

Regular Council Meeting  
March 8, 2011 – 7p

Present - Patrick, Schultz, Jorgensen, Wineman, Sheridan, Villanueva, Kinyon. Also present – Treasurer Kelly Williams, DPW Supervisor Monte O’Dell.

### **Public Comment**

Sarah Davenport is currently a candidate for Eaton County Drain Commission She has 12 years of experience in project management. Believes there is a lot of room for improvement and comes with a history in the drain industry.

Jassen Dowling, a teacher at Maple Valley High School, is looking at holding a 5K during syrup festival this year. The run will be held at 7am on Saturday of the festival and will last until approximately 9am. He has talked with Monte O’Dell about routes and will use part of the trail for the run. The event will support the junior classes post-prom event to help keep students from drinking and driving after prom. Dowling will be pursuing the use of an Elm Street easement with the property owner.

Kristan Ruppel – Representing the former Michigan Magnetics Building, now titled Liberty Square Event Center. Ruppel shared the plans they have for the building. Terry Ranshaw emailed list of event possibilities to Village President. An application for a zoning variance has been submitted to the village to change the property from industrial to business.

Gene Fisher – Maple Syrup Corporation President. On March 31, volunteers will be moving equipment to ready Maplewood Elementary in preparation for festival.

**Jorgensen - Motion** to let Jassen Dowling hold a 5k run Saturday morning of syrup festival going down trail and up Elm Street easement and ending at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Seconded by Villanueva. All ayes.

**Consent Agenda – Jorgenson – motion** to accept agenda as presented, Sheridan seconded. All ayes.

### **Committee Reports**

*Water/Sewer* – Monte O’Dell presented concerning new equipment needed at lift stations. \$4,005 impellers needed at lift station by Apartments. The funds for this are to be taken out of sewer repairs and maintenance account. Also, a well pipe with extensive corrosion needs to be replaced. Cost of just over \$3,000 to be taken out of water repairs and maintenance account.

*Ordinances* – Sheridan and Villanueva to head out to inspect soon.

Jorgensen – motion to accept recommendation from streets, drains and sidewalks to accept bid from Hamilton’s to repair culvert on S Main Street., Schultz seconded. All ayes.

*Fire & Ambulance Board* – Schultz presented that there were five fire runs during the past month including: four Pl’s, one MFR, and one CO<sub>2</sub>. GUMBY ice rescue suits were also ordered and the department will be completing training with the suits. No ambulance report was available.

*Technology* –Jorgensen – I believe we have all technology components installed in the village office. Water billing receipt printer still needs to be installed.

*Health and Safety* - Villanueva would like to set up quarterly meeting for March 19 at 10am in the village offices.

Patrick presented four recommendations from fact finding/ad hoc committee concerning the clerk position.

**Jorgensen – motion** to accept ad hoc committee’s recommendations presented tonight. Seconded by Villanueva. Motion withdrawn after discussion, would like to deal with motions separately.

**Sheridan – motion** to accept recommendation to appoint an acting clerk through May 3, 2012. Villanueva seconded. All ayes.

**Sheridan – motion** that Amy Jo Kinyon be appointed as acting clerk. Patrick seconded. All Ayes – Kinyon Abstain.

**Jorgensen – motion** to accept committee’s recommendation to hire a deputy clerk on a temporary basis through Nov. 20, 2012. Seconded by Patrick. All ayes.

**Jorgenson – motion** to accept recommendation from personnel committee to hire Judy Mohler as deputy clerk to work as many hours as possible, not to exceed 35 hours per week, based on Judy Mohler’s past work experience with water billing in the Village of Vermontville office. Patrick seconded. All ayes.

**Jorgensen – motion** to accept recommendation from personnel committee to temporarily increase deputy clerk’s pay to \$10/hour for maximum length of time through Nov. 20, 2012. Patrick seconded. All ayes.

**Jorgensen – motion** to accept recommendation of ad hoc committee to follow draft of ordinance provided by lawyer to move position of clerk from elected to appointed. Patrick seconded.

Patrick, Jorgensen, Wineman, Villanueva, Kinyon – aye.

Sheridan, Schultz – Nay. Motion passed.

**Jorgensen – motion** to accept recommendation from ad hoc committee that the acting clerk be appointed through May 3, 2012. Patrick seconded. Schultz – Nay. Five ayes. Motion Passed.

### **Reports**

DPW – O’Dell – Would like permission to go on fire runs during the day if needed

**Sheridan – motion** that DPW Supervisor be able to go on fire runs during the day unless there is a village emergency.

Patrick seconded. All ayes.

Planning Commission – will start working on five year master plan and look at application from Liberty Square. Wineman recommended that the council appoint Gary McDiarmid to the planning commission. **Jorgensen – motion** to appoint McDiarmid to the planning commission. Sheridan seconded. All ayes.

Home Occupation Ordinance Amendment – outlines that home occupations cannot take place within 1,000 feet from public building/daycare.

**Jorgensen motion** to accept ordinance from planning commission. Villanueva seconded. All ayes.

**Sheridan - motion** to keep farmers market on Saturday from 9-2pm. Patrick seconded. All ayes.

**Villanueva – motion** allow Maple Valley Wrestlers to park motorcycles on the ball field during syrup festival. Sheridan seconded. All ayes.

**Jorgensen – motion** to dissolve the ad hoc committee for purposes of clerk position. Villanueva seconded. All ayes, Schultz abstain.

**Jorgensen/Patrick – motion** to adjourn, all ayes.