

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 4, 2010**

**Call to order 7pm**

**Roll call** –Nathan Derusha, Sue Villanueva, Jason Sheridan, Garry Patrick, Mark Jorgensen, Doug Kelsey- President and Jeanette Schultz, Kay Marsh-Treasurer, Shirley Harmon-Clerk, Bill Hadlock-Engineer, Monte O'Dell-DPW and Theresa O'Dell, Terry Samann, Kelly Williams and Tom Williams, Bryan Faurot and Ruth Wineman.

**Pledge to flag**

Sheridan moved to open public hearing, Villanueva seconded, all ayes.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**WATER RATE INCREASE**

Proposed increase in the Ready to Serve Fee by \$2.50

No public comment, some discussion ensued on the need for balanced budget

Motion to recommend increase was made by Sheridan, seconded by Patrick, all ayes

Motion to close Public Hearing made by Villanueva, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes

**Public Comment**

Monte O'Dell spoke on the insurance increase- he made up a graph report showing the savings that the village will make going with McLaren (9,613.00)even with clerk included.

Theresa Spagnuolo O'Dell stated she was present to represent the ZBA.

Bryan Faurot stated that he is present for his request of refund of ZBA variance fee.

**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.10-7-10
- B. Treasurer's report for October
- C. Bills for approval thru 11-4-10

Jason wants to pull attorney bill to new business.

Motion to approve consent agenda items with the exception of the attorney bill made by Jorgensen, seconded by Patrick, All ayes

**Reports from Council Committees**

Insurance-meeting 11-1-10 recommendation- to change medical insurance to McLaren from BCBS  
Water/Sewer-recommendation from public hearing, Sheridan moved to approve, ayes 4 and nays-2 – Villanueva and Schultz, motion passed.

Grants-none

Ordinance-none

Street Drains and Sidewalks-none

Fire-minutes-Schultz pointed out highlights

Buildings & Grounds-none-Schultz questioned who called meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> – informed that was when the engineers could come and go over the office building and wasn't really a meeting per sec.

Technology-none

Health & Safety-set up Neighborhood watch training meeting-will pick a date and publish in paper.

Personnel-none – clerk stated they really need a meeting

### **DPW Report**

Six -Class III barricades are on order from Dornbos Signs as ours now are not correct, the new ones are OSHA approved.  
ICE Grant- Monte, the Engineers and Scarlett Excavating have gone over the punch list and they are done. Money has been received (8,000.00) from the state for Scarlett. Mark moved to pay 8,000.00 and still withhold 2,000.00 from the total of \$10,000.00 that is due Scarlett for next spring, Patrick seconded, all ayes. Waiting on DEQ for the lagoon study.  
Village office- had the engineers in to measure and evaluate  
Need part for Leaf Vactor – clutch \$1,500.00-will bring final price back to Council.

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

Planning Commission – minutes  
ZBA minutes from 10-26-10 – 2 recommendations  
Sheridan moved that at the first of the each year, the ZBA is to review the rates and adjust accordingly to costs, Jorgensen seconded. Discussion ensued. This board should be self supporting. All ayes.  
Sheridan moved to approve ZBA recommendation-withdrawn  
Sheridan moved to refund monies left over after clerk presents itemized report on each variance from now on, motion failed for lack of support.  
Patrick moved to have clerk make an itemized accounting of the Village's cost for these 2 variances, then bring back for council approval, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

### **Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator**

Building Referrals

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

Marsh purchased a CD for the RTSF of 2,678.00  
Harmon gave report on the Flood Management Plan from FEMA that the Township is looking at participating with.

### **Unfinished Business**

The permit for chickens at 145 W First St. was moved by Jorgensen to approve, seconded by Patrick, 4 ayes and 2 nays-Villanueva and Schultz

### **New Business**

Kelsey brought up that on the budget for 2011 the account number 215-705 had been changed from Deputy Clerk to Fringes and that the figure there was for clerk insurance. This had not been in the budget before; clerk stated that as soon as insurance information had been determined she was going to ask for the insurance coverage. Kelsey stated that back around 2001 or 2002 the clerk was given in her salary an amount to buy her own insurance. But that amount has never been revisited and does not cover insurance today. Kelsey granted that the clerk does more than currently required by state statute.

Jorgensen moved to approve the insurance committee's recommendation to change the medical insurance from BCBS to McLaren for Monte and Terry, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Sheridan asked for clarification on the attorney bill. Sheridan moved to pay, seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

### **Public Comment**

Tom Williams if the attorney bill is too high then maybe we could change it to an annual retainer instead of hourly.

Ruth Wineman stated that the attorney firm was excellent and knew their business.

Sheridan moved to go back into New Business, seconded by Schultz, all ayes.  
Sheridan stated that 2 letters have been sent to 325 N Main where the owner has made his residence more non-compliant, with no response. Motion to have the President or Eaton County Sheriff Dept. issue a civil citation made by Sheridan, seconded by Jorgensen, 5 ayes and one abstention (Schultz).

Back to public comment-

Monte O'Dell asked when the change to medical insurance occurs, told January 1, 2011.

Theresa O'Dell thanked both Doug Kelsey and Kay Marsh for their years of service to the village.

Ruth Wineman stated that clerk paying taxes on amount for insurance wasn't correct.

Garry Patrick requested a dinner for Doug and Kay.

Kay Marsh - Thank you for the years I have had serving with you as Treasurer. We have a great Clerk, Council and DPW. It has been my privilege to serve with each one of you. I wish the very best for our new officers. Thanks again. Kay

Garry Patrick brought up that a council member at the budget committee meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> had accused council members of not doing their jobs and guilty of malfeasance and misappropriation of funds and that he would like an apology or retraction. None was given.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Sheridan, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

8:44pm

Shirley Harmon

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