

Draft

Town of Vermont Board Meeting

October 11, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Due to Covid 19 this meeting will be held via conference call ONLY

Please dial 608-424-8062

In attendance: Karen, Alex, Autumn, Doug, 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, the Star News, 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 September minutes

Doug moved to approve the September minutes. The minutes were approved 4-0-1

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Black Earth Creek Watershed would like to thank us for our continuing support. They are working to spread awareness of the New Zealand Mud Snail.

5. Citizens' Input

none

6. Treasurer's report

Deposits this month consisted of MFL money and building permits, a total of \$4451.80.

That brings our total account balance to \$377,772.57

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

7. Clerk's report

We wrote checks this month to ReMarkem for repainting the lines on Vermont Church Road (\$150) and to Mautz Pest control to spray for Asian beetles and box elder bugs (\$110). We also paid the bill for our winter chips that get mixed with the salt (\$632.09) and to Scott Construction for 21 tons of cold mix patch (\$1806)

The garage water heater has failed and needs replacing. Home Depot has the same one for \$200. Jack is able to hook it up himself as it is an electric point of use heater.

Alex made a motion to approve the clerks report and the 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 did a lot of mowing and blacktopping this month. The winter salt is all mixed and in the shed. There have been lots of trees down the last few weeks, likely due to the dry summer.

Mount Horeb Fire annual budget meeting was this month and they did approve the 2022 budget. Village of Blue Mounds voted no on the budget. Autumn is interested in looking at talking with other towns about the budget increases.

10. Zoning change, Driveway and homesite petition for Barbara Grenlie, 9973 Greenwald Road, Lot 1

This lot is a 4.01 acre parcel off of Greenwald with 100 ft driveway. It would be rezoned to RR4 from FP35 and RR2. Doug motioned to approve the zoning change. The motion to rezone Lot 1 to RR4 from FP35 and RR2 was approved 5-0. Karen made a motion to approve the driveway for Lot 1, 9973 Greenwald Road. Motion carried 5-0. Alex made a motion to approve the homesite for Lot 1, 9973 Greenwald Rd and the motion carried 5-0.

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

There are still questions about the homesite coordinates on this one, so it will need to go back to the planning commission. The board will take no action at this time.

12. Consideration and possible approval of 2022 Contract for Property Assessment

The five year contract would be \$8500 per year this time, a slight increase over 8000 that is has been. Karen made the motion to approve the contract for Property Assessment and the motion carried 5-0.

13. Dane County Zoning Opt-Out Discussion

Overall, the board feels that although we do not always agree with Dane County, the value they add and work that they provide has a lot of value. We are not able to opt out of shoreland and erosion control measures, which is where more of the concerns lie. Donald Sands brought up that it causes a lot of issues when towns opt out.

While the board does not plan to opt out at this time, they would like to have some conversations about land and water resources with Dane County

14. Consideration and possible approval of Chapter 7 Ordinance Amendment to set 3-year expiration of home sites to coincide with the 3-year expiration of driveway permits

Having read the change to the ordinance in the last meeting, the change making homesite permits expire after 36 months, to align with driveway permits, can now be considered for approval. Doug moved for approval of this change and the board approved the amendment 5-0.

15. Discussion regarding 2023 county-wide Natural Hazard Mitigation plan update: Submission of data collection workbook, Problem statements and next steps

Karen provided an update on next steps for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. At the board meeting in November we will talk through the various mitigation strategies that we anticipate will be a part of our plan.

16. Discussion regarding possible Town Hall furnace replacement

We have a bid to replace the furnace in Town hall, from RG Heating and Air Conditioning for \$4420 for a Trane 2 stage 80,000 BTU furnace and new thermostat. Modern Heating bid a Carrier single stage furnace for \$3179.03 or a two stage for an additional \$900.

Karen made a motion to move forward with the replacement and accept the Modern Heating bid for the two stage furnace. Motion carried 5-0.

17. Review of Draft 2022 budget and set date for public budget hearing

We have a 1.216% net new construction levy increase, which represents the taxes on the new homes that have been built in the past year. We also will increase the levy as allowable for public safety debt for the new Mount Horeb Fire building. The ARPA Funds we will receive in 2022 of \$46054 will also be factored into next year's budget. We have added an accrual line for Garage improvements. The Public Budget Hearing will be before the November board meeting, 6:30-7:00 on Nov 8. It is TBD whether that meeting will be in person or by conference call.

18. Agenda Items for November Meeting

Public Budget Hearing

Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning

Erosion Control/Land and Water Resources

19. Adjournment

Alex made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29

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Katie Zelle, Clerk