

**Vermontville Village**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Village Office, October 9, 2014**

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- I. Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.
  
- II. Roll Call – Present: Councilwomen Sandra Hosey, Beverly Sue Villanueva; Councilmen Mark Jorgensen, Charles Viele; President Ruth Wineman. Councilman Jason Sheridan entered at 7:16 p.m. Also present: Kathy Joppie, Christopher Rumsey, Britiney Rumsey, Eugene Fisher, Theresa O’Dell, and Blair Miller. Absent: Councilman Garry Patrick.
  
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- IV. Public Comment
  - A. Eugene Fisher spoke on behalf of the Maple Syrup Corporation. They would like to install a sign on the top of each of the four Village of Vermontville signs that says “75<sup>th</sup> Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival.” Added to New Business. Mr. Fisher also mentioned that the picnic tables in the park are being damaged.
  
  - B. Blair Miller stated that Vermontville is advertised in Trails Magazine. The Paul Henry Trail is being used. They need parking space in Vermontville. Maple Valley’s Building Trades class will be building gates to prevent motorized vehicles from entering the trail.
  
- V. Consent Agenda Items

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER ITEM 5, CONSENT AGENDA, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE VILAGE 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 – September 11, 2014
  
- B. Bills for Approval – September 12, 2014 to October 9, 2014
  
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014
  
- D. Treasurer Report

Councilwoman Villanueva made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

- VI. Reports from Council Committees
  - A. Insurance/Legal/Finance - none

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B. Water/Sewer –

- a. President Wineman and Christopher Rumsey met with Paradigm Design engineers to discuss the lift stations. We can either repair/update the lift stations on Spring St and Nut St or replace them. \$150,000-200,000 to replace Nut St and \$175,000 to replace Spring St. The cost would be added to the bond. Or we could repair the lift stations for a cost of \$40,000 for Nut St and \$30,000 for Spring St. The E. Main St. lift station is already part of the proposed plan.
- b. Discussed the clear water issue (sump pumps hooked to the sewer). We need to move forward with disconnecting them.

C. Grants - none

- D. Ordinance – Councilman Sheridan stated that the chicken ordinance is finished and the committee is working on the application.

E. Street Drains and Sidewalks - none

- F. Fire – Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The fire prevention open house was last night. They had a good turnout.

- G. Buildings & Grounds – Councilman Jorgensen reported that the siding and door were installed. The project cost an extra \$500 due to dry rot. We received an electrical estimate of \$750 to replace the bathroom fan and remove the circuit from the wall where there was another fan. Jeff Wetzel fixed the garage roof where a tree branch had fallen through. The roof will probably need to be replaced in a few years. The DPW removed the dead tree in the park next to the pavilion and removed the 2x4's around the play equipment.

H. Technology – none

- I. Health & Safety – Need to have a committee meeting.

- J. Personnel – Next meeting is Monday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. to look at the 2015 budget. We haven't received information on health insurance yet. McLaren will no longer be offering our current plan in 2015.

- VII. DPW Report – Supervisor Christopher Rumsey reported that the tailgate on the pickup has been repaired. The leaf vacuum is ready and the street sweeper fixed. A resident approached him regarding a hitching post behind the bank. It was approved by the council last year.

VIII. Report from Planning and/ Zoning Boards

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- A. The planning commission did not have a quorum last month so could not have a meeting.
  
  - B. The ZBA budget for 2015 is the same as 2014.
- IX. President Report - Jason Orton with The David Chapman Agency will be here next month. We will have the same insurance coverage as last year at an additional cost of \$50.
- X. Old Business - none
- XI. New Business
- A. Preliminary 2015 Budget – Each committee needs to meet as soon as possible to discuss the budget.
  
  - B. Councilwoman Villanueva made a motion to allow the Syrup Corporation to put the 75<sup>th</sup> Maple Syrup Festival signs up. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.
- XII. Public Comment
- XIII. Adjournment – Councilman Viele made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Derusha  
Village Clerk