



VERNON COUNTY ZONING

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- Opening:** The regular meeting of the Vernon County Zoning Committee was called to order at 8:34 AM on November 12, 2019 in the Vernon County Boardroom by Eric Evenstad.
- Present:** Eric Evenstad, Chairman
Kevin Larson, Committee Member
Roger Call, Committee Member
- Nikki Swayne, Corporation Counsel, and Chris Henshue, Bug Tussel Representative, were also in attendance.
- Absent:** Will Beitlich, Vice-Chair
Garrick Olerud, Committee Member
Ashley Oliphant, Zoning Administrator
- Affirmation of Proper Public Notice of Meeting:** Angela Reed, Assistant Zoning Administrator, confirmed proper public notice of meeting was given.
- 1st Opportunity for Public Comment:** No Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed was unanimously approved as distributed.
- Roger Call made first motion to approve.
Kevin Larson made second motion to approve.
- Department Report:** Angela Reed read income and expense report along with the bills report. These reports were unanimously approved.
- Kevin Larson made first motion to approve.
Roger Call made second motion to approve.
- Administrator's Report:** Angela Reed gave Administrator's Report regarding the following:
- 5 new violations were reported (4 were floodplain related, 1 was sanitary related) and 1 stop work order was issued
 - The Department attended the Annual WCCA Fall Conference
 - Some Townships are requesting training opportunities be provided by the County which the Department is working to coordinate
 - Cooperative effort to provide training for Mark Johnson is going well, currently working to build a base of knowledge so work can begin on the FEMA audit
 - Working on coordinating a BOA hearing for Heidi Jansky
 - Most pending sanitary cases have been adjourned to next July due to weather with the exception of a trial that is set for January
 - Continuing to explore internship opportunities with UW LaCrosse
 - Continued collaboration with Multi-Agency Flood Mitigation Efforts
 - Work continues on the December 18, 2019 Community Outreach meeting with FEMA and DNR

Vehicle Purchase: After discussion regarding a used vehicle available from the Highway Department and the joint department vehicle purchase between Land and Water and the Zoning Department, a decision was made to adjourn the matter until the December meeting.

Public Hearing on Cell Tower Permits: The Public Hearing on Cell Tower Permits was called to order at 9:01 AM on November 12, 2019 in the Vernon County Boardroom by Eric Evenstad.

- After committee member introductions the meeting was opened to public comment
- Several members of the community were in attendance and expressed concerns regarding economic impacts, environment and health risks as well as the lack of co-locating and loss of local control. One community member expressed support.
- Chris Henshue was in attendance as a representative from Bug Tussel to answer questions.
- Nikki Swayne was in attendance to provide legal advice to the county.
- At 10:08 AM, Eric Evenstad asked 3 times for any further comments or questions, there was none, session was closed for public comment.

Vote on Cell Tower Permits: Eric Evenstad called the meeting back to order at 10:09 AM to vote on the cell tower permit applications.

Roger Call made first motion to approve both cell tower permit applications.
Kevin Larson made a second motion to approve both cell tower permit applications.

After discussion, a unanimous decision was made at 10:32 AM to approve both the Town of Genoa Cell Tower Permit and the Town of Harmony Cell Tower Permit.

2nd Opportunity for Public Comment: No Public Comment

Confirm Next Meeting: The next Vernon County Zoning Committee meeting will meet at 8:30 AM on December 10, 2019 in Room 102 on the first floor of the Vernon County Courthouse Annex.

Adjournment: The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:34 AM.

Kevin Larson made first motion to adjourn
Roger Call made second motion to adjourn

Minutes recorded by Angela Reed