

Draft

Town of Vermont Board Meeting

September 13, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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

In attendance: Karen, Alex, Autumn, Doug

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, the town website, the door of town hall and emailed to subscribers.

2. Approval of agenda

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

3. Approval of August minutes

Autumn moved to approve the August minutes with a correction to item 17. The minutes were approved 4-0

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Due to the Delta Variant the Town Picnic has been canceled for this year.

5. Citizens' Input

Barb Grenlie asked for information about getting a PDR back for an accessory dwelling that is currently being used. She was directed to the planning commission.

6. Treasurer's report

Total deposits for the month were 139,521.96 with most of that being the August property tax settlement from Dane County. Which brings our operating balance to \$140,986.77 with a reserve balance of \$155,209.01 Karen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and the motion carried 4-0

7. Clerk's report

We wrote the check this month to Lakeside for the new plow truck. The total was \$99,581.90. We did do direct deposit of paychecks for those who submitted paperwork requesting it. I am happy to help if anyone else would like to switch to direct deposit. We did also already mail the check to Dane County for \$1301.25 for the dog licenses as the deadline for the rebate fell before this meeting.

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

8. Payment of bills

Doug 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

Jack reported that all the tape was removed by the Monday after the Horribly Hilly race. He has ordered more chips to go with the salt at the back of the shed and is about to start the last mowing of the season.

John Coffin is stepping down as liaison for the Mount Horeb Fire Department and Autumn McGree will be taking on that role. Jenny Minter was in attendance to answer questions from the board on the MHFD budget. She discussed some of the grants the department has been able to secure, as well as their processes for dealing with bad debts, and volunteer recruitment and retention. Karen mentioned concerns about budget increases and their effect on property taxes for retirees on fixed incomes as well as the fact that this coming year will be the first year the new building loan will directly affect the tax rate for Vermont residents.

Black Earth Fire has proposed a 2% budget increase and has some needs for two tankers and an engine in 2025 and 2026.

District One has also proposed a small budget increase, to \$20 per capita.

There were reports of several problems during the Horribly Hilly Hundred Race. Bikers would not clear the road and driveway for a District One Ambulance and also were in the way of a tree being actively cleared from the roadway. A resident also reported that a cyclist urinated on their driveway.

10. Driveway and homesite approval, Lot 2, Forshaug Road, Thom Grenlie

No rezoning is required for this lot. The planning Commission worked with Thom to settle on a homesite and driveway path that fit within the guidelines and the planning commission is satisfied with the results. Karen made a motion to approve the homesite for Thom Grenlie, Lot 2 CSM 13044 and the motion carried 4-0. Doug made a motion to approve the driveway permit for Thom Grenlie, Lot 2 CSM 13044 and the motion carried 4-0.

11. Town Hall furnace replacement

One bid has been obtained and another is anticipated later in the week. Those will be presented at the next meeting.

12. Budget amendment for payment for the new IH plow truck

Doug moved approval of Budget Amendment 2021-0913 moving money from the reserve account to the vehicles account for the new truck. The motion carried 4-0.

13. Chapter 7 Ordinance Amendment

The proposed changes to Chapter 7, Section 5 item 4 were read into the record:

(4) Effective Period. A Building Site / Homesite Envelope Permit is effective for 36 months from the date of issuance.

14. Natural Hazard Mitigation Discussion

The County has asked that each town form a steering committee for Natural Hazard Mitigation. If anyone is interested contact the town chair.

15. Draft budget 2022

Items discussed for the upcoming budget year include 6.03 miles of chip sealing, estimated at 17,000 a mile, an overlay project for Kelliher Road, \$6 per capita for Northwest Dane Senior Services, an increase in the budget for repairs to the Ford Truck, and a reduction to 0 for the repair budget for the new plow truck, continuing the annual lease for the tractor at \$8000 and considering elimination of weed and nuisance control if the budget is tight, with a maximum of \$3500.

16. Agenda Items for October Meeting

Dane County Zoning Opt-Out Discussion

Chapter 7 Ordinance Amendment

17. Adjournment

Alex made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:33

Katie Zelle, Clerk