

******DRAFT Minutes******

Town of Vermont Board Meeting

March 11, 2019 – 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), Doug Meier, Scott Moe, Todd Culliton, John Hallick, Chris Christian (Clerk) and Jenna Schmidt (Treasurer)

Approval of Agenda

Todd moved to approve the agenda, John seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Approval of January Minutes

Doug moved to approve the January minutes, Karen seconded and motion passed 4-0, with Todd abstaining as he was not present at January meeting.

Chairman's Report and Acknowledgments

Karen indicated that Jon Erpenbach sent a letter acknowledging the resolution that we had passed. They are considering an advisory referendum on the 2020 ballot. Annual meeting coming up on April 16. Road damage on Zwettler and Forshaug from logging trucks; logging company will review damage with us. Turnaround clearing issues have arisen. There was an appeal of the Tyrol CUP.

Citizens' Input

Michael McDermott wanted to commend Jack on his road work during a particularly treacherous winter.

Treasurer's Report

The largest item for March was tax receipts in the amount of \$167,718.05. Jenna indicated that total deposits for the month equaled \$173,407.80 and total of balances for the month was \$654,603.70. Todd moved to approve Treasurer's report, Karen seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Clerk's Report

Chris mentioned that election season has begun and today was the first day for absentee ballots to be sent out. She was short one election inspector for the April 2nd election. Tax items were mostly completed but still working on Form CT due at the end of March. Karen moved to approve the Clerk's report, John seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Payment of the Bills

Doug inquired about a bill from the county for bridge inspection; Karen indicated that they inspect bridges annually and we get charged for the inspections. Doug moved and Todd seconded to approve payment of the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Vermont Citizens' ATC Committee

Michael McDermott handed out a schedule for public participation, which is contingent on the release of the Environmental Impact Statement. The decision will probably be made by the PSC by mid-September. The handout also showed federal permits that need to be obtained later. Michael filed a response to a request for discovery and said he would qualify himself as an expert witness and would submit the surveys that he designed and would testify. Karen moved that we sign on to IMEPC along with other municipalities, John seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Patrolman Report, Mt. Horeb Fire Department, Black Earth Fire District and District 1 EMS Reports

Jack was not present but has been working day and night to keep our roads clear and safe. Doug said consolidation of Black Earth and Mazomanie Fire Departments is not moving forward; there is sticking point over who will be chief. The new fire truck is in; they hope to get about \$60,000 for the old truck. Flood damage at BEFD mostly taken care of, they need \$12,000 or so in kitchen cabinets that needs repair; they are hopeful for FEMA money. Scott indicated that at District 1 EMS the ambulance has had work on it and is running, which is good because the new rig will not be ready soon. They are looking for a half time person.

Jim Pulvermacher speaking on weight limits and new proposals on second residences on existing lots

Jim is the supervisor for Springfield, will likely be chair after April election, and is running for our representative for Towns Association. He is trying to set up a meeting with county executives to talk about the condition of county roads. It is not understood why some county roads are fixed and others not. A while ago a state patrol inspector contacted Jim because he was having issues with signage on weight limits and they held an informational seminar. The state patrol inspector expressed his wishes that more towns get universal language on weight limits, especially seasonal. He indicated weight limit signs must be black and white and should not have town ordinance on sign or else only one town can enforce. Two weeks ago there was a meeting with Brian Standing from Dane County and Olivia Perry. The county is realizing there is a severe housing shortage; Mt. Horeb has a zero percent vacancy rate. Jim is proposing another informational seminar. The county has historically been against allowing additional residences or rooms for rent on one property. They are moving away from this stance. If you have a multi-family lot, the plan is to allow a separate residence up to 800 square feet for mother-in-law suite or rental. The county is looking for input from towns on whether they should allow this on all single lots. There will be a WTA meeting on May 15th and board members are up for election.

Preimesberger Homesite Adjustment near intersection of Hwy 78 and J

This homesite was originally approved back in 2000 when farm was divided into five homesites. Preimesbergers wanted to potentially adjust the site but we didn't have the GPS coordinates from the original so we didn't know if it was actually an adjustment. Scott and Doug went out and looked and the contractor got GPS coordinates. Karen moved that we approve adjusted homesite, Scott seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Rezone petition from RH-3 and A-1EX to A-2 for Vrooman at 3428 Bluto Blvd

Doug indicated that Brooks is looking to rezone 13+ acres from residential to A-2 so that he can start a family business on the property, including a couple of outbuildings. PC looked at past consistency of past PC recommendations. The Town has historically been supportive of home businesses. Scott made a motion to approve rezone for Vrooman; Todd seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Horribly Hilly Hundreds June 2019 permit application

Abbey VanValkenburg submitted application for permit for the 17th annual Horribly Hilly Hundreds, which will have the same route as last year. John made a motion to approve the application for 2019 Horribly Hilly Hundreds, Todd seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Internet Speed Upgrade for Town Hall

The Plan Commission has been having difficulty conducting business during meetings due to the slow internet connection. John is going to contact TDS to request as much of an upgrade as possible for less money and will keep Board posted. Karen moved to upgrade to the next level of internet service, which will cost an additional \$20 per month, making it \$55 per month. Doug seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Considering canceling cellphone plan

We pay \$12 a month for Jack's work cellphone which he has forwarded to his personal cellphone. John suggested that we use an existing landline at Town Hall and have that forwarded to Jack's personal cellphone, canceling the work cellphone plan. Board agreed this was a good solution and didn't need a vote.

2018 Financial Report Review

Financial Report not yet ready to review.

Dane County Zoning Ordinance

Plan Commission is going to hold several more meetings and hopes to be ready to adopt Dane County Zoning Ordinance by June. They are going through section by section to make sure everything aligns.

Old Indian Trail Overlay- Cold or Hot Mix

Board needs to make a decision about whether to put cold or hot mix on Old Indian Trail. Cold mix costs \$10,000 more than hot, but will be more durable and last longer. Karen made a motion that we switch from hot mix to cold mix on our application for road aid (we are scheduled to get approximately \$11,000). Todd seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Electrical/Wiring Updates in Town Hall

Jack had mentioned that the electrical in Town Hall is outdated and dangerous. Todd recommended bringing it up to current code. Board discussed options for assessing situation, eventually deciding to go downstairs

and check it out during the meeting. John suggested asking someone to provide a design/build. Karen asked for volunteers to meet with her and an electrical contractor and John volunteered.

Clerk/Treasurer Recruitment

There were several applicants for the positions of Clerk and Treasurer; the Board conducted interviews and narrowed it to one candidate for each position. Karen moved to appoint Catherine Zelle to the position of Clerk and Todd seconded, with motion passing 5-0. Karen proposed a start date of April 8 for both candidates so there would be some overlap. The Board will allocate up to \$1000 for double payment of salary while Karen moved to appoint Rebecca Thompson to position of Municipal Treasurer, Todd seconded, and motion passed 5-0. Karen moved that we spend up to \$1,000 for the purposes of training and transition; John seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Items for April

David Stanfield would like to speak about energy planning.

Adjournment

Doug moved to adjourn, John seconded and motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.