

Draft Minutes- Town of Vermont Board Meeting

May 13, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Town Hall: 4017 County Road JJ

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting

Karen Carlock called the meeting to order at 7:00, Katie Zelle stated that the 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.

2. Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Hallick, seconded by Alex McKensie and approved.

3. Approval of April minutes

4. A motion to approve the April minutes was made by John Hallick, seconded by Alex McKensie and approved.

5. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Karen stated that the bridge is open on highway J and asked Jack if they are in decent shape. Jack said the 20 ton weight limit is still in place and that the highway department did the epoxy layers today on the bridge deck. He added that it will be a three year process to design and replace the new bridge.

John asked how this will affect farmers. Jack replied that milk, gravel and logging trucks have been going over with no issues so far.

6. Citizens' Input

David Stanfield talked about solar energy, deadlines for funding approaching in May and July. There is an article in the packet with a link to info about net metering, and solar installers with contact info there as well.

David also reminded the board that there is a 750,000 fund for county CRP for erosion protection for taking land out of production. Payment is up front for 15 years. Deadline is May 31.

Karen asked if we should send this info out on the mailing list? John pointed out that farmers may already have received the info but that a reminder couldn't hurt.

Karen says we will send something out to residents.

John would like an article in Vermont Voice about Earth Day. No action is needed by the town at this time.

Sharon Gaskill says there was one attempted break-in, at Dale Wright's house, and wondered if there were more. No one has heard anything about any other issues. Jack says that Dale caught someone trying to come in through a window with a crowbar.

7. Treasurer's report

Becca says that we have balances in savings of \$219844.25, checking \$35130.92, LGIP General \$216005.19 and LGIP Reserve \$152218.73 for a total balance of \$623199.09

Scott made a motion to approve, John seconded and the treasurer's report was approved.

8. Clerk's report

Katie thanked everyone who has been so helpful in her first month as clerk, Karen and the Board, Jack, Diane Anderson, Steve Mahlik, and other area clerks.

Katie will be working to update the town election security and emergency procedures, to be in line with the latest guidelines from the WEC.

Katie asked the board to approve a budget amendment to fund Clerks training in July through the UW extension in Green Bay. The board asked for the reserve amounts available and Becca Reported that the total reserve is \$270,190.21, with unallocated reserve amounts of \$20,469.21. John made a motion for a Budget amendment moving the required \$475 from unallocated reserves to a clerk training line item, Alex seconded, and the amendment was approved. Scott made a motion to approve the Clerks report, John seconded and the motion carried.

9. Payment of bills

John motioned to approve the paying of bills, Karen seconded and the motion carried.

10. Vermont Citizens ATC Committee Update

Michael reported that lots going on, decision will be made in August, there is expert witness testimony already presented and public hearings coming up. Testimony was due April 26. Michael testified on behalf of the town, and had a secondary part asking for discovery of the raw material from survey. The survey had no mention of the ATC line, just asked if people thought that it was important that alternative energy be delivered here. Lots of very compelling expert testimony, to sum up there are other options for reliability than high power lines. The line would actually bring more petroleum energy into the state. There is currently more solar in Wisconsin than is accounted for in the planning and strong arguments for improving local transmission. The official environmental report from the state has been published and shows no environmental harm, a result Michael found disappointing but not unexpected. There are opportunities to ask for further study.

The town board has been asked to join in supporting the testimony of the expert witnesses. The committee would like a resolution to be Intervener party. There will be a public hearing in Madison on June 26, final opportunity for comment. Would like an endorsement of the resolution that was sent.

Karen moves that Intervenor Party Town of Vermont joins in the expert witness testimony of Kerinia Cusick, Mihir Desu, Rao Konidena, Jon Wellinghof, and Terrence Ingram, Curt Meine, George Meyer and Don Waller on behalf of the Driftless Area Land Conservancy and Wisconsin Wildlife Federation in Docket No. 5-CE-146. John seconded the motion, motion carries

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

Jack reports that it has been a busy month. He has finished the arm mowing. A new chain was required on the sanding truck. The oil pan rusted through on truck, and he had to get that fixed. Ross and Greg worked hard on patch. Some culverts need replacing. Karen adds that Jack saved \$750 on culverts by shopping around.

Scott presented the Fire Department reports. Mount Horeb got \$640K for the old fire building. We are waiting for our portion back. Becca will work with clerk on finding out how we use our portion to pay off our portion of the fire truck. Scott states that there are a lot of miles on the old fire truck, but it is running ok right now. John Hallick asked Becca if we can apply that fire department building money on our current payments so we can put the budgeted money into the reserve fund.

12. Conditional Use Permit Review process- tabled

13. Dane County Section 10 Zoning Code Revision

Karen reminded those in attendance that Dane County adopted new zoning code. The plan commission has now completed their task of going parcel by parcel to make sure everything is the same. The town is now ready to formalize adoption of the new zoning on recommendation of the planning commission.

Resolution NO. 2019-051302

Resolution to Adopt the Comprehensively Revised Dane County Zoning Ordinance

The Town Board of the Town of Vermont, Dane County, Wisconsin do adopt and resolve as follows:

1. The Town of Vermont desires to promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the residents of the Town and to encourage planned and orderly land use and development.
2. The County Board of Dane County, Wisconsin has adopted a comprehensive revision of a zoning ordinance for the physical development and zoning of territory within Dane County.
3. The Dane County Zoning Ordinance may become effective in the Town of Vermont upon approval of the ordinance by the Town Board.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that: Pursuant to Section 59.69(5)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, the Town Board of Vermont hereby approves and adopts the Dane County Zoning Ordinance as described in Dane County Ordinance Amendment 2018-OA-20 and shall take all required actions to make the Dane County Zoning Ordinance applicable within the Town of Vermont.

motion by Scott to approve, Alex seconded and the resolution was adopted.

14. 2019 Plan for Chip Sealing, Crack Filling and Culverts

We have a few more culverts than we had anticipated in the budget and the chip sealing bid was well over budget. If we decide to chip seal fewer roads, we might not do Blue Mounds Trail. We had a bidding issue where only one bid was available, as the other bid was late.

Jack says we can skip Blue Mounds trail depends on where a new bid comes in, if there is extra money we will need to use it for crack filling.

Jack says we can eliminate Forshaug and Underwood road, and split Blue Mounds trail into thirds so that we can consider each section separately.

John asks what the reserve amounts are, Becca reports they are 130,000.

We will publish a notice to rebid the chip sealing and have on next months agenda

Karen asked if there are critical areas for Crack filling? Jack responds that Bohn Road, Forshaug Road are in need of crack filling.

Culverts, two more need replacing, Frame Road needs a 3 foot culvert, which will cost \$2000 and another grand for the install. It is suggested that the Anderson culvert can wait until next year.

Karen moves that we pull \$3000 out of road reserve acct to be used for culvert on Ryan Rd, Scott seconded, and the motion is approved.

15. Electric Bids for Town Hall

Karen reminds the board that last month we talked about the electrical work to replace the old cloth wiring in town hall. We received two bids. The Davis bid doesn't include the dusk to dawn light out front. Comparing the bids, the Davis bid calls for GFCI and the BBS bid will run the additional wire to ground the outlets. John motioned to accept the BBS bid for \$1725 provided that everything is included as was in the other bid. Karen seconded and the motion carries.

16. Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Potential Development Rights- tabled

17. Delinquent Personal Property Tax Policy

Currently town of Vermont has no policy. We got a sample policy from Mt Horeb, Becca is asked if we have any outstanding taxes. She replied that we have one for \$112 for 2018.

John points out that we also need to make sure we have a notification policy, because they may not realize they are in arrears. It is agreed we will begin sending a letter to those who have not paid.

18. Agenda Items for June Meeting

Chip sealing

Crack filling

MoHo fire department building money

Conditional use permit review process

19. Adjournment

John motioned to adjourn, Alex seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm