

Town of Vermont Board Meeting

October 12, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Due to Covid 19 this meeting is via conference call. Call in to the meeting by dialing (608) 422-4798

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Katie certified that the meeting was noticed in the Mount Horeb Mail and Star News, posted on the door to town hall, on the website and emailed to subscribers.

2. Approval of agenda

John motioned to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0

3. Approval of September minutes

Doug motioned to approve the September minutes. Motion carried 5-0

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

none

5. Citizens' Input

none

6. Treasurer's report

This month there were \$1386.79 in deposits, which is typical for this time of year. The total account balance is \$449,191.38 with a reserve balance of \$225,944.53 and an operating balance of 223,246.85

Karen motioned to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried 5-0

7. Clerk's report

Katie reported that the primary expense this month was for the winter supply of salt and sand. The town continues to prepare for the November election and about half of the anticipated voter turnout have requested absentee ballots.

Alex motioned to approve the clerks report. Motion carried 5-0

8. Payment of bills

Doug motioned to pay the bills. Motion carried 5-0

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

The Mount Horeb Fire Department has passed its budget and the loan for the building has been finalized.

10. Zoning change, homesite and driveway application – Kyle Fisher, 5500 County Highway J

Karen made a motion to approve the proposed rezone of 2.1 acres from RM16 to RR2. Motion carried 5-0

Karen motioned to approve the homesite. Motion carried 5-0

Alex made a motion to approve the driveway. Motion carried 5-0. Because there is a shared driveway, the town will require a shared driveway agreement to be on file, as the second homesite on the property could eventually be sold to new owners.

11. Zoning change, homesite and driveway application – David & Julie Moyer, 4693 County Highway FF

Karen made a motion to approve the rezoning of 3.86 acres from FP 35 to RR2. Motion carried 5-0

Doug made a motion to approve the homesite and the motion carried 5-0. Doug made a motion to approve the driveway and the motion carried 5-0. While it has no effect on the current building project, the town does note that the property will need to have the number of PDRs confirmed before any land could be sold at a future date.

12. Review, consideration and possible approval of amendments to Deed of Restrictions and Covenants for Tyrol Basin that were recommended by Town of Vermont Deed of Covenants and Restrictions Committee in August 2019. If/when Town of Vermont board approves amendments, Dane County Zoning will be the next body to review and consider the proposed amendments.

This was an initial discussion by the board of suggestions brought forth by a committee to review the Deed Restrictions and Covenants for Tyrol Basin. Any actions eventually taken by the board will also require the approval of Dane County Zoning. Among the Restrictions up for review were limits on hunting and fishing on the property, live music events, special events, outdoor lighting, alcohol sales and sound amplification. Nathan provided explanations as to why some current restrictions may not be needed and the board discussed various options. No motions were made at this meeting.

13. Review 2021 Budget – revenue, expenses and reserve schedule

Karen explained that the municipal levy limit for the township can be adjusted for public safety debt, but not for accruals, and the board discussed how best to work with the fire departments for Black Earth and Mount Horeb as they need to make high dollar purchases. The expenditures for 2021 will include significantly more road resurfacing as the town moves back to a quadrant system. The chip sealing budget will be 171,000 and the crack filling budget will be 20,000. Jack's longevity pay increase is also reflected in the budget. In order to balance out these costs, the town will reduce the number of culvert replacements for 2021 and buy less sand and salt in order to also use up older material at the back of the shed. The town is currently on track with accruals to replace the IH truck in 2022. The town anticipates an additional 20,000 in revenue due to new homes built in the township and MFL payments that have increased over time to beyond what had generally been anticipated by the budget. The public budget hearing will be November 9 at 6:30, prior to the board meeting.

14. Review driveway ordinance regarding field roads & related procedures

Tabled until November

15. Agenda Items for November Meeting

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16. Adjournment

Scott motioned to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:49

Katie Zelle, Clerk