

Town of Vermont Budget Hearing

Nov 8, 2021 6:30 PM 4017 County Rd JJ, Black Earth WI 53572

To listen to the meeting by phone, please dial 608-424-8062

In attendance, Karen, John, Autumn, Doug and Alex

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 published in the Mount Horeb Mail, the town website, the door of town hall, posted in three locations including the door to town hall and emailed to subscribers.

2. 2022 Budget Hearing

Karen walked through the amounts for public safety versus town operations for the past few years. She walked through the expenditures for 2022, which will continue to include \$20,000 for crack filling and \$5000 for weed and nuisance control. We also have an increase in allocations to reserve in order to stay on top of future expenses.

A town resident suggested that we should do a comparison of position salaries to make sure we are compensating people adequately and also that we should look at the value that the Vermont Voice adds to the town and consider its budget accordingly.

On the revenue side, Becca proposed an increase of \$87,005. The levy limit will increase based on new construction and the debt for the new Mount Horeb fire building for a total increase of \$18,773. Funds from the American Rescue Plan make up the majority of the remaining increase. The total increase to revenue is 13.8%.

We are accruing for Patrolman retirement health insurance, the next new plow truck, new Ford truck and for Black Earth Fire District at a rate consistent with what Mount Horeb levies for their accrual. We are also accruing for a future garage project and our next large road maintenance project, which will be Moe Road. Sharon Gaskill made a motion to accept the 2022 budget as presented and the motion carried 11-0.

4. Adjournment

Sandie Stanfield made a motion to adjourn and the motion carried 11-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06.

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7:00 P.M.

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In attendance, Karen, John, Autumn, Doug and Alex

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting Karen called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Katie certified that the meeting had been published in the Star News, 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 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 continues to work on future Cooperative Boundary Agreements. She has spoken with the Wisconsin Towns Association, who suggested working with our town attorney.

There has been an increase in traffic on Blue Mounds Trail and Zwettler Road. A traffic study should be done in order to consider reducing the speed limit on those roads.

5. Citizens' Input

David Stanfield reports that the Black Earth Historical Society got their grant for the Re-Photography Project.

6. Treasurer's report

Deposits this month totaled \$31068.96, which included Transportation Aid. Total account balance for the month is \$380,055.93 with \$122,647.29 remaining in the operating balance for the year. Karen made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried 5-0

7. Clerk's report

Bills were fairly typical this month. We wrote the check to Dane County for the 20% MFL payment. That totaled \$420.65. We also wrote the check to Modern Heating and Cooling for the new furnace and installation. The total for that was \$4079.03. We also purchased a replacement water heater for the garage, for \$220.50 and new exterior lights, as we all remember how dark it was when those failed two months ago. Materials for that cost \$279.93 and Jack did the installation. We also paid Decker for some replacement signage, for \$590. 50.

No building permits were issued this month.

Alex made a motion 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

Jack has finished mowing for the season and has the plow truck ready for winter. He talked to Scotts this month about the estimated costs of resurfacing Kelliher Road so that we could submit our LRIP application.

Black Earth Fire Department continues to discuss their equipment needs for the next ten years and the most appropriate way of financing those purchases.

10. Zoning change, Driveway and homesite petition for Barbara Grenlie, 9973 Greenwald Road, Lot 2

The planning committee now has the homesite coordinates. Karen made a motion to approve the 4.98 acre zoning change for 9973 Greenwald Road, Lot 2 from FP3 to RR4. Motion carried 5-0. Autumn made a motion to approve the driveway permit for 9973 Greenwald Road, Lot 2. Motion carried 5-0. Doug made a motion to approve the homesite for 9973 Greenwald Road, Lot 2. Motion carried 5-0

11. Homesite approval, 4358 Blue Mounds Trail, Kurt Leslie

Kathy Dickenson, a neighbor to the Leslie property brought in photos and concerns regarding the current shed on the property. The property has a driveway in place and does not require a rezone. Kurt Leslie is seeking a homesite approval for a site fairly near the road due to the requirements for septic siting. Doug made a motion to approve the homesite for 4358 Blue Mounds Trail. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Review and possible approval of Town of Vermont 2022 Budget

John made a motion to approve the 2022 budget and the motion carried 5-0.

13. Review and possible approval of proposed mitigation strategies for the Town of Vermont Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

The town is considering the purchase of a generator for our Emergency Shelter Site, Vermont Lutheran Church.

As we look at other hazard mitigation, raising the roadbed and bridge near the church would also be helpful in the event of further flooding.

14. Town of Vermont's Land Use Plan and relationship with Dane County Zoning and Land and Water Resources

Karen brought in a flow chart showing the time and costs associated with preparing to build in the town of Vermont. Overall, it is a 6-9 month process and requires consulting with professionals for engineering. Because the process is so costly it limits who is able to live in the township. The town would like to build relationships with Dane County Land and Water Resources to see if the burdens can be reduced appropriately, considering the differences between the Driftless area and the area surrounding the Madison lakes.

15. Agenda Items for December Meeting

Approval of Election Inspectors

Traffic Study for Blue Mounds Trail and Zwettler Rd.

16. Adjournment

John made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:17

Katie Zelle, Clerk