, by a third party or otherwise. Karen will find out about salaries and employee benefits. Board agreed that we would convey message via our representative that we would encourage a third party consultancy analysis.

Old Indian Trail

Scott found out there is a possibility that Marge doesn't live there. He will check with Don Parrell. As far as we know, Dick is in a nursing home, and Marge is opposed to cutting anything back. Karen said we will wait a month and go from there.

Bridge Inspection Agreement

The county hires a third party to do the bridge inspection and we pay \$900. Karen believes it is every other year; Doug recommends an accrual line in the budget. Scott moves to accept bid from Dane County Transportation to do bridge inspections this year; Doug seconded and motion passed 3-0.

AC/DC 225/125 Stick Welder for shop

Our welder is 28 years old and it's a small unit that has been welded, not allowing it to cool. Doug has also assessed welder and agrees that the time has come to purchase a new stick welder. It is cheapest on Amazon. Airgas (local) will not match price. Doug moved to approve purchase of new stick welder, Scott seconded and motion passed 3-0.

Salt Shed Repair

Dave Haugen accidentally damaged the roof of the salt shed. John Brings gave us a proposal of \$450 to fix the roof. Scott moved to accept the proposal from John Brings, Doug seconded and motion passed 3-0. We will get it fixed as soon as possible.

Budget Amendments for ADA Door Installation and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Compensation

The budget amendment amount necessary for ADA door installation is \$2,650. The amount necessary to cover Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer compensation is \$18 per hour not to exceed \$5,000. Karen moved that we adopt that the resolution amending the 2018 budget to cover the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer compensation, Doug seconded, and motion passed 3-0. Karen moved to adopt the resolution amending the 2018 budget by \$2,650 to cover the installation of the ADA door, Doug seconded, and motion passed 5-0. Doug indicated door opener would be installed the following morning at 9:30.

2017 Financial Report

Jenna indicated Revenues similar to 2016. Intergovernmental revenues also similar to last year, the largest being the transportation aid at \$84,337. Managed forest land revenue was higher this year; Jenna is not certain about why. Licensing and permits were similar; building permits up about \$4,000; driveway permits down.

Regarding Expenses, Chris indicated that property tax refund checks were down in 2017, legal fees were down, general administration is up, Patrolman lower due to Jack's injury, road maintenance quite a bit higher due to Vermont Church Road culvert. Salt expense and chip sealing was higher in 2017. Vehicles and equipment is up, total public works is down significantly (due to bridge in 2016). We discussed how to make data accessible and interesting for Annual Meeting in April. We will likely present Actual 2016, Actual 2107 and Budgeted 2018.

Annual Meeting Planning

The Annual Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a walk through at 6:30 for residents to come in and look at new zoning categories. Scott moved to approve \$200 or less for refreshments at the Annual Meeting, Doug seconded and motion passed 3-0. Doug is

going to contact Brian about whether Dane County is going to handle postcards regarding zoning changes.

Adjournment

Scott moved to adjourn and Karen seconded, with motion being approved 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.