

VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
April 8, 2010

1. Call to order 7pm

2. Roll call – Abe French, Garry Patrick, Jason Sheridan, Jeanette Schultz, Mark Jorgensen, Sue Villanueva and Doug Kelsey. Also present were Shirley Harmon, Monte O'Dell-DPW, Bill Hadlock-Engineer, Zachary & Mike Siple (Boy Scout and father), Gene Fisher (Syrup Association) and Ken and Cathy Berthiame (auditor).

Absent –Kay Marsh

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Zach Siple was present to request permission to plant some maple trees as a community service project for his Eagle Scout rank. Place under new business.

Ken Berthiame was present to give report on the audit that he did for 2009 fiscal year. See attached letter.

Gene Fisher was present to ask if there were any concerns for the Syrup Festival, to invite any council members to the next association meeting on the 20th at 7pm and that next year's festival falls on Easter weekend.

5. 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. 3-4-10
- B. Treasurer's report for March
- C. Bills for approval thru 4-8-10

Doug Kelsey requested to have the Treasurer's report delayed until next month's meeting. Sue Villanueva moved to approve the consent agenda items minus the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mark Jorgensen, all ayes.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Water/Sewer-at the last committee meeting a situation was discussed at 355 and 367 East Main where two residences share one line and meter. Jason Sheridan will have letter, telling the owner of the two residences to split the line and add another meter and two shut offs, ready at next meeting to send out.

Jason Sheridan also brought up the need to raise the Ready-to-Serve fee on water by 2.00, to pay the bond payment for the Series 2010 bonds. Set Public Hearing for next month's meeting.

The water/sewer committee would like to recommend that the Ready-to-Serve fee be charged to the properties that have lateral lines but no buildings on the lots. Vote – ayes

1 (Jeanette Schultz) and nays 6.

Grants -none

Ordinance – Garry Patrick presented to the council the committee’s recommendation for Mission Statement, Procedures in handling violations and a new Complaint Form. Discussion ensued on the procedures, clerk will email them out for the council members to make changes in time for the committee meeting next Tuesday.

Street Drains and Sidewalks – Mark Jorgensen mentioned that there are 3 spots where the street needs patching from water main break repairs -E First/Walnut/S Main.

Fire-Jeanette Schultz reported 6 runs for last month

Buildings & Grounds-none
Technology-none

Health & Safety-Sue Villanueva stated that they had one meeting so far

7. DPW Report

Facade Grant – all bills owed have been paid, all state monies have been received, but 2 business owners still owe the village money. We can not close the grant out until they pay. Jason Sheridan moved to send bills again giving them until the 15th of May or it will go on their taxes, send bills restricted certified. Seconded by Jeanette Schultz, all ayes.

ICE Grant-There were 10 bids received for the Series 2010 project. Bill Hadlock from Paradigm presented letter and notice of award resolution recommending that the village council approve Scarlett Excavating at a price of \$300,937.00. Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the awarding of bid to Scarlett Excavating for the Series 2010 project, seconded by Abe French, all ayes. Doug Kelsey signed agreement.

On May 7th Monte O’Dell requested to take the old Massey Ferguson Tractor to the Yutzy Auction and put it up for sale. Jason Sheridan moved to do that, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

Monte O’Dell reported all set for the Grace Community church group to come in and do the clean up on April 10th.

Monte O’Dell questioned if it would be okay if he blocked off north/east/west main s for safety if needed for the fireworks. Mark Jorgensen moved to approve, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Planning Commission – minutes-Jason Sheridan pointed out that they are working on the wording of amendment concerning time frame of rebuild of any buildings after disaster.

ZBA member – Gary McDiarmid submitted letter of intent – Doug Kelsey recommended the appointment, Mark Jorgensen moved to approve, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Farm animal permit-chickens for FFA-Garry Patrick moved to approve the Farm Animal Permit for chickens at 145 W First St. , seconded by Abe French, 6 ayes and 1 nay -Schultz.

10. President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

None

11. Unfinished Business

Sue Villanueva moved to untable the topic of the donation of the building at 122 Round Lake for possible village office, Abe French seconded, all ayes.

Discussion ensued. Garry Patrick is to collect more information on costs. Jason Sheridan moved to table the subject again till next month, seconded by Abe French, all ayes.

12. New Business

Mail-letter from IT WIFI they have sold to FreedomNet Solutions, letter from MML concerning the 12% decrease in the membership dues for 2010 -2011.

Garry Patrick moved to contribute to the legal case against Consumers Energy rate increase request, seconded by Mark Jorgensen, all ayes.

Mayor Exchange will be with Breckenridge this year, during the week of May 16th thru 22nd. Clerk to work on it.

Letter received from the Maple Valley Wrestlers requesting the use of Ballfie Id 1 during festival to park motorcycles. Motion to allow made by Mark Jorgensen, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

Motion made by Mark Jorgensen to allow Zach Siple to plant Sugar Maple Trees around the village, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

13. Public Comment

None

14. Adjournment- motion by Sue Villanueva, seconded by Abe French, all ayes.

9:16 pm

Shirley Harmon-Village Clerk