

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
December 9, 2010**

Call to order 7pm

Roll call- Present were Ruth Wineman, Jeanette Schultz, Sue Villanueva, Jason Sheridan, Garry Patrick, Mark Jorgensen and Nathan Derusha. Also present Monte and Theresa O'Dell, Kay Marsh, Bryan Faurot, Jeff Seavolt, Tom Williams, Shari Carney the reporter and Shirley Harmon. Blair Miller came in half way thru meeting.

Pledge to flag

Public Comment

Jeanette stated that there was a Leaf Collection fee on her water bill and that she did not have any leaves for pick up. She would like the charge removed.

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.11-4-10
- B. Treasurer's report for November
- C. Bills for approval thru 12-9-10

Motion to approve the consent agenda items made by Jason Sheridan minus the Purity Cylinder bill seconded by Garry Patrick, vote-all ayes.

Reports from Council Committees

Insurance-RECOMMEND 5% PAYMENT FROM EMPLOYEES for their medical (McLaren) and dental (Delta Dental) and vision (Broker's National) – Jason Sheridan seconded approving recommendation vote all ayes.

Water/Sewer- report- moved to approve recommendation of the money earmarked in the 2011 budget work planned for Phase II, be approved for Paradigm Design to go ahead as soon as the new fiscal year starts, seconded by Garry Patrick and vote all ayes.

The Maple Syrup Association is requesting a credit on their bill because of the 2" meter charge. The meter has been changed to a 5/8" from a 2", so the bill will be going down. The committee recommends no credit be given, Sue Villanueva seconded, all ayes.

Grants-none

Ordinance -none

Street Drains and Sidewalks-none

Fire-minutes

Buildings & Grounds- received report on the office, committee will go over and prioritize list. Committee recommends that the Chairman has the authority to use the remaining funds under 265-930 B&G Repair and Maintenance in the 2010 budget to fix code violations as laid out in the study presented, made by Jason seconded Sue, vote all ayes.

Technology-RECOMMENDS NEW COMPUTER (laptop and monitor) FOR TREASURER-Jason moved not to exceed 700.00 Garry seconded. Jeanette asked about the treasurer's current computer. Nay-Schultz and 5 ayes.

Kay has a tower, monitor and keyboard and mouse, recommend allowing Kay Marsh to keep -Tech Committee to determine the worth of what Kay has. Mark Jorgensen moved to sell Kay her computer/monitor/keyboard/mouse and printer for \$1.00, seconded by Garry Patrick, 4 ayes and 2 nays (Schultz and Sheridan).

Garry Patrick moved to purchase recording equipment, individual microphones, a mixer and recorder to cover meetings by the January meeting, seconded by Sue Villanueva. Some discussion. Vote-5 ayes and 1 nay (Villanueva).

Nathan and Mark are getting estimates for software accounting.

Health & Safety Sue would like to know if Monte checks the street lights, answered yes.

Personnel-WAGE AGREEMENTS-only real changes were the requirement for employees to pay 5% for the insurance premiums and sick/vacation time wording change. Motion to approve the wage agreements made by Jason Sheridan seconded Nathan Derusha, vote-all ayes.

Jeanette Schultz asked about snow removal and who decides when, Mark pointed out we addressed this last year.

DPW Report

Copy of letter to Chris Conn, Jason Sheridan moved to sign and send Mark Jorgensen seconded, all ayes.

Monte went thru the basement and we have old computers, printers, and would like to get rid of.

Asked if okay to go on runs. Sue Villanueva moved to allow Jason Sheridan seconded, all ayes.

Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Planning Commission – minutes

ZBA

Jeanette Schultz asked about the progress on the shed violation and was informed that the president is working on it, she has a meeting with the owner next week. She will also have clerk send a certified letter.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Building Referrals

Letter of resignation-from Monte O'Dell and Shirley Harmon-Mark Jorgensen moved to accept the letter and wished to thank them for their hard work, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Need to reappoint or advertize for Theresa Spagnoulo-O'Dell's position on the ZBA as it is up in January, Garry Patrick moved to advertise the position, seconded by Mark Jorgensen, all ayes.

President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

ZBA VARIANCE FIGURES-motion to approve returning any unspent monies from the 2 variances applied for, made by Jason Sheridan seconded Sue Villanueva, vote-5 ayes and 1 nay (Mark Jorgensen).

LETTER FOR ZACK SIPLE- motion to make up a certificate for Zack Siple not to exceed \$15.00 made by Mark Jorgensen seconded by Jason Sheridan, vote-all ayes.

LEASE FOR AT&T- motion to approve the President to sign the lease agreement

with AT&T for the next three years made by Mark Jorgensen seconded Jason Sheridan, vote-all ayes.

MAYOR EXCHANGE-motion to go ahead with Mayor Exchange in May 2011 made by Jason Sheridan, seconded Mark Jorgensen, vote-all ayes.

Set date for -BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE – date set for December 27th at 7pm and a Budget Committee meeting for the 15th at 10am.

Unfinished Business

Neighborhood Watch Meeting set for January 17th at 7pm – need to change date because of Martin Luther King Day.

Dinner in honor of Kay Marsh and Doug Kelsey was discussed, set a date. Maybe combine this dinner and the dinner for the DPW guys. Clerk to contact Sugar Hut and see if they would do a private dinner.

Kelly Williams questioned the Purity Cylinder bill in which an employee purchased a cylinder for 19.60 along with the village purchase. She doesn't think this is a correct practice. There is no rule against it and other council persons say that they can do this at their employment.

Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the Purity Cylinder bill as is, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

New Business

Committee assignments-motoned by Sue Villanueva to approve the committee assignments for 2011, seconded by Jason Sheridan, vote all ayes.

Shirley Harmon presented a letter as instructed requesting that she be given medical insurance along with keeping her current insurance (vision/dental/short term disability/long term disability and life).

The insurance issue was discussed, Jason Sheridan stated that to be eligible for dental a person must work 20 hours, 30 hours and be an employee for the medical and no requirements for the vision/STD/LTD and life. Jason Sheridan moved to allow, if qualify, for dental and vision be offered to the clerk and treasurer, no second.

Kelly Williams read a letter written by her, not asking for the insurance.

Mark Jorgensen moved for any employee or elected official to be offered vision and dental if they qualify, to purchase at 100% of the premium, seconded by Sue Villanueva. Garry Patrick moved to amend motion by adding "not to include DPW employees, Jason Sheridan seconded. Kay Marsh stated that the clerk did have insurance (excluding medical) that was part of her compensation and now you are taking it from her. Kelly Williams made a statement that her husband is a GM retiree and their vision and dental have been taken away. Vote called on the amendment-all ayes. Vote called on original motion-all ayes.

Jason Sheridan asked for a clarification if the clerk has insurance or not, Mark Jorgensen moved to refer to the Insurance/Legal committee, seconded by Sue Villanueva, 5 ayes and 1 nay (Sheridan).

The Leaf Collection charge on Jeanette Schultz's was discussed. It was stated that if the pile of leaves was in the right of way it will be picked up. There was no motion to refund charge.

Public Comment

Blair Miller presented new Rails to Trails brochure. Also to inform the Council of the Michigander Bicycle Tour coming thru Vermontville at noon on July 18th and maybe groups would like to have booths of food or drink in the park or the businesses might

want to do something special to raise money.

Jeanette Schultz left meeting at 9:44pm.

Jeff Seavolt asked what past practices were on variances costs and reimbursements are the rules changing arbitrarily each time. Is the total budget weighted on two variances?

Mark explained that when he was chairman he held a meeting to go over the budget.

Kelly said the variance fee should cover the costs but the regular meetings were covered from the general budget.

Theresa said that in the past the total fee was refunded.

Garry said in the past a variance not required because Zoning Officer was not doing her job and that was why the money was refunded.

Tom Williams stated that at one point three people were required for the medical insurance.

Theresa asked if there is a minimum capital outlay bid policy also why are the taxpayers paying for snow removal on the sidewalks.

Garry would like to clarify his statement in last month's minutes, which he had directed his complaint to one person on the council and that person knew who they were. He is still waiting for an apology.

Jason Sheridan stated that Chapter 21 –says when does someone has to come in for a Building referral it is anytime they make an enhancement to their property

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Jorgensen, Sue Villanueva seconded. All ayes.

10:15pm

Shirley Harmon

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