

Draft
Town of Vermont Board Meeting

July 12, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Vermont Town Hall, 4017 County Road JJ, Black Earth WI 53515

In attendance: Karen, Alex, Autumn and John

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting
2. Karen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Katie certified that the meeting had been published in the Mount Horeb Mail, the town website, the door of town hall and emailed to subscribers.

3. Approval of agenda

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

4. Approval of June minutes

Autumn moved to approve the June 14 minutes. The minutes were approved 3-0-1

Alex moved to approve the June 30 minutes. The minutes were approved 3-0-1

5. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

none

6. Citizens' Input

none

7. Treasurer's report

Becca was unable to attend, but the only significant deposit this month was for the American Rescue Plan funds.

Clerk's report

The major expenses this month were all related to our summer roadwork projects: \$762.00 for culvert materials, \$13,388.28 for excavation and \$168,880 for our chip sealing projects. Katie also provided an update on the transition to Quickbooks Online and the payroll challenges that will be resolved by next month.

Autumn made a motion to approve the clerks report and the motion carried 4-0

8. Payment of bills

Autumn moved to pay the bills. Motion carried 4-0

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

John Coffin will be looking into the percentage of revenue from the fees versus levy for MHFD. Black Earth Fire continues their discussions on the best way to handle reserve funds accrual. They are also looking to standardize driveway requirements across their district.

District 1 EMS has lost 15 volunteers, largely due to the requirement that volunteers work within the District service area. They will need to hire a part-time person. This will result in an approximately \$3000 levy increase for the Town of Vermont.

10. Zoning change, driveway and homesite approval, 4419 County Hwy F - Gordy Brunner

A separate driveway entrance has been approved by the county. Questions remain about the number of PDRs remaining, which will be resolved once a density study has been completed. Karen made a motion to approve the zoning change of 2 acres from FP35 to RR2. Motion carried 4-0. Karen made a motion to approve the driveway permit. The motion carried 4-0. Karen made a motion to approve the homesite. The motion carried 4-0.

11. Driveway and homesite approval, Lot 1, Forshaug Road, Sarah Edwards.

For this lot, the driveway will follow the tree line and the homesite is near the back of the lot. A rezone is not required. Autumn made a motion to approve the driveway permit and the motion carried 4-0. Autumn made a motion to approve the homesite and the motion carried 4-0.

12. Homesite and driveway approval, Corner of Blue Mounds Trail & County JJ, Matthew R Baker and Mark W Kowald

The county originally delineated a very small homesite, due to the 75' setback requirement for the wetlands on the property. However, the town agrees that a more reasonably sized building envelope is possible while still meeting all setback requirements. Karen made a motion to approve the revised homesite envelope and the motion carried 4-0. Karen made a motion to approve the modified driveway length of up to 70' and the motion carried 4-0.

13. Permit application- Up, Up and Away Roller Ski Race, August 14

The roller ski event will utilize Ryan Road. Karen made a motion to approve the Roller Ski event permit. Motion carried 4-0.

14. CUP 2523 - Outdoor Assembly Events - Continuation of Halloween and Christmas Events - Tyrol Properties, LLC

The initial CUP for the Halloween event was for two years. The Christmas event will be new this year and Tyrol asks that the CUP be given in perpetuity. The noise restrictions for these events will be the same as what is outlined in the Deed of Covenants for Tyrol. Karen made a motion as follows: "Having reviewed all eight criteria for a Conditional Use Permit and determining that it meets all eight, I move to approved CUP 2523." The motion was seconded and in the discussion the board agreed that the CUP be given in perpetuity but be limited to the current ownership. Motion carried 3-0-1(McGree).

15. CUP 2524 - Transient or tourist lodging for 3506 Bohn Road - Tyrol Properties, LLC

Tyrol has purchased the McKay house and plan to use it as an AirBnB. While they had hoped to have up to ten guests at a time, Dane County Public Health is limiting them to six, unless they expand the septic system. Alex made a motion to approve CUP 2524. The CUP was reviewed against all eight criteria for approval and found to conform. The CUP will be granted to the current ownership in perpetuity. Tyrol Properties will follow up with Dane County Public Health as a next step. Motion carried 3-0-1 (McGree).

16. Fireworks permit - Tyrol Basin

John made a motion to approve the fireworks permit for New Year's Eve. Motion carried 3-0-1.

17. Update: CARPC Green Infrastructure Project

CARPC will be sending a postcard to landowners along Black Earth Creek to encourage participation in the water quality improvement efforts that are ongoing.

18. Update: Solar Energy Facilities and Cardinal Hickory Creek

There was a reported conflict of interest and impropriety with one of the commissioners of the Public Service Commission and a hearing is planned to consider rescinding the permit for the ATC project. Litigation is ongoing.

Karen also asked the board to consider whether the town should have an ordinance about solar farms. David Stanfield volunteered the Energy Committee to research the issue.

19. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: Participation Agreement

Every five years the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated and the townships are invited to participate in the process. John made a motion to participate and review the plan for potential edits. Motion carried 4-0.

20. Update and Discussion: American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Because of the way the Treasury Department calculates loss of revenue, the Town of Vermont has some additional flexibility in how it may use the funds. Potential ideas include repaving projects, an additional donation to Northwest Dane Senior Services, replacing the heat and A/C in town hall, funds for essential workers, or other projects that would allow us to keep future costs under control. The discussion will be ongoing.

21. Black Earth Historical Society Grant Proposals

Money is available from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Historical Society is considering four projects: a Then and Now re-photography project, a historical music concert series, an ancestral lands project telling Native American stories and the digitization of Black Earth Newspapers from 1870 to 2005.

22. Annual Town Picnic Discussion and Planning

The Town Picnic will be tentatively scheduled for Sunday September 19 at Tyrol Basin. We hope to have local musicians play.

23. Agenda Items for August Meeting

Financial Policy Updates

Solar Energy Regulation Discussion

American Rescue Plan

24. Adjournment

John made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:44