

**Draft**

**Town of Vermont Board Meeting Minutes**

CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. August 14, 2023

Meeting of Town Board members along with Mark Roffers, engaged consultant, to discuss strategy and negotiation points for developing cooperative boundary agreements between Town of Vermont and the Villages of Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds and Black Earth

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August 14, 2023

Vermont Town Hall

4017 County Rd JJ, Black Earth WI 53515

7:00 P.M.

*To Join the meeting by phone: +1 347-896-0991 PIN: 481 262 925#*

In attendance: Karen, Nick, Kirk, Alex, Doug (phone)

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and certified that the meeting had been posted according to statute, in the Mount Horeb Mail and Star News, on the website and door of town hall and emailed to subscribers

2. Approval of agenda

Alex made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kirk. Motion carried 4-0

3. Approval of July minutes

Nick made a motion to approve the July minutes, seconded by Kirk. Motion carried 4-0

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

5. Citizens' Input

6. Treasurer's report

Total monthly deposits of \$40,949.95. Transportation aid payment received and 2% fire dues received as well. Total account balances of \$270,008.93. Preparation for dog licenses underway to send out to Dane County. Kirk moved approval of treasurers report, seconded by Nick. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Clerk's report

We paid the county for our DaneCom access this month and paid the 40% levy payment to Mount Horeb Fire. We had some additional culvert expenses for the culvert on Moyer Road. All other bills were fairly routine. Alex moved approval of the treasurer's report, seconded by Kirk. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Payment of bills

Alex made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, Nick seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Nick moved that Heather be reimbursed for membership in the Wisconsin Treasurers Association as well as the fall conference, Alex seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Patrolman Report, Mt. Horeb Fire Department, Black Earth Fire District and District 1 EMS Reports

Jack provided an update regarding tree clearing, mowing and upcoming vacation. Tim provided an update regarding AB 245 and shared revenue. Jim Wick is currently serving as interim District 1 EMS director until the search for a new director is complete.

10. Consideration and possible approval of Dane County Zoning Recommendation to change the zoning district of Barbara Grenlie petition from FP1 to FP35 (previously approved by board in July to change to FP1)  
Nick moved to rezone from FP1 to FP35 per Dane County zoning recommendation, Kirk seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Homesite and Driveway application, Dan Schneider & Jennifer Abplanalp

Required a homesite and driveway application using a shared driveway off the Buros property. Karen moved to approve the driveway application on condition of receipt of the shared driveway agreement, Nick seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Kirk moved to approve the homesite, Nick seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Cooperative Boundary Agreement progress discussion

Discussed sending letters to Village of Blue Mounds and Village of Black Earth with findings and points of discussion in the future. Mark Roffers could draft these as part of the current agreement. Kirk moved to engage Mark as part of existing budget to begin a simple 10 year cooperative boundary agreement with the Village of Mount Horeb and send letters to the Village of Blue Mounds and Village of Black earth, Nick seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Land & Water Resources letter follow up

Karen moved to send the drafted follow up letter to Dane County Land and Water Resources. Seconded by Kirk. Nick requested that letter be copied to Laura. Motion carried 4-0.

14. Turnaround agreements for Shower Road, Skogg Kled and Hoda as well as discussion regarding potential future turn-around agreements

Katie and Jack followed up with the residents and the survey company this month. The survey company has what they need to get started and are waiting on the driveway work to begin. Jack will work with Williamson on that. The Skogg-Kled turnaround is stalled while the owners wait for county approval on their plans. A new copy of the documents

for Hoda Road were mailed to the property owner. The survey on Shower Road can proceed at any time.

15. Town of Vermont 2023 Picnic planning

The picnic will be September 10 from 4-7 pm at the Prairie Restoration Area at Vermont Lutheran Church. The information is on the website and a mailchimp invitation will be sent out. Cress Spring will do blueberry bars for dessert and Artemis Provisions will be doing mac and cheese with jerk pork. We will provide canned drinks. Katie has reached out about some locally sourced salads/veggie trays but hasn't found anything yet. Sharon Gaskill and Gary Cox will host an AMA: Elections in the Town of Vermont from 6:30- 7:00pm. Music will be provided by Corey Matthew Hart beginning at 5 pm. Tours, both walking and golf cart will be offered for the prairie restoration project beginning at 4:00 pm.

16. Agenda items for September

- Budget Preparation
- Backup patrolman and compensation
- MATE deputy visiting to answer questions about ATV use on town roads
- Response to Land & Water Resources letter
- ATV survey approach

17. Adjournment

Nick moved to adjourn, Kirk seconded. Motion carried 4-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.