

**Town of Vermont Board Meeting**

December 9, 2019

7:00 P.M. @ Vermont Town Hall: 4017 County Road JJ

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:01

The meeting was noticed in the Mount Horeb Mail and Star News, posted on the door of town hall and the town website and emailed to subscribers

2. Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Doug and passed 5-0

3. Approval of October minutes

John motioned to approve the October minutes and it passed 5-0

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Karen reported that she met with the Village of Mount Horeb regarding a cooperative boundary agreement, and Mount Horeb has no plans for expansion towards the town of Vermont, even in their twenty or thirty year timeline.

5. Citizens' Input

Jim Pulvermacher from the Dane County Towns Association spoke about the recommendation that towns should appoint a road superintendent who is authorized to approve emergency road repairs for a set amount, for instance up to twenty five thousand dollars.

6. Treasurer's report

The treasurer reported that October deposits were \$24,486.02 with an ending balance of \$324,431.11 and the November deposits totaled 22, 615. 34 with an ending balance of \$271,453.94

Doug motioned to approve the treasurers report and the motion was passed 5-0

7. Clerk's report

Clerk has nothing to report

8. Payment of bills

Doug motioned to pay the bills and the motion carried 5-0

9. Petition for Zoning change, driveway agreement, & turnaround easement at 9842 Lattimer Lane

The planning commission recommends that the board approve the rezone of 3.9 acres as well as the driveway agreement and turnaround. Scott made a motion to approve. Alex stated that he would abstain as he is the property owner and the motion carried 4-0-1

10. Petition for Zoning change, Driveway and homesite at 4012 County Highway JJ

The planning commission recommended that the board approve the zoning change of 3 acres to RR2 as well as the driveway and homesite. Karen made a motion for approval and it carried 5-0

11. Presentation from UW GIS Master's students regarding density planning

Janet Silbernagel and her students presented their work with various scenarios for building sites and development of remaining PDRs in the township. They examined factors such as minimum lot size, driveway length and viewshed. They will continue their work and provide the town with their findings.

12. Review of Tyrol Basin's Haunted Tour

Nathan reports that things went well with no complaints or negative feedback. The temporary structures are all down, except for one that Dane County ruled to be a permanent structure and they have applied for a permit for that one. Calls to law enforcement from the property are down and Nathan reports that they are policing the parking areas and have no tolerance for drunkenness or other unruly behavior. A sound engineer took level readings at the property lines both before and during the haunted event and the highest reading was 66 decibels. They will take sound readings next year as well.

One resident reports that her teenage daughter was struck by a chairlift at the event but did not report this to Tyrol.

13. Discussion regarding ATV Use on Town Roads with representative from ATV group

Jim from the ATV club presented a request for a ballot initiative to open town roads to ATVs. Several residents connected with the ATV club spoke in support of ATV use on town roads as well citing the lack of problems with ATVs in other communities and the potential benefit to commerce.

Karen made a motion to place to ATV use question on the April ballot as a non-binding referendum. The motion carried 5-0

14. Consideration and possible decision regarding Cardinal Hickory Creek appeal

David presented information about a request from the Citizens committee that the town sign on to the appeal of the decision to approve the ATC line. David stated that the filing fees would be around \$400. John made a motion that the town would not sign the agreement as written but would consider an agreement with defined expenses and an exit clause. The motion carried 5-0.

15. Action regarding proposed letters to Mount Horeb and Black Earth Utilities regarding solar power

The energy committee presented letters asking the Mount Horeb and Black Earth Utilities to consider small scale solar power generation. Karen made a motion that the Town of Vermont send the drafted letters to the two utility companies and the motion passed 5-0.

16. Dane County Zoning Ordinance 2019-OA-20

The planning commission recommended that the board not support a proposed county zoning amendment that would limit animal units on certain properties. The planning commission feels that if some municipalities want to limit animals, a new category should be creating rather than changing existing zoning rules.

Scott motioned to not approve the zoning ordinance amendment and the motion passed 5-0

17. Line of Credit Renewal- State Bank Cross Plains

Karen motioned to renew our 75,000 line of credit with State Bank of Cross Plains at a current indicative rate of 4.5%. The motion carried 5-0

18. Consideration and possible approval of 2020 Town of Vermont Budget

Karen motioned to approve the 2020 town budget. The motion carried 5-0

19. Review and consideration of recommended changes to Chapter 7 Town of Vermont code of ordinances, section 3, item J for accessory dwelling units.

Tabled until January

20. Consideration and possible approval of recommended changes to fees and penalties as listed in Chapter 20 of Town of Vermont code of ordinances

Doug made a motion to accept the suggested fee structure language regarding dog licenses so that the town will not have to continually revise its ordinance as the county changes its fees. The motion carried 5-0

Karen moved to approve changes to the fees and penalties as listed in Chapter 20 of the code of Ordinances. The motion passed 5-0

21. Approval of Election inspectors for 2020-2021

Karen motioned to approve the list of election inspectors for 2020-2021. The motion passed 5-0

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

The International Truck continues to have mechanical issues.

John reports that the Mount Horeb Fire Department will not meet in December and that the USDA loan may be delayed to take advantage of a quarter point rate drop in January.

The Black Earth Fire Department reports that some residents found their home insurers had the town rated as an 8 rather than a 3 and residents should check with their insurance company to ensure they are getting a rate based on the correct information.

District One's new ambulance will arrive before the end of the year, however financing has been secured and the towns will not be asked to cover that.

23. Agenda Items for January Meeting

ATV use

IH truck

Rural Mutual insurance rates

Review and consideration of recommended changes to Chapter 7 Town of Vermont code of ordinances, section 3, item J for accessory dwelling units

24. Adjournment

Alex motioned to adjourn, the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm

Katie Zelle- Clerk