

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes  
May 5, 2011**

**Call to order** 7:01pm

**Roll call-** present were Ruth Wineman, Jeanette Schultz, Sue Villanueva, Jason Sheridan, Garry Patrick, Mark Jorgensen and Nathan Derusha. Also present were Gene Fisher, Steve Hayes, Doug Kelsey, Shari Carney-reporter, Monte O'Dell-DPW, Kelly Williams-Treasurer and Shirley Harmon-Clerk.

**Pledge to flag**

**Public Comment**

Doug Kelsey was present to promote the National Day of Prayer Breakfast that will be held on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Opera House, 7am to 8am. The cost per ticket is \$10.00. The guest speaker is going to be Jim Gretzinger from WKAR's Michigan Out-of-Doors.

Gene Fisher was present from the Maple Syrup Association to say that the weekend was a success, Friday and Saturday were good but Sunday was a little down. The Association would like to ask for permission to close North Main and South Main to Third Street for the parade next year (April 28<sup>th</sup>) and to also have the fireworks and possibly close West Main or North Main if needed during the fireworks (Friday night or Saturday night if rain). Put under new business.

**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. 4-7-11
- B. Treasurer's report for April 2011
- C. Bills for approval thru 5-5-11

Mark Jorgensen moved to approved the consent agenda items with the exception of the minutes of 4-7-11 and the bills, seconded by Jeanette Schultz, all ayes.

**Reports from Council Committees**

Insurance-none  
Water/Sewer-none  
Grants -none  
Ordinance –Jason is going to go around again soon.  
Street Drains and Sidewalks – patching of streets brought up last month was postponed due to rain but was done today.  
Fire-minutes  
Buildings & Grounds-still working on punch list.  
Technology-Mark reported on the bid from BS&A for \$14,700.00 (about 2,900.00 for each account)  
Health & Safety-meeting held on 3-25<sup>th</sup> with 4 residents present, asked Monte to move a couple of the signs. Ruth made up posters for the Watch. Next meeting is set for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.  
Personnel-none

**DPW Report**

Bids received for the paving of Round Lake and East Forest,  
Lakeland Asphalt - \$24,000.00  
Murray's Asphalt – 26,076.00  
A1 Asphalt – 27,730.00  
Monte recommends going with Lakeland.  
Monte is checking into new cell phone packages.  
The sewer pump at the lagoons has died and needs to be repaired or replaced. Root Mechanical gave an estimate to replace will cost 6,545.00 and to replace will cost 14,268.00. The repaired one will have a 1 year warranty.  
The windows for the basement are in progress of being fixed.  
A valve on the water main at East First and Maple had a hole and has been leaking. Monte and

Terry spent all day working on it. The valve has been repaired but it needs to be replaced at some point. To replace the valve it will cost 3,500.00 and the hydrant will cost 2,000.00. Turn this over to the water/sewer committee for consideration.

Monte is going to send a thank you to Tony Wawiernia and Marty Martin for their help in cleaning up this past festival weekend.

Monte wanted to mention that we have a new Deputy Clerk – Tony Auitable.

A walk thru needs to be done for the 2010 Project to finalize the project.

Monte reported that SENSUS says that it is very easy to work with BS&A software.

#### **Report from Planning and Zoning Boards**

Planning Commission – minutes

ZBA -none

#### **President-Clerk-Treasurer Report**

Ruth reported that Jack Owens the Township Supervisor was unable to come tonight so he will be at the next meeting to answer questions on the township millage that the village residents pay.

Ruth also went to a meeting with Natalie Brocieus for the Farmer's Market and that their first weekend will be June 25<sup>th</sup>. Also we are going to have Community Wide Garage Sales that weekend and the Council greet and meet.

Kelly explained the Treasurer's report and that she thanked the Clerk-Shirley for all her help in getting the CD report around. She also brought up the software support bill that she has received and since the new software won't be ready until October then she would like to contact them and check into paying for 6 months worth or a possible refund on the unused portion.

Kelly reported on the lunch that she, Shirley and Ruth went to with representatives from Hastings City Bank.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Ruth pointed out that under her report in the 4-7-11 minutes she said that we have to challenge within 1 year from June 1, 2011. Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the 4-7-11 minutes with correction, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

Jeanette Schultz asked a question on the bills, as to why there were so many checks for coldpatch. The clerk explained that supplies were paid for from General and then as they are used the other 4 funds pay General back. Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the payment of the bills presented, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

Formed a committee to plan the Council greet and meet, Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

#### **New Business**

Sue Villanueva would like to request a meeting for the use of village property with written vs. spoken request.

Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the recommendation from Monte to use Lakeland Asphalt for the paving of Round Lake and East Forest for 24,000.00, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the repair of the sewer pump for 6,545.00, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

The Maple Syrup Association request - for permission to close North Main and South Main to Third Street for the parade next year (April 28<sup>th</sup>) and to also have the fireworks and possibly close West Main or North Main if needed during the fireworks (Friday night or Saturday night if rain).

A very lengthy discussion ensued, Mark Jorgensen moved to allow the closure of the streets and alleys for the 2012 festival with contingency that the council makes a check list for the festival. Then Mark withdrew his motion.

Garry Patrick moved to give the association permission to go ahead with preparations for next year with a check list to follow and compliance with the check list, seconded by Mark Jorgensen. Jason asked what if they were not compliant? Question of whether the clerk had a copy of the insurance and when. Clerk informed council had a copy of the insurance in January, just not the fireworks insurance. Clerk is to let the council know next year when she receives it.

Garry Patrick moved to amended the original motion by striking the "with compliance with check list", seconded by Jason Sheridan. The vote for the amended motion was 5 ayes and 1 nay-Jorgensen. The vote for the original motion as amended was 5 ayes and 1 nay-Jorgensen.

#### **Public Comment**

Doug Kelsey would like to thank Kelly and Shirley for the work on the CD report and suggests contracting with a financial Manager for the village's money. Doug also suggested that the check list should be done by July and possibly use with the Farmer's Market.

Garry Patrick would like to decline the Chairmanship of the committee to challenge the Census count. Mark Jorgensen moved to remove Garry as chairman, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes. Mark moved to approve Jason as chairman, seconded by Garry but Jason declined, vote of 4 nays and 2 ayes. Jason moved to appoint Mark Jorgensen as the chairman, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Jason Sheridan stated he is appalled and saddened that Gene Fisher was treated the way he was at this meeting.

**Adjournment**

Jason Sheridan moved to adjourn, seconded by Nathan Derusha, all ayes.

Adjourned at 9:24pm

Shirley Harmon  
Village Clerk