

**VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2024**

The Village Board met in regular session in-person on the above date in the Board Room of the Mount Horeb Municipal Building.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Ryan Czyzewski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Trustees White, Jones, Halverson, Schellpfeffer, Gauger, and Scott. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen, Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney, Village Attorney Bryan Kleinmaier, and Youth-In-Government students Siobhan Mertz and Ethan Fendrick.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda: Schellpfeffer moved, White seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: March 6, 2024 meeting minutes; Certified Survey Map to combine lots at 109 & 113 Valley Drive & 302 Adams Street; Resolution 2024-04 Conditional Use Permit Design Requirement-proposed dental building; Alcohol Beverage License application for BS Hospitality, DBA Bar Manzo, at 209 E Main Street; and Alcohol License Agent Nathan Mergen for BS Hospitality, DBA Bar Manzo. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Introduction of Wastewater Superintendent Michael Brace: Brace introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his background.

Proclamation in Recognition of Mount Horeb Schools: Czyzewski and White explained this item. Czyzewski read the proclamation. Alec MacWilliams, who is a teacher at the school and representing the United Against Hate organization, spoke about the proclamation. The board members gave their input and Scott recused herself from the discussion. White moved, Halverson seconded to approve the proclamation. All voted aye, with the exception of Scott, who voted nay. Motion carried.

Legislative update from Congressman Mark Pocan – Morgan Salli: Due to the inclement weather, the Congressman could not attend.

Presentation of Library Annual Report: Library Director Jessica Gretzinger presented her annual library report and fielded questions from the board.

Arbor Day Proclamation: Czyzewski read the proclamation. Gauger moved, White seconded to approve the proclamation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider Sidewalk Café Amendment to Chapter 12.09 Ordinance 2024-06:

Owen explained this item. Skal business owner Brian Ladow spoke on his concerns about the regulations of the permit. The board members gave their input. Jones moved, Halverson seconded to approve the ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider April 15, 2024 for Reorganizational Meeting and Oaths: The board set April 15th at 5:30pm for the Reorganizational meeting and oaths.

Committee reports: All committee reports were given, with no action taken.

Village President's report: Czyzewski congratulated John Klein on his upcoming retirement. He stated it is National Library Week next week, and National Library Worker's Day is April 9th. He also spoke about citizen nominations and the Youth In Government program.

Village Administrator's report: Owen thanked Gaffney, her staff, and the election officials on their work with the election.

Village Clerk's report: Gaffney thanked Deputy Clerk Jelle and the poll workers, and gave some statistics on the voter turnout at the April 2nd election. She also spoke on some items that will be on the May agenda.

Closed Session: Discussion/Consideration: Purchase of Lukken Farm for Park Space and Development. The Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Village Board may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session: Halverson moved, Scott seconded to convene in closed session at 8:26pm. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. There was no action taken on this item.

Closed Session: Discussion and Consideration of Repair/Raze Order for building at 101 Perimeter Road (Karakahl Country Inn) previously issued by Village Board and possible litigation related to Order. The Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Village who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Village with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Village Board may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session:

Jones moved, White seconded to convene to closed session at 8:27pm. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. There was no action take in closed session. White moved, Gauger seconded to reconvene to open session at 9:20pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Halverson moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to approve the following statement: We understand that Dhruv, LLC filed a complaint in Dane County Circuit Court on March 4, 2024 that generally seeks recovery of costs from an insurance company to pay for repairs to the structure and the property. We also understand that Dhruv, LLC has executed a contract with Certi-Dry for the restoration and reconstruction of the structure on the property. However, the ability of Dhruv and Certi-Dry to complete the repairs of the structure on the property is entirely dependent on Dhruv prevailing in its litigation with the insurance company. In fact, the contract does not identify a start date or completion date for the work. As such, the Village Board hereby directs the Village Administrator that Section 1 of the Order is not satisfied; specifically, while Dhruv may have an executed contract to repair the structure on the property, Dhruv has not demonstrated, and cannot demonstrate, that the repairs will proceed in a reasonable time period. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, White moved, Halverson seconded to adjourn @ 9:22pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk