

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
March 3, 2011**

Call to order 7pm

Roll call-Garry Patrick, Jason Sheridan, Nathan Derusha, Mark Jorgensen, Jeanette Schultz and Ruth Wineman-President. Also present were Kelly Williams-Treasurer, Monte O'Dell-DPW, Theresa O'Dell, Kay Marsh, Ken and Kathy Berthiaume-Auditor and Shirley Harmon-Clerk.

Absent: Sue Villanueva

Pledge to flag

Public Comment

None

Audit Report

Ken Berthiaume gave a report on the 2010 audit. He stated the village is setting good on the funds and we are in compliance in all respects. There were some variances after year end but probably due to the accrual method of bookkeeping.

Consent Agenda Items

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER ITEM 5, CONSENT AGENDA, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL NOT BE SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- A. Minutes – Regular mtg. 2-3-11
- B. Treasurer's report for January 2011
- C. Bills for approval thru 3-3-11

Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the consent agenda items except the minutes (put in under unfinished business) seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Reports from Council Committees

Insurance-none

Water/Sewer-Garry gave report (see minutes from 3-2-11)

Grants –Ruth went over minutes from 2-14-11

Ordinance –Jason gave report that he had gone around and found 15 vehicles in violation. Need meeting to work on ordinances.

Street Drains and Sidewalks-mention of the intersection at S Main and W Forest needs fixing.

Fire-Jeanette gave a report; Firemen's Dance will be March 12th at Pit Row Bar & Grill in Nashville

Buildings & Grounds-not much happening right now

Technology-Mark gave report, need to update contract with Carleen Samann for the web site. He would like to set up a separate meeting with BSA to check out program and get answers to our questions.

Health & Safety-Neighborhood Watch meeting set for Monday 3-7-11

Personnel-meeting later this month

DPW Report

Chain saw- the old saw bit the dust (original cost was 350.00 back in 1985, so the cost was 14.00 per year) cost of a new one is 143.00, would like to purchase from equipment rental.

Finishing up with the paperwork on the ICE Grant, one leak on West Main has been fixed by Scarlett Excavating.

MDEQ has approved Phase I of sewer study.

Request that the Building & Grounds committee have a meeting to go over the punch list.

Monte would like to purchase a new program for Hydrant Flushing, total cost of \$5,000.00.

Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Planning Commission – minutes

ZBA -none

President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

Clerk reported on the Village past due water/sewer bills, requested progress on the committee descriptions update. Read mail received, notice on Legislative Breakfast being held April 18th at 7:30am, notification of Seventh Day Adventists summer program. Clerk also requested to go to a conference on March 18th on Incorporation, president to go with.

President gave report on Marijuana Moratorium information received from the attorney, also reported that she is going to the Open House for Zachary Siple (who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout) to present a certificate of appreciation for the bike rack that he made for the village.

Ruth also got a call from Tony Wawiernia for the MV Wrestlers to park motorcycles on the first street ball field on Syrup Festival Weekend. Council requests that the question be presented in writing at next month's meeting.

Unfinished Business

Minutes from 2-3-11, Kelly Williams would like to have the minute's state that she was absent and the Treasurer's report would have been for the month of January. Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

New Business

The past due water /sewer bills for the village accounts were recommended by the auditors to either do journal entries to clear up or have general account pay in full, moved by Mark Jorgensen to have general pay the bills, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

The conference set for 3-18-11 on Incorporation, council feels it would be a good idea and there is money in the budget, so Ruth Wineman and Shirley Harmon will be going.

Ruth Wineman mentioned a Workshop in Thompsonville on 4-18-11 at 9am on Michigan Small Town and Rural Development and would like Monte and/or Garry to go.

Garry Patrick moved to sign and fax back the notice from the 7th Day Adventists, seconded by Jason Sheridan, ayes-3 and nays-2 (Schultz and Jorgensen).

Mark Jorgensen moved to read and adopt the Resolution on a Medical Marijuana Moratorium as written by our attorney Mark Nettleton to remain in effect until 9-3-11, seconded by Jason Sheridan, all ayes. Questioned as to whether it should be published in whole or as mentioned in the minutes. Decided to leave as mentioned in the minutes.

Public Comment

Theresa Spagnuolo-O'Dell stated that she thinks it should be published in its entirety. Jason Sheridan moved to go back into regular session to discuss, but motion died for lack of support.

Kay Marsh questioned why the Treasurer's report was lacking any info on the investments in the accounts, Kelly informed her it was because of an illness in immediate family and she is still getting the information on her computer.

Adjournment

Jason Sheridan moved to adjourn, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Adjourned at 9:11pm

Shirley Harmon