

Draft
Town of Vermont Board Meeting

March 8, 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
In attendance: Karen, Alex, Doug, and Scott, 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

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

4. Approval of February minutes

Karen moved to approve the February minutes. The minutes were approved 5-0

5. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

none

6. Citizens' Input

none

7. Treasurer's report

The deposits for this month totaled \$122,326.06 with \$117,000 of that being property tax collections. We also received the January PILT money. The total balance is \$655,383.25 with an operating balance of \$302,183.91.

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

8. Clerk's report

There were significant expenses for both the Ford and the IH truck, \$5153.09 for the Ford and \$5959.44 for the International.

We are a month from the April election, and will continue as we have throughout the pandemic with lots of absentee voting and distancing measures in place at the polls.

Karen motioned to approve the clerk's report. Motion carried 5-0

9. Payment of bills

Doug moved to pay the bills. Motion carried 5-0

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

Weight limit signs were posted today in the township. Sweeping of the roads will begin in the next two weeks. There is a lot of trash appearing in the ditches with the snowmelt and volunteers are

encouraged to gather trash and bag it. If it is left at the roadside, neatly bagged, Jack will pick it up and take it to the dump.

Mount Horeb Fire Department has no new news and is doing well. Black Earth will have their meeting this week.

11. Driveway Application, 4419 County Highway F, Gordy Brunner

As the planning commission approved a field road and this will be an eventual driveway no action was taken by the board at this time. The matter will be brought to the plan commission as a driveway application.

12. Resolution Commending the service of Dane County Sheriff David Mahoney

Karen made a motion to write a thank you note on behalf of the board and the town, thanking Sheriff Mahoney for his dedication and service. Motion carried 5-0

13. Consideration and possible approval of Mount Horeb Fire District levy resolution

The board will continue to discuss the possible effects or benefits of any resolution limiting the ability of the Mount Horeb Fire District to increase its levy. Concerns about spending increases and levels of service and staffing need to be addressed in more depth.

14. Wisconsin Heights School District Auditorium Referendum discussion

While the new interest rate on the 27-million-dollar referendum that passed in November and the probable lower interest rate on this loan would result in some savings, the Town of Vermont has calculated that the approximate annual cost of the auditorium referendum would be \$50.90 per 100 thousand dollars of assessed value.

Alternatives should the referendum fail are to rework the current space to meet fire codes.

The town will send some information to residents about costs, by email, US Mail, or some combination of the two, TBD.

15. Financial Report

The treasurer and chair went over the 2020 financial report that will be presented at the annual meeting in April. Total revenue for 2020 was \$2,233,326 with expenditures and reserve in correspondence as required by Wisconsin Statute.

The annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 20, via Zoom.

16. Agenda Items for April Meeting

Brunner Driveway

Fire/EMS discussion

Vehicle Cost of Ownership

17. Adjournment

Alex made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25