

Town of Vermont Board Meeting

March 9, 2020

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

In attendance: Karen Carlock, Doug Meier, John Hallick, Alex McKenzie (arriving later)

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Katie stated that the meeting had been noticed in the Mount Horeb Mail, Star News, town website and the door of town hall and emailed to subscribers.

2. Approval of agenda

Doug motioned to approve the agenda. The motion carried 3-0

3. Approval of February minutes

John motioned to approve the minutes from February. The motion carried 3-0

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Karen reports that a call for chip sealing bids will need to be published soon.

5. Citizens' Input

Michael will be the new editor for the Vermont Voice. He will be looking for sources and ideas from the community.

6. Treasurer's report

The deposits for the month totaled \$187,622.60, with most of that being property tax collections. The current account balance is \$507,819.12

Karen moved to approve the treasurer's report and the motion carried 3-0

7. Clerk's report

Notable expenses for the year to date include the new voting machine. We also owed Finks 10,974.66 from last summer's road shoulder and culvert work. The replacement diesel tank cost just over 1000. We spent almost 3000 on the International Truck, some of which was routine expenses like carbide blades. The tractor also needed a tire.

Karen motioned to approve clerks report. The motion carried 4-0

8. Payment of bills

Doug motioned to pay the bills. The motion carried 4-0

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

Jack reports that the salt shed is in good shape. They used 35 loads. The road weight limit signs are up. The tractor will be over on hours at the end of its lease, but we should have the new one within thirty days. The arm mower will be coming next week.

Doug reports that the Black Earth Fire Department Pancake breakfast is coming up and that it is a great way to support the department.

10. Horribly Hilly Hundred Event Permit Application

The route for the Horribly Hilly Hundred will be the same as in previous years. The event organizers would prefer to use biodegradable arrows as route markers as opposed to duct tape. The town patrolman had some concerns about the use of the biodegradable markers and the issue was discussed.

Karen moved to approve the application and the use of biodegradable route marking tape. The motion carried 4-0

11. Driveway approval – 10326 Bell Road – Janelle Dryeson – constructing a new pole barn

The 75 foot driveway on Bell Road would go to a pole barn. The planning commission recommended approval. John motions to approve the driveway and the motion carries 4-0.

12. Zoning Change, driveway and home site approval – 4012 County Highway JJ – Patricia Roberts – 4 lots

Connie Janosek spoke of her concerns about extra traffic on the road if a subdivision is built and also about her concern over a barbed wire fence she described as unattractive.

Doug moved to rezone Lot 2 with 5 acres moving from FP35 to RR4. The motion passed 3-0-1

Doug moved to rezone Lot 4 with 7.06 acres moving from FP35 to RR4. The motion passed 3-0-1

Doug moved to approve the West driveway for Lot 1. The motion passed 4-0

Doug moved to approve the East driveway going behind the machine shed. The easement agreement is on file for the Lynch property. The motion passed 4-0

Doug moved to approve the homesite for Lot 2, which requires ridgetop building. The motion passed 4-0

Doug moved to approve the homesite on Lot 4. The motion passed 4-0

13. Hoda Road and Lattimer Lane turnaround easement agreements

The Hoda Road turnaround meets our town standards. The town will sign and notarize the easement and then the town will abandon that turnaround. Karen moved to approve the town signature for the turnaround agreement. The motion carried 4-0.

Karen moved to approve the town signature for the Lattimer Lane turnaround agreement. The motion carried 4-0.

Karen stated that the purpose of these agreements is to protect the town from liability if anything is left in the turnarounds.

14. 2019 Financial Report review

The board took a quick look at the 2019 financial report in preparation for the annual meeting

15. Reserve funds and equipment inventory

The town board considered some advance planning for what items might require allocating reserve dollars. The board members agreed that returning to a quadrant system for chip sealing with a major purchase rather than chip sealing in year 5 would be beneficial. The treasurer will continue working with Jack to plan.

16. 2020 Annual Meeting Planning

The annual meeting is scheduled for the third Tuesday in April, by statute. Two topics were proposed for consideration: the question of farmland preservation vs. aesthetics and a "Meet the Editor" for the Vermont Voice.

17. Agenda Items for April Meeting

Chip Seal Bid Opening

18. Adjournment

John motioned to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38

Katie Zelle, Clerk