

Town of Vermont Annual Meeting

April 19, 2022

7:00 p.m.

To attend in person: 4017 County Road JJ, Black Earth, WI 53515

To dial into the meeting: +1 347-467-1758 PIN: 762 410 602#

1. Call to Order

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Proof of posting

Katie stated that the meeting was posted on the town website, the Mount Horeb Mail, the Star News and emailed to subscribers

3. Approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

David Stanfield made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried 16-0

4. Oaths of office

Doug Meier and Nick Balster were sworn in as town board supervisors

5. Annual Financial Report

Becca walked through the revenue side of the 2021 financial report. \$13,000 from the sale of the old fire building went directly to our payments for the new fire building this year so that money did not have to be levied. Katie walked through the expense side of the report for 2021.

~~6. Proposal for simplification of town official compensation~~

7. Road Maintenance Report

The four year system of doing quadrants of the town for chip sealing is working well again. Cowan, Dalby, Blue Mounds Trail, Bell, and the second half of Cedar Hill will be done in 2022 as well as the Kelliher Road overlay project. We received an 17,000 LRIP Grant and will also use ARPA funds for the rest. The new IH truck is ready and the old one will be sold.

8. Review of the 2020 Community Land Use Survey results and Review of Land Use data from 2015-2021

Karen provided a review of land use from 2015 to 2021. Discussion included suggestions that the town consider issues such as deed restrictions, land trusts and the transfer of development rights for conservation purposes, questions about regulating building appearance, suggestions that more emphasis be placed on ag tourism and on dark sky ordinances. Other issues raised included stormwater management and county zoning and building with more focus on soils conservation and management.

9. Discussion regarding Land Use planning

Discussion included suggestions regarding better informing potential buyers in the township about what is and is not allowed and comments from residents emphasizing the importance of maintaining low traffic, low noise environments and protecting water quality.

10. Any other business to come before the meeting

The new board member, Nick Balster was introduced. He moved from Middleton three years ago and lives on Roberts Road. His background is in soil science and forestry. His wife Janet did the GIS work for the town.

11. Set date of 2023 Annual Meeting

A motion was made to set the meeting for April 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm in accordance with statute. The motion was seconded and approved 16-0.

12. Adjournment

David made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded and was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Katie Zelle, town clerk