

Vermontville Village Council
April 5, 2012
7:02pm Call to Order

Present: Trustee Garry Patrick, Trustee Mark Jorgensen, President Ruth Wineman, Trustee Jason Sheridan, Trustee Sue Villanueva, Trustee/Acting Clerk Amy Jo Kinyon. Also present: Treasurer Kelly Williams and DPW Supervisor Monte O'Dell. Absent: Trustee Jeanette Schultz

Public Comment:

Ron Carpenter expressed concerns over events planned for Liberty Square Event Center.

Sue Villanueva explained that a health and safety committee meeting will be setup to address concerns.

Judy Rodgers and Nancy Carpenter expressed concerns over the events planned for Liberty Square Event Center.

Blair Miller thanked the council members who attended the Vermontville Township meeting. The SR2S grant paperwork has been delivered. By April 20, Miller said it will be known if there will be funds available to award the grant.

Motion to accept consent agenda – Made by Patrick/seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Committee Reports:

Streets/Drains – Patrick – Commended O'Dell and Terry Samann for their work replacing the culvert on South Main that had collapsed. The project was completed well under budget and it was a very, very nice job.

Ordinance – Sheridan – Villanueva and Sheridan toured village and letters were sent out to residents.

Buildings and Grounds – Jorgensen, O'Dell is working on completing the mortaring and railing at office.

Water and Sewer – Patrick, A meeting was held in Lansing with DEQ. It was a very productive meeting. A lagoon walk-through was also conducted. Five and ten year plans need to be developed.

Health and Safety – Villanueva, Meetings have been setup for April 11, 2012 at 6:30pm to discuss issues which might arise if events are held at Liberty Square and also April 19, 2012 at 10:30am for employees. Both are public meetings.

Planning and Zoning – Sheridan, meeting was held on April 3, 2012 to discuss the rezoning of Liberty Square Event Center from light industrial to B1 district.

Motion to accept the planning commission's recommendation to change the property from industrial to B1 business. Made by Jorgensen/seconded by Patrick.

Amendment to add, if the changes to the property require a study by the engineer's the cost would go to Liberty Square – Made by Patrick/seconded by Jorgensen. All ayes with Sheridan abstaining.

Original motion with amendment passed with all ayes, Sheridan abstaining.

Presidents Report – Wineman explained that the EVIP report is due May 8, however, the treasury department has not answered questions sent to them concerning the retirement and health benefits. If the report is not filed, 10 percent of the revenue sharing is lost. Wineman will contact other municipalities in the coming week to find out how they are handling the upcoming deadline.

Eight pages of adjustments were received from the auditor and will be completed in the near future. The auditor also suggested outsourcing to a CPA company to help get the books in order.

Motion by Jorgensen/seconded by Villanueva to allow Wineman to appoint an ad hoc committee to review this in more depth and develop a clear and concise report to present to council. All ayes. Williams, Villanueva, Jorgensen and Kinyon appointed. Meeting set for Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm.

Motion by Villanueva/seconded by Sheridan to return the BSA printer purchased. All ayes.

Villanueva, Kay Marsh and Williams are to organize mayor exchange events and activities. The village will be exchanging with Blissfield on June 14/21.

Motion by Villanueva/seconded by Kinyon to accept IT contract between the village and Nathan Derusha for \$300 per year. All ayes.

Public Comment: Kay Marsh – Voiced concern over changing the clerk position from an elected to appointed/hired position.

Motion to adjourn made by Villanueva/seconded by Sheridan. All ayes.

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