

Minutes
Town of Vermont Board Meeting
Monday September 14, 2026
Vermont Town Hall
4017 County Rd JJ
53515
7:00 P.M.

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

This is a meeting of the Town Board of Supervisors or Town Plan Commission members. Public input will be allowed only in accordance with the Town Board's [Policy on Public Comments](#). A copy of the Policy is available in the meeting room.

In attendance: Doug Meier Kirk Lynch Alex McKenzie Polly Kawalek

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting
Kirk Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Katie certified the meeting was posted according to the statutes and emailed to our subscribers
2. Approval of agenda
Kirk made a motion to move item 4 to after item 13. Motion carried 4-0. Made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Approval of August minutes
Doug made a motion to approve the August minutes. Motion carried 5-0
4. Citizens' Input
Moved to after item 13
Mark Haukoos spoke until asked to stop at the end of his allotted time.
5. Treasurer's report
August was a light month, but we did get the August settlement for the 2026 property taxes for \$153,973.64. August activity included \$1,900 in interest and a \$710 state shared revenue payment. Our October meeting will focus on the 2027 budget and final 2026 year-end projections.
6. Clerk's report
The picnic last evening had about 45 attendees. The total spent was roughly \$350. The extra food that was open was donated to the teachers at a local middle school. We have a plan for next year to coordinate with the senior center to donate excess for senior meals. The unopened but not returnable packages of tortillas are going to the food pantry and a few shelf stable items will be saved for the poll workers in November.
Significant bills included nearly \$15,000 for road salt from Compass Minerals, payments to Bard for chips, poll worker payments, payments to Jack's Striping for Vermont Church Road repainting, and 2% fire dues distributed to Black Earth and Mount Horeb Fire

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 continues to recover from his knee replacement. We had Paul Otto come help with the bobcat some. The sand and chips are all in the shed for the winter and Jack is finishing up the mowing. The salt shed roof shingles are about 35 years old and need to be replaced within the next couple of years. Black Earth Fire will need the first fire truck payment in January. Our portion in total for the truck is \$241,000. For District 1, revenues are short of plan substantially. Their call volume did not increase as anticipated. Expenses have been well controlled, but insurance costs are up and medical supply costs have increased substantially as well. Estimated total levy will be \$387,000. There is an anticipated 33% increase.

9. Road Bid opening for 2027 Road work, board consideration and possible approval of bid for single chip seal of town roads (list available on the town website)

Scott's bid is \$271,000, and Fahrner is \$317,000. We will have to review the costs for each road and come to a decision at the next meeting.

10. Representative from Mount Horeb Fire department presenting overview of the budget proposal Preliminary planning for 2027 budget.

Kirk made a motion to ask Tim to vote in the affirmative for the Mount Horeb Fire EMS budget. Motion passed 4-0.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding financing options from Lake Ridge Bank for the acquisition of the Black Earth fire truck (\$250,000 total)

Kirk made a motion that we use the reserve funds currently available to make the first installment of the black earth fire truck and that we take a loan in 2028 for the remaining portion. Motion seconded, and passed 4-0. Heather will follow up with Tara Grays at the bank.

12. Budget amendment for District 1 land purchase

Kirk made a motion to adopt the resolution to move the funds for the District 1 land purchase from unallocated reserves. Motion passed 4-0.

13. Agenda items for October

Budget/Reserves

Set the time and date for the budget meeting

Road bid awards

Black Earth and District One budgets

14. Adjournment

Kirk made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

