

**Minutes**  
**Town of Vermont Board Meeting**  
**October 22, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – 4017 County Road JJ**

**Call to Order and Certification of Notice Posting**

Called to order by chair Barbara Grenlie at 7:06 p.m. Agenda was posted on the town website, the door of Town Hall, State Bank of Cross Plains in Black Earth and BMO Harris branch in Mt. Horeb. The agenda for the rescheduled meeting, from October 12, was not published in the Mt. Horeb Mail and News Sickle Arrow.

**Approval of Agenda**

Scott Moe moved to approve the agenda, Don McKay seconded and motion approved 3-0.

**Chairman's Report**

Two creeks within Town of Vermont have been reclassified by the DNR.

**Citizens' Input**

No input.

**Approval of Minutes**

Don moved to approve the minutes and Scott seconded. Minutes were approved 3-0.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kathy Smith presented the monthly deposit summary. Total deposits for the month of September are \$6,473.37. Overall total account balance as of 9/30/2015 is \$166,941.92. Kathy attended treasurer's training this week in preparation for tax season. Don moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Scott and the motion was approved 3-0.

**Clerk's Report**

End of month reconciliation is complete and the reconciliation summary reports are available in the board materials. Karen reviewed the check register highlighting that check 4487 was for salt and 4474 was for sand and mixing the sand with the salt. Updated to-date spend and end of year projections for 2015 are included in the 2016 budget document for reference. Scott moved to approve the clerks report, Don seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

**Patrolman, Liaison, Fire & EMS District Reports**

The salt shed is full. Jack has two days of mowing remaining. Patching is complete for the year and he is currently cleaning and marking culverts that are in rough shape. Dave Haugen and Jack attended customer appreciation days at Double D and Dave won a gift certificate for heated wiper blades that he has decided to donate to the Town for use on the truck.

Doug did not have anything to report because no Black Earth Fire Department meeting in October. Scott also had nothing to report due to no District 1 EMS meeting in October.

Gary reported that the budget was discussed at the Mt. Horeb Fire Department Annual meeting which was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Gary meet with Larry Ziemer on September 21<sup>st</sup> to transition into his role as the Town of Vermont representative on the Mt. Horeb Area Joint Fire Department. Doug noted that there has been a 6.25% increase in the budget since 2013. Don added that the operating expenses have stayed fairly consistent whereas the capital expenditure fund line item in the budget is what the increase is going toward.

Don reported that the only item of note from surrounding municipality board meeting agendas was the impact of state legislation regarding the comprehensive planning law which appeared on the Town of Blue Mounds agenda. Nicole Smith was appointed as the new representative for our district to the Dane County Board.

#### **Payment of Bills**

Don moved to approve payment of bills, Doug Meier seconded and the motion was approved 4-0.

#### **Town of Vermont Fall Fun Event Report**

Karen reported the Town of Vermont Fall Fun event on September 27<sup>th</sup> was a success with 137 attendees and a great number of young children. Folks at Tyrol – Matt, Kim and Josh - were wonderful to work with. Barbara noted that there were not many farm families in attendance. Doug suggested that in future years we do something to recognize agriculture as a centerpiece of the town.

#### **Consideration and possible approval of Plan Commission recommendation regarding approval of Dane County Ordinance Amendment 16: Certification of Dane County Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance**

The Board reviewed the proposed ordinance which seems to bring the ordinance in line with state statute. Doug moved approval of the ordinance, Scott seconded and motion was approved 4-0.

#### **Consideration and possible approval of holding tank application for 3444 Ryan Road**

The board reviewed the application submitted by David Rindy on behalf of Arlene Rindy regarding the holding tank that they are requesting to have installed on the property. Doug moved to approve the application, Don seconded and motion approved 4-0.

### **Consideration and possible approval of Plan Commission recommendation regarding revisions to Driveway Ordinance**

The board reviewed the proposed changes to the driveway ordinance. Scott moved to approve the driveway ordinance, Doug seconded and motion was approved 4-0.

### **Consideration and possible approval of resolution and letter regarding broadband service**

Doug shared that the goal of resolution such as this is to get press and to prompt focus on broadband in rural areas. Co-trenching with another utility, such as natural gas, would cut infrastructure costs in half. The board reviewed the resolution drafted by Doug Meier. The next step, if the resolution is approved, is to send to Madison newspapers. Scott moved approval of the resolution, subject to update of mean/median, Barbara seconded and motion approved 4-0.

### **Consideration and possible approval of extension of line of credit**

Town of Vermont has a line of credit for \$75,000 and each year, the line of credit needs to be extended at board approval. Doug moved approval of extension of the line of credit for another year, Doug seconded and motion approved 4-0.

### **Discussion regarding Vermont Church Road box culvert**

The cost estimate without contingency is \$150,000. The project is slated for August of 2016. We will receive approval/disapproval for bridge aid from Dane County in November 2015. Don suggested checking with an engineering firm regarding an estimate of cost for the project to get a comparison.

### **Discussion regarding Fire Department and EMS district cost comparison**

Doug suggested discussing which elements would be best to use for comparison. The two fire departments seem to collect money for equipment in different ways. Don suggested comparing service area as well as total homes served, potentially looking at cost per household and/or cost per person. A Dane County EMS comparison was completed using cost per capita.

### **Further consideration of 2016 budget and setting of Public Budget Hearing and special town meeting date**

Board reviewed the expenditure and revenue section of the proposed budget in detail. Public hearing date will be set for November 9<sup>th</sup> prior to the Town Board meeting.

### **Discussion of agenda items for November Meeting**

- Discussion regarding Vermont Church bridge and bridge aid
- Discussion regarding Fire Department/EMS cost comparison
- 2016 Budget discussion and adoption
- Stampfli road discussion
- Discussion regarding natural gas

### **Adjournment**

Scott moved and Don seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion approved 4-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.