

Town of Vermont Board Meeting

June 10, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Town Hall: 4017 County Road JJ

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting

Karen Carlock calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Katie states that the notices for the meeting were posted on the door of town hall, in the Mount Horeb Mail and Star News and on the website and that the agenda was posted on the town website, the door of town hall and emailed to subscribers

2. Approval of agenda

Doug motions to approve the agenda, Scott seconds, motion carries

3. Approval of May minutes

Karen motions to approve the minutes, with corrections on items on 8 and 13
Doug seconds, motion carries

Special Board Meeting minutes of June 6

Doug moves to approve the minutes from the road bid meeting, Karen seconds and the motion carries

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Karen introduces a topic to consider for potential future planning: In regard to the recent plan to annex some land in Mount Horeb for a new housing development, we should look into cooperative boundary agreements. While they don't prevent annexation, they can keep discussion going on between our township and the villages of Blue Mounds and Mount Horeb

5. Citizens' Input

David asks how to get onto the agenda. Karen says at least a week ahead.

6. Treasurer's report

The total deposits for the month of May were \$7246.43

Current balances as of May 31 are

Savings- 218,164.67

Checking- \$9,641.55

LGIP-General- \$219,613.64

LGIP- Reserve- \$152,536.10

Becca has broken down the numbers into operating and reserve. This should help us get a better overview of where we are, financially. The operating balance as of May 31 is \$333,240.75 and the reserve balance is \$266,715.21

Thanks to Alex, we did get the monthly check imaging fee waived. There are no delinquent property taxes, the one that seemed to be outstanding has been paid. By next month we should have numbers from the Mount Horeb Fire Department from the sale of the old building.

Scott motions to approve the treasurers report, Doug seconds and the motion carries

7. Clerk's report

Katie presents information about the year to date spending on vehicle maintenance for the Ford truck and the International. While most of the repairs have been routine maintenance and replacement items such as plow blades and oil changes, there are some charges where we will need to get clarification from Jack.

Doug moves that we authorize up to \$1500 to replace tires on Bobcat, we will add a budget amendment for next month.

Katie Zelle reports that electrical work will begin at town hall tomorrow, Tuesday, June 11

Budget amendment Resolution 2019-061002

That the sum of \$2000 is hereby transferred from Unallocated Reserve account to the Payroll-Overtime account to cover overtime expenses incurred during additional and unforeseen snow and ice events in early 2019.

Doug motions to approve the amendment and Alex seconds. The amendment is approved.

Budget amendment 2019-061003

That the sum of \$34,060 is hereby transferred from Road Reserve account to the Road Maintenance-Chip Sealing account to cover the full amount of the chip sealing of Forshaug, Greenwald, Blue Mounds Trail, Underwood Road, Forshaug Farm Road and Moe Road.

Doug motions to approve the budget amendment, Alex seconds and the amendment is approved.

8. Vermont Citizens ATC Committee Update

Michael provides an update on the ATC line project: August to September is the deadline for input on the project. The public hearing is June 26 and Nancy Cox is contacting people to get organized and attend the hearings as is Peter Antonie.

Hearings are at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm at the Public Service Building in Madison. Michael is subject to cross examination for the technical portion prior to the public hearing but hasn't been asked for any time for cross examination. He assumes they will not actually call him.

Michael says that the best alternative to projects like the ATC are more distributed power and substations. One of the lawyers asks if we could file surrebuttal. Michael was asked to look at the town plan and look at a filing by John Calloway who had said the ATC plan would not interfere with the town plan. There are six or seven points in the town plan that the transmission line does cross. We will be responding to this document tomorrow before the deadline at 1:30 pm, June 11.

Karen makes a motion to join in on the testimony of Bill Powers, Doug seconds and the motion carries.

Karen makes a motion to authorize Michael as representative of the town of Vermont to file a surrebuttal, Doug seconds the motion and the motion carries.

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

Jack was unable to attend but sent in the following report: He has been working on Braun Road and North Road shoulders, 4 out of 5 culverts have been replaced and he started mowing today.

We are still waiting on FDMH numbers from the sale of the building and will talk about what to do next month.

Black Earth Fire Department report: FEMA will pay for the damage the fire department building sustained during last year's flood. The Black Earth firefighters recently attended swift water training. The Black Earth fire department is now suggesting a turnaround 500 ft from the house.

Nothing new from District One EMS

10. Payment of bills

Doug make a motion to pay the bills, Karen seconds, motion carries

11. Tyrol Liquor License renewal application and operator license applications

Tyrol is requesting 4 operator and a "class B" beer and liquor license. They have filed the required paperwork with the town.

Scott motions to renew the Tyrol licenses, Doug seconds and the motion carries.

12. Jamie Dahlk Driveway Application - Blue Mounds Trail

Scott says it is an extensive driveway with a 13% grade. It should be an improvement in the long run as they are putting a retention pond at the top. The planning commission recommends approval. Karen asks if it will meet the future fire dept requirements, and it should.

Karen moves to approve the permit, Scott seconds, approved

David comments that people should visit the fire department and see the size of the pump trucks so that they get a sense of why the town requirements are what they are.

13. Steven Cowan Rezone/Driveway Application - 4616 County Hwy JJ

Doug provides overview: the Cowan's have property on west side of JJ, wanted to divide into two parcels, but there were no building sites on that side. However, where the cheese factory used to be could have a PDR associated with it. So, that .3 acre parcel will be added to the deed restricted land in order to meet the two acre minimum for a building site. The home site will be 4.95 acres. There is already an existing driveway there.

Scott says the Planning Commission doesn't have any concerns so long as the county will approve.

Doug adds that there are still two PDRs on the east side.

The deed restriction is not changing, because the building envelope will be entirely on the .3 acres.

Karen moves that we approve the Cowan rezone for the 4.95 acre lot 1 from A1 Ex and A2, to FP1 and RR4

Alex seconds, Cowan's ask if there is anything else they need to do for town of Vermont. Karen says they are done with the town portion.

Motion is approved.

Karen moves that we approve the .3 acre homesite associated with lot 1, Scott seconds, motion is approved.

Karen moves to approve the 50 ft in length driveway application, for the Cowen property, lot 1, in the existing location on Blue Mounds trail

Scott seconds, motion is approved.

14. Budget Amendment for Culvert Repair on Ryan Road

We had a culvert collapse and we were able to do this on an emergency basis since Finks was already working on Ryan Road, Doug moves, Scott seconds approved.

Doug notes that with the unusual weather, there are likely to be more of these culvert failures.

15. Comprehensive Land Use Plan Discussion regarding siting

We received a proposal from new Town of Vermont resident, Janet Silb Balster. She put together some phases of planning for building and density. For \$500 she would create a base map of the buildable PDRs in the town.

The second phase would be modeling various land development scenarios. Karen feels it would be \$700 well spent. Doug thinks it sounds very worthwhile. He adds that having GIS info for culverts and roads could be valuable as well

Scott agrees that for the PDR part, that would be great. Alex agrees that phase one sounds great, and we can see about the rest later.

Karen asks, should we consider phase two as well to get on the class schedule for the fall? Karen, "if we change phase two a bit to see the clustering and non-clustering scenarios, I don't know how deep a college class can get, but for \$200, it seems like good info." Doug, I support both. Scott, "Its \$200, its pretty cheap."

Motion to support one and two of a land development project with Janet Silb Balster, made by Doug, with a second from Alex. The motion carries.

Clerk will contact Janet for more information on the software and the process.

16. Initial Discussion regarding possible garage addition

Doug and Jack have discussed a possible garage addition, we have equipment stored in various places, and should we consider additional storage for the equipment. We would like to see the full list of what is currently stored offsite. David comments that we should consider solar if we think about additions for building. We would need an assessment of the site for solar potential. Legacy Solar Co-Op will do that assessment, if the town is interested

17. Policies and Procedures for review of Conditional Use Permits

Doug, this document is a guide for people who are looking for a CUP. Part of the benefit is that the meetings should be more orderly, by laying out language for the chair for guidelines for comment.

Karen moves that we approve the CUP Process and Procedures and post on the town website.

Doug seconds the motion and it is approved.

18. Obsolete Records Ordinance

We have been operating for a long time and we want to maintain all the records for transparency, but there are some papers that we do not need to keep e.g. receipts from 20 years ago.

We would still have to notify the Historical Society. We are in no way trying to get rid of historical documents.

Note, no ordinance can be approved at the first meeting, so this is just the first reading. This will be on next month's meeting as well.

19. Planning for Annual Picnic

Considering Brigham Park as a new location, Judy, Karen and Katie will work on planning

20. Agenda Items for July Meeting

Vehicle maintenance

Energy committee

Garage

Obsolete records ordinance

21. Adjournment

Scott motions to adjourn, Alex seconds and the meeting is adjourned at 8:21

Posted: June 5, 2019

Katie Zelle, Clerk

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