

Draft Minutes
Town of Vermont Board Meeting

August 9, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

2. Approval of agenda

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

3. Approval of July minutes

Karen moved to approve the July minutes with updates to clarify the CUPs for Tyrol. The minutes were approved 5-0

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Karen passed along an update on the Gateway to the Driftless project from Peter Antonie. The town picnic will be 11-2 on Sept 19 at Tyrol Basin. A decision will be made on food and Covid safety as we get closer to the date.

5. Citizens' Input

none

6. Treasurer's report

We received our Transportation Aid this month in the amount of \$24,946.29. Total deposits for the month were \$36,347.22. Our total account balance is \$403,490.11.

John made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried 5-0

7. Clerk's report

There were only a few checks this month, with the main expense being our payment to MHFD for \$19,954. We also paid Dane County for our portion of Dane Com, \$1622.

The Ford Truck also required a new alternator.

John made a motion to approve the clerks report. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Payment of bills

Autumn 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 new truck will arrive on Aug 21 and will be delivered directly to Burke for the buildout.

MHFD sent over information about calls and fees, but felt it was not possible to make a direct comparison between their combined department and Black Earth Fire.

Black Earth Fire didn't have a meeting. District One will be searching for an Assistant Director to replace several individuals who are leaving.

10. CUP 2532 – Sara Edwards – Limited Family Business – Lot 1 – Forshaug Road

Ms. Edwards plans to run her practice, which includes equine therapy, out of her home and barn. She has asked for a CUP so that she can put a bathroom in her barn so that clients do not have to enter her home for restroom access. The town has no concerns and feels that the request meets all 8 criteria for approval. Karen made a motion to approve CUP 2532, given that it meets all 8 criteria for a CUP. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Criteria for Class II notices for CUPs

While the planning commission policy has been for class II notices in the paper prior to approval of a CUP, they no longer feel this is necessary, as fewer residents rely on the paper for notices. Due to the long lead time for posting in the weekly paper, this also adds significant delay for applications.

John made a motion to approve the change, requiring only a single notice in the paper. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Consideration and possible approval of recommendation from Plan Commission that home sites expire after 3 years like driveway permits do

There was discussion around the idea that home sites and driveways should follow the same procedures and expire together, however as this would require a change to the Chapter 7 Land Ordinance means that no action can be taken this month and this item will be on next month's agenda.

13. Discussion regarding DCTA Recommendation to consider a Solar Licensing Ordinance

The planning commission will continue to discuss this issue, possibly reaching out for some additional resources from the state and from other towns.

14. Consideration and possible approval of update to the Town of Vermont Financial Policy related to use of Direct Deposit for payroll

After discussion about the separate roles of clerk and treasurer in the payroll process to ensure that there would continue to be checks against mistakes and fraud, John made a motion to approve the changes to the financial policy to allow for direct deposit of payroll checks. Motion carried 5-0.

15. Right of Way Mowing Policy: Consideration and possible approval of variance for Pleasant Valley Conservancy

John motioned to reject the request. Motion carried 5-0.

16. American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds update and discussion

Becca provided a breakdown of the loss of revenue using the US Treasury calculations, which will allow the use of the money to make up the shortfall as the town sees fit. Under consideration are items including resurfacing Kelliher Road, replacing the furnace in town hall, and other items, as discussions continue.

17. Agenda Items for August Meeting

Draft 2022 Budget

LRIP Road Aid

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Chapter 7 Ordinance

18. Adjournment

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

Posted:

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Katie Zelle, Clerk