

## Minutes

### Town of Vermont Board Meeting

January 13, 2025  
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#*

*Karen, Doug, Kirk, Alex, Nick (by phone)*

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting

Karen called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Katie certified that the meeting was noticed according to statute 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

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

4. Citizens' Input

A resident wrote in to state that Tyrol is leaving their lights on all night. Doug states that Nathan has been making snow 24 hours a day, which may be why. The deed of covenants does state that lights have to be off for everything after closing time except what is needed for maintenance.

5. Treasurer's report

Property tax collections were two days in person and we collected \$147,536.41. Current account balances total a bit over two million dollars. In order to carryover the \$147,000 we will be unable to allocate any dollars to reserve from 2024.

6. Clerk's report

We sent out the first of our tax levy payments this month and had a few beginning and end of year payments such as alarm registration, Mazo transfer site permit, and a few others. I will be mailing W-2s to everyone this week. If you use Quickbooks Workforce you can also just get them online.

There will be a February primary. Only the state superintendent will be on our ballot.

Candidates who turned in papers for the spring elections were Kirk Lynch and Mark Haukoos for Chair, Polly B. Kawalek for seat 1 and Alex McKenzie for seat 3. That election will be April 1.

Town picnic will be September 7.

7. Payment of bills

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

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

Reports

Jack suggests buying a different set of used rims so that we save the labor costs on mounting the winter and summer tires.

Kirk made a motion to purchase the six used rims that are currently available for \$115 a piece. Motion carried 5-0.

The floor grates have been ordered. We had a complaint about a brush pile and Jack will contact Black Earth fire to see if they can burn it.

Nothing from the fire departments. District 1 EMS is running smoothly, but the chief is looking to move away from that role.

9. Fire/EMS Discussion

The joint meeting was postponed for a week, so there is no update at this time

10. Bohn Road Bridge Update

We are still looking to have everything complete by August 15.

11. Review of the US Census Bureau 2025 Boundary and Annexation Survey

As the town boundaries remain unchanged, this just required us to update our contact information, which has been done.

12. Discussion of potential land purchase by the Town of Vermont for the possible addition of an equipment shed

We sent a letter in December to Mr Euhardy bringing him up to date on our proposed plan and followed up with two voice mails. We have not heard back from him. Katie will reach out to Kay and see if she will draft something with the survey as a contingency.

13. Planning for Annual Town Meeting in April 2025

We generally go over the previous years financials and the state of the roads. Doug suggested getting someone to talk about forest maintenance, managed forest land and invasive species. Nick will reach out to some contacts and arrange for a speaker. We will also include a plug for the town picnic committee. We will also do an update on the land purchase. Tim could do an update about the driveway ordinance changes that are upcoming and changes to the comprehensive land use plan.

14. Agenda items for February

2024 Financial Report  
Reserve accrual discussion  
Budget amendment for 2024 for the tires for the F550  
Safety recommendations/clerk window  
Grant opportunities

15. Adjournment

Doug made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Posted:

Katie Zelle, Clerk