

## **Town of Vermont Annual Meeting**

April 18, 2023

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 said the meeting notice was posted in the Mount Horeb Mail, Star News, on the door to town hall, on the town website, emailed to subscribers and distributed as a flier
3. Approval of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes  
Jamie Hanson Made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2022.  
Motion carried unanimously
4. Oaths of Office  
Kirk Lynch, Alex McKenzie and Karen Carlock were sworn in as members of the board for the 2023-24 term.
5. Annual Financial Report  
Heather Richter presented the revenue summary for 2022 and Katie Zelle presented the 2022 expenses.
6. Property Taxes & US Postal Service Delays  
Many residents experienced difficulties due to the failure of the Black Earth post office to deliver their property tax bills. An official inquiry with the post office has begun.
7. Comprehensive Plan Update Starting  
In 2023 we will be updating the comprehensive plan review in preparation for 2024 per the town ordinance to update the plan every 7 years. We are also beginning a cooperative boundary agreement process with neighboring villages.
8. Road Maintenance Report  
2023 chip sealing, we removed Ryan Road from the list of roads to be sealed this year. We will be sealing all the dead end roads this year, with 7 miles of sealing. The new Ford 550 will be in service in a few months and we will be selling the old Ford truck.
9. Town of Vermont Welcome Letter  
We have made updates to the town welcome letter and are sending those out to new residents. We will also be making significant changes to our town website.
10. Consideration and possible approval of selling 1 acre of marshland owned by Town of Vermont  
The town currently has a one acre parcel of land that was purchased in order to replace some wetland that had to be filled with gravel to replace a box culvert with a bridge. The DNR required us to buy the land and make a pond to replace

that wetland area. The pond has since filled itself in. Our assessor says that marshland generally goes for \$1000-\$2000. Steve made a motion to sell the parcel for \$2000. Motion carried with 3 nays.

11. Discussion regarding Tyrol request to consider allowing musical events to be held which is currently prohibited according to the Deed of Covenants and Restrictions

Nathan McGree laid out his rationale for wanting to hold live music events a couple of times a summer. Estimates that 2,200 cars could be parked in the summer. Town residents voiced various concerns about Tyrols request for music events. Residents expressed concern about the deed of covenants having been set in 2020 and a request for change so soon and also concerns about noise levels from various Tyrol events.

12. Discussion regarding citizen request for community feedback on UTV use on Town of Vermont roads

Doug reached out to our community deputy to get some feedback on ATV use in adjacent towns. He shared some information on state statutes. Complaints in the area include loud exhaust, hours of operation and operation of ATVs on public property. David Stanfield made a motion to put the question of ATV use on the April 2024 ballot. Motion carried.

13. The Soils in Vermont - Nick Balster & Tim Pierce

Nick is a newer member of the board and a professor at UW. Tim and Nick provided an educational presentation on the soils in the township of Vermont. Tim, who is a flower farmer here in Vermont also provided some information about soils from a farming standpoint. He talked about cover cropping and limiting compaction as well as letting soils rest.

14. Then & Now Project - David Stanfield

David and Abby and Gary have been working on the Then and Now project. They described the re-photography project that they have been working to complete, which will be on display in town hall at also at the Black Earth Historical Society

15. Discussion of any other business to come before the meeting

A resident said he thought that the town should get a percentage of the proceeds of the Horribly Hilly Hundred.

16. Set date of 2024 Annual Meeting: Proposal per statute - April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

John made a motion to set the annual meeting for April 16 2024 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Adjournment

Steve made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried and adjourned at 8:57