

Minutes
Town of Vermont Board Meeting
October 10, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. – 4017 County Road JJ

Call to Order and Certification of Notice Posting

Called to order by Todd Culliton at 7:00 p.m. Agenda was posted on the town website, the door of Town Hall, emailed to the online subscribers and a meeting notice was published in both the Mt. Horeb Mail and News Sickle Arrow.

Present: Doug Meier, Todd Culliton, Mary George, Kathy Smith (Treasurer), Karen Carlock (Clerk)

Absent: Barbara Grenlie, Scott Moe

Approval of Agenda

Doug Meier moved to approve the agenda, Mary George seconded and motion approved 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mary moved to approve the minutes, Doug seconded and motion approved 4-0.

Chairman's Report and Acknowledgments

No report.

Citizens' Input

Barbara Borns is on the board of the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association. There will be a public meeting on the 26th of October at the Cross Plains Public Library to discuss the results of the stream assessment. There is an article in the fall newsletter regarding ATC because regardless of which way the ATC line goes, there is an impact to the watershed. The problems of the leaky liner in Lake Marion persists.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Smith presented the monthly deposit summary. Total deposits for the month of September are \$936.39. Overall total account balance as of 9/30/2016 is \$248,000.81. Bridge aid check was received already and will be deposited in October. Kathy attended treasurer training and there is going to be a change to tax bills, and Kathy will review with the board at November board meeting. Doug moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Mary and the motion was approved 3-0.

Clerk's Report

Karen reviewed the check register. Check 4850 was for a few additional loads of patch. Mary moved to approve the clerk's report, Doug seconded and motion was approved 3-0.

Update from ATC Citizen Action Committee

Michael reported on what is happening broadly, what is happening with the Vermont committee and future plans. A few members of the committee attended a meeting to hear the legal arguments in the lawsuit from Town of Holland against the Badger Coulee line. The last 6 or 8 years, electricity usage has remained flat due to efficiency. There are a number of organizations that are launching efforts in response to the proposed ATC line. A group of folks from various groups are going to be meeting with state legislators soon. A number of municipalities are now looking at passing the PSC resolution that the Town of Vermont board has already passed. ATC did adjust their map to exclude Pleasant Valley Conservancy. Michael wrote up a report relating to the environmental impact in the Town of Vermont. Locally, the committee had a table at the Town Picnic and is up to around 175 signatures on the letter of support for the Town board resolution.

Currently, there are plans to potentially hold a citizen meeting or a formal town meeting. Michael needs to follow up with Barbara Grenlie to discuss location and the structure of the meeting.

Patrolman, Liaison and Fire & EMS District Reports

Jack has been doing a lot of mowing, and with the warmth, the grass keeps growing which might require a 4th round of mowing. All patching is complete for the year, and he has been cleaning up the equipment. Salt will be arriving on October 11th.

Doug had nothing to report from Black Earth.

Payment of Bills

Doug moved to allow a letter to the bank be sent authorizing two signatures for checks this month. Mary seconded and motion approved 3-0. Doug moved to approve payment of the bills, Mary seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Update Regarding Dane County Zoning Ordinance Revision

Jim has been working as part of that committee and progress has been made. The subcommittee will not be addressing ZLR issues until after the deadline for the Town of Vermont decision. There is a DCTA meeting next week in the Town of Dane at the Springfield Town Hall which includes an agenda item of ZLR initiatives.

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Property Lines of 4017 County Road JJ

Portions of the parking lot and the fuel tank are on the Neil Kratz property. There was an initial discussion with them a few years ago, and they were not concerned about the Town's use of the property. One suggestion is to offer to purchase the 1.5 acres neighboring purchase. The board requested that Jack initiate a conversation with Neil Katz.

Consideration and possible approval of revisions to chapter 20 general provisions ordinance

Board reviewed the revisions to chapter 20 General provisions. Mary moved to approve the revisions to the Chapter 20 General Provisions Ordinance, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Consideration and possible approval of extension of line of credit

Each year the board reapproves our \$75,000 line of credit at the bank at a fixed 3%. It is not a loan with any intentionality. There is no fee for it. Doug moved to extend the line of credit with the State Bank of Cross Plains through October of 2017. Mary seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Discussion of 2017 Preliminary budget, scheduling of special budget hearing and 2016 projections

Preliminary budget was reviewed.

Doug moved that the offer from Dane County to purchase a new voting machine be tabled in lieu of keeping the machine we have. Mary seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Board suggested that the budget include funds for not only the paving of Bell road but also installation of a culvert. Mary moved to approve the Bell road project for 10,000 in the 2016 year, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Board proposed scheduling the public budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. on November 14th, prior to the board meeting.

Consideration of Dane County Towns Association Membership

The item will be considered at a future meeting given that it is too early to make this decision given that the Town Board did pass the intent to withdraw resolution.

Consideration and possible approval of levy change for setting aside funds for Black Earth Fire Truck

The truck is anticipated to cost \$500,000 and the Town of Vermont portion would be \$90,750. Town of Black Earth ended up taking out a loan to cover the cost of a fire truck. Kathy will follow up with Brenda Kahl regarding how they ended up dealing with the loan from a levy and repayment standpoint.

Annual Town Picnic Report

Successful event with 107 people in attendance.

Discussion of agenda items for November Meeting

- Financial policy regarding approval of spend for large dollar accounts
- Approval of 2017 budget
- Mt. Horeb Joint Fire Department building project decision
- Zoning petitions
- ATC Citizen Action Committee

- 4017 County Road JJ property lines
- DaneCom radios

Adjournment

Mary moved and Doug seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion approved 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.