

Town of Vermont Board Meeting
Sept. 9, 2019
7:00 Pm
Town Hall: 4017 County Road JJ

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
In attendance, Karen Carlock, Scott Moe, John Hallick, Alex McKenzie and Doug Meier
2. Approval of Agenda
John motioned to approve the agenda, Doug seconded, and the agenda was approved 5-0
3. Approval of August Minutes
John motioned to approve the August minutes; Doug seconded with the addition of the wording "at Tyrol property boundaries" to the section regarding decibel limits for the CUP. Minutes were approved with that addition 5-0
4. Chairman's Report and Acknowledgements
The chair thanked the attendees of the town picnic and expressed appreciation for all who helped by bringing a dessert.
5. Citizen's Input
Barbara announced the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association Fall Event, "Flooding Impacts on the Watershed" Tuesday Oct. 22 from 7-9pm at the Cross Plains Fire Station
6. Town of Vermont Patrolling Discussion with Community Deputy
Scott Harem, deputy for Dane County, spoke about public safety concerns and patrolling in the area. The sheriff's department asks for community members to contact them if they see speeding and other concerning behavior, and if they would be willing to allow patrol vehicles to sit in their driveway, since many town roads do not have shoulders.
7. Treasurers Report
Becca reports that the Dane County Settlement Payment was deposited this month and that the current operating balance is \$159,945.23 and the Reserve Balance is \$251, 344.06
She plans to attend training on levies and taxes and requests that the fee be covered by the town.
Karen moves that \$65 be moved from the unallocated reserve and applied to treasurer training. John seconds and the motion is approved 5-0.
8. Clerk's Report
The clerk has nothing to report.
9. Payment of Bills
Doug motions to pay the bills and Alex seconds. The motion is approved 5-0
10. Northwest Dane Senior Services update and presentation of 2020 budget
Paulette Glunn, executive director, presented on the expanded services and facilities for Senior Services. They are asking for a funding increase to \$4,896 for the year. They do not anticipate another funding increase for the next 3-5 years.
11. Vermont Citizens Committee: Cardinal Hickory Creek
Michael provided an update on the CHC line, noting that the line did receive approval. There will be a meeting at the capital Friday, Sept. 13 from 12-1 pm. Going forward, the town role in the committee activities should be to lend support to the committee's actions.

12. Update from the Energy Committee: Energy assessment grant application, citizen renewable investment survey results and letter from the town to electric utilities regarding solar generation.
David spoke about the availability of a matching grant for an energy assessment by Legacy Energy Co-Op. In discussion, the board felt they were not ready to act on an energy assessment and no motion was made.
Solar survey results are available on the town website.
The committee plans to draft a letter from the town to area utility providers asking for increased solar generation.
13. Presentation from Janet Silbernagel on Town of Vermont mapping tools
Janet provided a first look at GIS mapping tools for visualizing the locations of PDRs within the town. The Board will give further thought to how to best utilize this information.
14. Patrolman's Report, District 1 EMS, Black Earth Fire District Report
Jack reports that the batteries died and had to be replaced on the 1 ton truck and that chip sealing, culverts and patching were complete.
15. Mount Horeb Fire District/EMS Report and Mount Horeb Fire Department 2020 Operating Budget
Jenny Minter presented an update on the new facility and the timeline for closing on the USDA loan. The department requests \$45,470 for next year's operating budget.
16. Discussion regarding criteria for considering petition to build a pool house.
The question of the pool house suggests to the board that they may need to update the town comprehensive plan to more clearly define what is considered an Independent Living Unit. No decision is being made at this time.
17. Consideration and possible decision regarding transfer of one liquor license to Town of Blue Mounds
Doug made a motion that the town should keep its current liquor licenses. John seconded and the motion carried 5-0
18. Consideration and possible decision regarding additional arm mower rental
Jack reported that with the current 40 hours of mower rental he is no longer able to cover half of the town each year as the woody brush has been growing faster. John made a motion to allocate \$2500 to rent the arm mower for the fall of 2019. Doug seconded the motion and it passed 5-0
19. Subscription of Dropbox for Business for document sharing
Karen made a motion to allocate up to \$750 a year for 5 Dropbox subscriptions for town employees. Doug seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0
20. Cooperative Boundary Agreements with the Villages of Blue Mounds, Mount Horeb and Black Earth
The board continued its discussion about what possible cooperative boundary agreements with neighboring villages might look like. No motions were made.
21. 2020 Budget planning
Katie highlighted areas where money will need to be allocated differently in the coming year.
22. Agenda Items for October Meeting
Discussion to Develop Guidelines for the roles of town committees
23. Adjournment
John made a motion to adjourn and Doug seconded, motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm

