

Town of Vermont Board Meeting
January 13, 2020
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 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of agenda

Doug motioned to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Approval of December minutes

John motioned to approve the December 9th and 13th minutes. Motion carried 4-0

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Karen reports that the project to replace the County J bridge is underway, and that the county would like the township to have a public hearing.

Karen also outlined improvements to the process for handling building permits at Town Hall to ensure that Diane always gets her copy to file.

5. Citizens' Input

There was no input from citizens.

6. Treasurer's report

In the month of December there were \$1,149,900.44 in deposits, with most of that being property taxes. About half of the taxes have been collected. At the end of the year the reserve accounts held about two hundred thousand dollars. Karen motioned to approve the treasurers report. Motion passed 4-0

7. Clerk's report

Several of our election inspectors will be attending training on the 15th and 16th, when we will also pick up our new voting machine. Karen motioned to approve the clerks report. Motion passed 4-0

8. Payment of bills

Payment of the bills was moved to later in the meeting.

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

The town patrolman reports that snow from Tyrol is landing on Bohn Road. Doug suggested that the chair draft a letter to Tyrol asking them to ensure that their snow-making does not result in snow being deposited on the roadways.

John reports that the old Mount Horeb fire building has been completely deconstructed and removed.

10. Draft wording for advisory referendum for ATV use for April ballot

Several drafts of wording for the ATV referendum were offered with Doug making a motion to approve the following language? "Should the town of Vermont open the roads to ATV/UTV traffic? This would include county roads that would connect the town roads." The motion passed 4-0

11. Discuss options for managing IH truck repair costs

The board discussed the ongoing costs of the International plow truck repairs. Next steps are to get ballpark bids on a new truck, talk to the county about bulk purchasing and do a 7 year amortization.

12. Discuss costs associated with Rural Mutual Insurance policy

Katie reports that Eric Hudson from Rural Mutual did not show up for a scheduled meeting to discuss insurance costs. The meeting has been rescheduled for next week. She is also talking to two other insurance agents in order to see if a better rate or improved service may be available more locally.

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

The board discussed the planning commission decision to clarify wording defining accessory dwellings to read that and accessory dwelling unit uses a PDR if it has a separate entry. Karen moved to approve the recommended language and the motion carried 4-0

14. Review recommendation from Plan commission regarding the razing of structures

After discussion of the amount of time allowed for the razing of structures and the various options for rendering a building uninhabitable Karen motioned to send the item back to the Planning Commission for further consideration. Motion carried 4-0

15. Doug made a motion to pay the bills and it carried 4-0

16. Agenda Items for February Meeting

Insurance

IH truck review

Co JJ Bridge hearing

2019 financial report draft

Reschedule Feb meeting to Feb. 3

17. Adjournment

John motioned to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58

Katie Zelle, clerk