

Minutes

Town of Vermont Board Meeting

January 8, 2024
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, Doug, Nick, Alex, Kirk

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Katie certified that the meeting was posted according to statute on the website and emailed to subscribers.

2. Approval of agenda

Doug made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0

3. Approval of December minutes

Karen made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0

4. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

The town needs the turnarounds to remain clear of equipment for plowing. Kirk suggests that all the dead end roads should be reviewed. Karen asks the board to consider getting two bids for the back door roof to allow it to better shed snow.

5. Citizens' Input

none

6. Treasurer's report

Property taxes went out on time. 1.2 million on property tax payments have come in. \$1,230,087 in deposits for the month. We hope to have a carryover balance from the end of the year as well. Kirk made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Clerk's report

We paid for the printing of the tax bills this month and made our quarterly payments to District 1 EMS, Black Earth Fire and our levy payment to Mount Horeb Fire. We also made our settlement payments to the schools and county. We paid our annual contract to Compliance Services to handle our required driver testing. Additionally we made our quarterly payment to our property assessor.

We set the dates for Open Book and Board of Review and will be getting those dates up on the website and out in emails to residents as it gets closer to time. We will not require a February Primary for any offices and Doug and Nick both filed paperwork to run for their seats in April. One new single family building permit was issued for Tim Pierce. The Wisconsin Towns Association has some upcoming training that a board member or two might wish to attend. It will count as the BOR training which is now required annually and also has some info about roads and culverts. Karen motioned to approve the clerks report. Motion carried 5-0

8. Payment of bills

Doug made a motion to pay the bills. Motion passed 5-0

9. Patrolman Report, Mt. Horeb Fire Department, Black Earth Fire District and District 1 EMS Reports
Jack and Tim are ready to go for the snow storm. Since school is already canceled they will start plowing at 4 am. Black Earth Fire meets on Thursday.
10. Fire/EMS Discussion
There was a recent article in the Star News about consolidation but it was not terribly hopeful. Karen will host another meeting in January
11. Board consideration and possible approval of abandoning the dedication on the CSM for the Hoda Rd property owned by J Bushert
The town had agreed to abandon the dedication on Hoda Road in exchange for having a turnaround agreement. The landowner has now signed the agreement.
12. ATV survey results in-progress review
169 responses have been received so far. Everyone has until the end of the month to respond.
13. Discussion and possible decision regarding the purchase of voting booths.
Statute requires one voting booth for every 200 voters in the last General election. For us the number was 692 so we would require 4 voting booths. We don't need to take any action at this time but will check our numbers after November.
14. Bohn Road Bridge Update
We heard from Tricia Rast this afternoon confirming that we will receive funding for 2024 for the Bohn Road Bridge. We will begin moving forward with getting our design finalized.
Doug moved that if bridge design is not included in the phase one bid that we prepare and RFP and request replies prior to Feb 9. Motion carried 5-0
15. Cooperative Boundary Agreement
No response from Mount Horeb yet
16. Accessory Building Approval Process, Plumbing Code options, and Options for non-farming land owners
The plumbing code does allow pressure relief valves to drain to grade, but this is currently not allowed by our inspector. Nick will look into the science of any actual risks associated with this water draining to ground. The board will consider further if they should ask our inspector to allow this.
- 17. Closed Session: Discussion of potential land purchase by the Town of Vermont for the possible addition of an equipment shed
Karen made a motion to leave closed session**
18. Agenda items for February
Financial Report 2023
Bohn Road Bridge
Turnaround
Overhang for back door

ATV survey

19. Adjournment

Karen Made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:07

Posted:

Katie Zelle, Clerk