

Draft Minutes

Public Budget Hearing

November 9, 2020

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Review and possible approval of 2021 Town of Vermont Budget

Call into the meeting by dialing (608) 422-4798

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The most noteworthy item in the 2021 budget is the increase in chip sealing and crack filling, which will be offset by reducing the number of culvert replacements for one year and reducing our annual salt purchase in order to use up back stock. The town patrolman also has received a longevity pay increase as of September of 2020, which is reflected in the 2021 budget as well. The town will also begin budgeting for Black Earth Fire District accrual in a way that is proportional to the cost to residents of the Mount Horeb Fire District.

The Legislative and judicial budgets are unchanged, we have decreased the budget for legal and elections and increased the planning and public safety budgets based on anticipated needs.

As new construction has taken place in the town, we have a 2% increase in our levy as we tax those new residents. In other sources of revenue, we will also be able to use the proceeds from the sale of the old Mount Horeb Fire building to pay our share of the mortgage payments for 2021 for the new Mount Horeb Fire building.

Alex moved to approve the 2021 budget. The 2021 budget was approved 6-0

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm

Town of Vermont Board Meeting

November 9, 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 6:30 PM.

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

2 Approval of agenda

Doug moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved 5-0

3. Approval of October minutes

Karen moved to approve the October minutes. The minutes were approved 5-0

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Karen thanked Katie and the election inspectors for their hard work on the election.

Cooperative boundary agreements are something that the planning commission and the board would like to take another look at in the upcoming months.

5. Citizens' Input

none

6. Treasurer's report

This month's deposits totaled \$26,034.22, which included our last installment of transportation aid for the year.

Our current balance is \$411,650.72 which gives us and reserve balance of 225,944.53 and a operating balance of 185,706.19

Doug motioned to approve the treasurers report. The motion carried 5-0

7. Clerk's report

The bills this month included the upgrades to the bathroom, at 2,357.37 We expect that the Road to Recovery grant will cover this in its entirety. The plumbers will be back tomorrow as there were some issues with the installation. We also paid our annual maintenance contracts for the tabulator machine and the building alarm system.

The election went smoothly. I'd like to thank the poll workers for their diligence and hard work, and Jack for his assistance in setting up. The flow starting outside worked very well and kept people moving though the space quickly. We sent out 368 absentee ballots and had 331 returned. Additionally we had 325 voters at the polls and 24 election day registrations. Our total turnout was 656 of 715 registered voters for a 92% turn out.

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

8. Payment of bills

Doug moved 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 patrolman has been getting the trucks ready for plowing and moving summer equipment into storage. Someone has been dumping trash on property on Greenwald Road. The town has the owners permission to put up a trail camera in order to try to catch the offenders.

The Black Earth fire building is going to need a new roof. The bid that was approved is for \$38,700. The share for the Town of Vermont will be about 7,000. Engine 2 has a leaking water tank.

10. Homesite and driveway application - Ryan Road - William N Buros, William Z Buros

As the lot is already zoned RR-4, no rezoning is needed. The planning commission recommends approval of the driveway permit which extends only to the end of the lot, and not beyond that to the west. A shared driveway agreement is on file.

Scott motioned to approve the driveway permit. Motion carried 5-0

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

11. 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 the Town of Vermont board approves amendments, Dane County Zoning will be the next body to review and consider the proposed amendments.

Karen clarified that the discussion of the Covenants does not apply to the two parcels that are owned by individuals associated with Tyrol that are not part of the business.

The board is comfortable with the committee request that sale of alcoholic beverages in a snow-formed igloo is limited to once a year and only beer and wine, and, the board would like to add, up to five specialty cocktails.

The tubing chalet would be similarly limited to beer, wine and up to 5 specialty cocktails.

A full bar would still be allowed in the tubing chalet for private parties and weddings.

The township has been pleased to see that there are no longer issues with people drinking in the parking lot. Additionally, Tyrol understands that their liquor license is dependent on their adherence to the Covenants.

Discussions continue about simplifying the language regarding sound amplification and the committee will continue looking at that. The board suggests that different guidelines for summer and winter may be appropriate.

12. Review bobcat and John Deere Tractor Lease/Trade-In agreements

We do not have these numbers yet, tabled at this time

13. Review Heater/AC replacement proposals

We have received a bid from Modern Heating and Cooling, but the board will take no action at this time.

14. Review and possible approval of 2021 Town of Vermont Budget

John made a motion to approve the 2021 budget. Motion carried 5-0

15. Review driveway ordinance regarding field roads & related procedures

There was a first reading of the revised language of the field road ordinance, making it clearer that the town need not regulate field roads, only driveways which lead to dwellings.

16. Review proposed updates to Land Use Intent Form from Plan Commission

The Land Use intent form has been revised to add the guiding principles from the Comprehensive Plan to the beginning of the document. It also takes out the section for Cell towers and offers a cleaner layout.

John motioned to approve the changes and the motion carried 5-0

17. Agenda Items for December Meeting

Driveway Ordinance

Tyrol Deed of Covenants

18. Adjournment

John made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:14