

Town of Vermont Board Meeting

May 10, 2021

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 7:00 pm. Katie certified that the meeting had been published in the Mount Horeb Mail and Star News, the town website, the door of town hall and emailed to subscribers.

2. Approval of agenda

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

3. Approval of April minutes

Doug moved to approve the April minutes. The minutes were approved 5-0

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Assuming the board is in agreement, we will resume meeting in person beginning with the June meeting.

5. Citizens' Input

A resident mentioned that the phone connection was much better for this meeting than it had been for the planning commission meetings.

6. Treasurer's report

The deposits for the month totaled \$34,902.47 and included the second installment of transportation aid as well as the lottery credit payment as well as some MFL withdrawal. Our total account balance is \$624,256.80 with \$353,199.34 in reserve and \$271,056.46 as the operating balance.

Karen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and the motion carried 5-0

7. Clerk's report

We are sending the last of the mandated expenditure checks this month, \$3577.50 to Dane County Public Health for the septic maintenance fees. We also paid for crack filling, \$20,000, and the rental of the arm mower.

Open Book will be held this Thursday at Town Hall, from 4 to 6 pm, as noticed in the paper, and in the letters sent out by the assessor.

Karen motioned to approve the clerk's 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 John Deere tractor has been traded in and the winter tires are off of vehicles. Jack is beginning work on culverts and patching. The lawn mower has died after 42 years and is being replaced this week.

10. Update from Plan Commission regarding discussion with Town Assessor

Steven Malik met with the planning commission to shed some light on a situation where a resident had been assessed as residential despite not having the 66 ft minimum frontage required for a buildable lot. To summarize the difference between zoning and assessment, he said that zoning is what you are allowed to do and assessment is what you are doing. Assessment is made on a case by case basis and residents should pay close attention to their assessment.

11. Event permit – Horribly Hilly Hundreds

While initially planned for the same route they have used for the past 18 years, there will be a slight deviation up Forshaug and onto JJ, due to the bridge replacement on J which may be ongoing. The event will also take place August 28 due to Covid. Duct tape will be used to mark the route and will be removed behind the last rider.

12. Zoning change, driveway and homesite approval: Aaron Carlock, 4710 Cedar Hill Lane

Karen recused herself from this discussion and Doug led the discussion. The Carlocks are separating the current house from the parcel and creating a new homesite parcel. Doug motioned to approve the rezone of the existing home from FP35 to RR2. Motion carried 4-0-1. The new driveway will be long, but meets slope requirements to not require an engineer plan. Alex motioned to approve the driveway and building envelope and the motion carried 4-0-1. In order to preserve farmland, the new lot will be rezoned RR2 from FP35. Alex made the motion to approve the zoning change and it was approved 4-0-1.

The Carlocks are also donating a turnaround to the town, in order to improve safety for the plow trucks.

Additionally, the county did not follow the board recommendation in the petition for Kyle Carlock last month. Doug moved to approve the county's recommendation for that rezone, on the 9 acre parcel for Kyle Carlock. The motion carried 4-0-1.

13. Rezone petition for Gordy Brunner, 4419 County Highway F

Karen made a motion to approve the three rezones for the Brunners: Lot 1- 7.52 acres from FP-35 to FP1, Lot 2- from FP 35 to RR1 and Lot 3- 13.63 acres from FP 35 to FP1. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Review of Solar Assessment provided by Legacy Solar

Warren Gaskill and Karen looked at the solar assessment for Town Hall and the garage. Karen believes that initial steps like better insulating the garage might make more sense.

15. Fire/EMS analysis

For the residents in the Mount Horeb Fire District, the total cost to the town for 2021 is \$64,850.59 with a per capita cost of \$260.44 per resident. The total cost to the town for Black Earth Fire is \$38,732.15 with a per capita cost to residents of \$66.29. The board discussed reaching out to other towns to encourage MHFD to better control their costs.

16. Agenda Items for June Meeting

None at this time.

17. Adjournment

John made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:57.

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Katie Zelle, Clerk