

Minutes
Town of Vermont Annual Meeting
April 21, 2015

Town chairman Barbara Grenlie called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The clerk certified that the notice had been posted at the Black Earth branch of the State Bank of Cross Plains, at John Bird Accounting in Black Earth, BMO Harris Bank in Mt. Horeb, on the town website www.townofvermont.com and on the front door of the town hall.

Approval of the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

Todd Culliton moved and Steve Frame seconded that the minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting be approved. The minutes were approved.

Year in Review Presentation

The clerk, Karen Carlock, presented pictures from the 2014 Town Picnic and departing officials Marc Robertson, Larry Ziemer and Johanna Solms were thanked for their service to 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 \$83,022 for general government, \$63,389 for public safety and \$379,240 for public works. Additionally, \$3,158 went to health and human services, \$2,367 went to Culture/Recreation/Education and \$9,892 went to Conservation and Development for a total of \$541,068. \$86,796 was carried over from 2014 to 2015.

Road Maintenance Report

Use of the arm mower was completed on Monday April 20th, 2015. Spring weight limits have already gone up and been taken down and there were no violations. Bid accepted from Fahrner for 2015 chip sealing. Sweeping has been completed and Jack will be blacktopping next week to prepare for chip sealing.

Johanna asked if spraying will take place this year and Barbara responded that Quercus will do the weed control again this year.

Sharon Gaskill asked about the mix of sand and salt that is used on the road and expressed a concern regarding the large amount of product on Bell road. Jack shared that due to the cold winter and the incline of Bell road a larger than typical volume of product was used.

Discussion of Other Business

Steve Frame suggested that the board should not accept any timed bicycle event in the Town of Vermont. Doug Meier shared that the board has been more proactive regarding all bicycle events and works closely with organizers. David Stanfield asked if events are required to have insurance and Barbara responded that they are.

David Stanfield asked whether or not stumping fees come back to the town. Kathy Smith responded that a portion of the fee does come back to the town.

Connie asked whether or not there were any statutes requiring property owners to control garlic mustard. Sharon Gaskill responded that it is not covered in the state statute. Todd suggested that an article on garlic mustard be included in upcoming Vermont's Voice.

Carole Kline asked how the town identifies receiving areas as part of the transfer of development rights draft ordinance. Johanna responded that the guidelines from Dane County are that towns could either designate areas or chose to have the whole town serve as both which is what Town of Vermont opted to do in the draft ordinance. Plan commission chose to limit density by saying that only 1 potential development right could come into an ownership parcel. Johanna also shared that neighboring townships have tried a TDR program but have not seen any use cases.

Sharon Gaskill mentioned that there were two aspects of the governor's proposed budget that seemed to impact our town.: one was the proposed elimination of local assessors which has now been removed and the seconded is the elimination of \$700K from the DNR for dead deer pick-up. The DNR has been receiving the funding but has not been picking up the dead deer. Sheriff deputy may end up being responsible for deer pick-up. Karen Carlock to follow up on the dead deer pick-up issue.

Set Date for 2016 Annual Meeting

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday in April, which in 2016 will be April 17th at 7:00 p.m. Steve Frame moved and Todd Culliton seconded to approve the date and time for the 2016 Annual meeting. Motion approved.

Adjournment

Earl Brandt moved and Steve Frame seconded that the meeting adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:2 p.m.