

Minutes
Town of Vermont Annual Meeting
April 19, 2016

Town chairman Barbara Grenlie called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Barbara Grenlie swore in Mary George for her role as Town Board Supervisor – Seat 2.

The clerk certified that the notice had been posted on the front door of Town Hall, on the Town of Vermont website and published in the Mt. Horeb Mail and News Sickle Arrow.

Approval of the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

Todd Culliton moved and Mary George seconded that the minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting be approved. The minutes were approved.

Year in Review Presentation

The clerk, Karen Carlock, presented pictures from the 2015 Town Picnic and reviewed the subscription options for receiving agendas, election notices and Vermont's Voice. September will be the last paper mailing of Vermont's Voice; however, paper copies will continue to be available at Town Hall for pick up. Barbara provided an update from ATC on the transmission lines and the potential impact to Stanfield Road, Cedal Hill Lane and Pleasant Valley Road within the Town of Vermont.

Annual Financial Report

The clerk, Karen Carlock, presented the 2014 Financial Report. 2014 Revenues included carryover from 2013 to 2014 as well as taxes, general transportation aid, licenses and permits, assessment searches and miscellaneous revenue for a total of \$2,182,597. Nearly 75% of revenue went to mandated expenditures. Town Budget expenditures included \$77,381 for general government, \$72,067 for public safety and \$356,553 for public works. Additionally, \$3,264 went to health and human services, \$3,099 went to Culture/Recreation/Education and \$9,037 went to Conservation and Development for a total of \$521,400. \$88,202 was carried over from 2015 to 2016. A resident raised the issue of county road maintenance and encouraged the board to take action to address the issue. Todd shared information from Dane County Towns Association that there is now a 20 year plan to build new roads since current roads are at the point where they can no longer be maintained.

Road Maintenance Report

Use of the arm mower was completed on Monday April 18th, 2016. Spring weight limits have already gone up and been taken down and there were no violations. Bid accepted from Scott's for 2016 chip sealing. Sweeping has also been completed.

Discussion of Other Business

Gary Breed provided a summary of the plans for the new Mt. Horeb Fire Station which is envisioned as a joint building with the police department. The preliminary cost estimate from the initial feasibility study

conducted in 2013 was \$11 million. The only action step so far is the hiring of an architect and payment is contingent on funding approval. Village of Mt. Horeb is planning to do a binding referendum and other townships are planning a similar referendum. Gary shared that if any two towns/Villages voted against the funding, the project would fail. There will be a number of communication pieces throughout the summer. 5 residents present voted in favor of a referendum, 4 voted for binding referendum, 1 voted for non-binding referendum.

Sharon Gaskill wanted to express thanks to Don McKay for his commitment in service to the Town of Vermont.

David Stanfield moved that the board investigate the relative value of membership in the Dane County Towns Association and the Wisconsin Towns Association. Patricia McConnell seconded. Todd shared that one benefit he sees from the DCTA is that when Dane County was re-writing the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Renee Lauber has been an advocate on our behalf in order for Dane County to address township-specific needs. The fees for DCTA are \$1600 and WTA is \$595. Motion approved 19-0.

Patricia McConnell brought up an issue that is relevant to the Plan Commission since there is a site visit Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. to review the Ludolph property. Jim and Marlene Ludolph's property has an offer to purchase and the offer is a private offer and is contingent upon approval of rezoning in order to allow development and testing of a guidance thruster by Orbitec. They want a facility to build and test the thruster. They will need large storage tanks for LP, liquid nitrogen, oxygen and rocket fuel. They need at least 200 acres and there is noise associated with this type of testing. Patricia would like the Plan Commission to ask about frequency and the type of sounds that will accompany the testing. They would like to build sound-protection bunkers for future business opportunities. Warren asked how many employees would be working there and they plan to build two structures which would have combined square footage less than 2000 sq feet. The intention is to build the structures with a farm-like look.

Set Date for 2017 Annual Meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday in April, which in 2017 will be April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Warren Gaskill moved and John Smith seconded to approve the date and time for the 2017 Annual meeting. Motion approved.

Adjournment

Sharon Gaskill moved and Warren Gaskill seconded that the meeting adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.