

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
Minutes  
December 8, 2011

**Call to order 7pm**

**Roll call** – Jason Sheridan, Mark Jorgensen, Sue Villanueva, Jeanette Schultz and Ruth Wineman. Also present were Kelly Williams-Treasurer, Bob Robinson-Kuntzsch Business Services, Shari Carney-MV News Reporter, Rachel Kuntzsch of Kuntzsch Business Services and Shirley Harmon-Clerk.

**Pledge to flag**

**Public Comment**

Kuntzsch Business Services, Inc. - Rachel Kuntzsch and Bob Robinson were present to introduce themselves and their company. They help businesses and communities apply for grants.

Garry Patrick entered meeting at 7:02pm  
Monte O'Dell entered meeting at 7:03pm  
Amy Jo Kinyon entered meeting at 7:04pm

Questions answered on how they could help the village in obtaining grants.

**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. 11-3-11
- B. Treasurer's report for November 2011
- C. Bills for approval thru 12-8-11

Jason Sheridan moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Jeanette Schultz, all ayes.

**Reports from Council Committees**

Insurance/Legal/Finance-none

Water/Sewer-none

Grants -none

Ordinance –resident did produce letter from insurance company so he was allowed to remove the tree in the right of way.

Street Drains and Sidewalks –lights on the main street trees are not bright enough-Monte to order more

Fire-Jeanette Schultz gave the report

Buildings & Grounds –the office is reroofed, looks good, the ties were not put in because of the beam.

Technology-continuing to work on it

Health & Safety – Neighborhood Watch meeting was held, report of suspicious person on East Main was checked into.

Personnel – another meeting is needed-the 15<sup>th</sup> at 8am

Budgets- meeting the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**DPW Report**

The office roof is done and good comments have been received.

The yearly chipper is in; the balance of the report started at 4,322.58 and ended up at 2,219.96.

Consumers Energy has installed a new meter at the pump house on Third Street.

Monte thanked everyone for their cards and flowers during his mother's passing.

Monte introduced Bill Hadlock – Bill stated the grant that we are seeking will be \$65,000.00 which will cover the engineering cost of the Lagoon Study. The Village's match would be 10% (6,500.00) which we have already paid over 15,000.00. This grant will help us to cover the costs of the Lagoon Study which the DEQ is asking us to do because they say we are not discharging correctly. This study is needed for us to seek further funding to correct the problems. Jason Sheridan moved to do this business now, Amy Jo Kinyon seconded, all ayes. Jason Sheridan moved to enter into the Short Form Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services, seconded by Mark Jorgensen, all ayes. Mark Jorgensen read the Resolution Authorizing the S2 Grant Agreement.

The Resolution Authorizing the S2 Grant Agreement presented, Garry Patrick moved to approve the resolution, Sue Villanueva seconded the motion, ayes- Patrick, Jorgensen, Schultz, Sheridan, Villanueva and Kinyon. No nays.

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

Planning Commission –Eaton County is redoing their Master Plan. We have received a copy of the ordinance needed to take care of the Medical Marijuana situation.

ZBA

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

Letter from Shelby Vandermill who lives on Mason Rd in Vermontville, who is going to Italy as an exchange student thru the Lion's Club next summer and is asking for contributions for her trip, she is looking to study government.

Thank you from the Pat O'Dell family.

Letter from Tri-County Office of Aging requesting that the Council consider contributing 80.00 to the meals on wheels program in next year's budget. Garry Patrick moved to contribute \$80.00 from Miscellaneous 101.101.956.000 from the 2012 budget, seconded by Jeanette Schultz, all ayes.

The Clerk has registered for Mayor Exchange 2012.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Motion needed-** The 2.5 mils of tax revenue which has been transferred from 101 General to 203 Local Street Fund in the past, will from now on be transferred into the account 204 Municipal Street Fund. Garry Patrick moved to approve, seconded by Mark Jorgensen, all ayes.

### **New Business**

Meeting dates for 2012 presented, Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the meeting dates with the correction of July 12<sup>th</sup> and September 6, 2012, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

Committee assignments for 2012 were presented; motion to approve made by Mark Jorgensen, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

Resolutions for water and sewer rates – Garry Patrick read and moved to approve the Resolution to establish Water rates for 2012, seconded by Mark Jorgensen, ayes-Jorgensen, Schultz, Kinyon, Sheridan, Villanueva and Patrick, nays-none. Sue would like the committee to revisit the rates during next year.

Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the Resolution to establish the rates for Sewer for 2012, seconded by Jason Sheridan, ayes-Jorgensen, Schultz, Kinyon, Sheridan, Villanueva and Patrick, nays-none.

Resolution for Healthcare Cost Sharing of Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, 2011 was read and presented moved by Mark Jorgensen to approve as read, seconded by Garry Patrick. Ruth explained the law that was adopted in September which aims to help public employers with insurance costs for public employees and also elected officials who have insurance, 80% for the employers and 20% for the employees and elected officials. Vote was all ayes.

Clerk presented an application for the Farmland Act (PA 116) by Margaret Cook; the property is located between Gresham Hwy., Allegan Rd. and Brown Rd. This property is within 1 mile of the village limits and the request is for 90 years. Mark Jorgensen moved to respond back to the County to not agree, seconded by Jeanette Schultz, all ayes.

### **Public Comment**

Reminder that the Budget Public Hearing and Council Special Meeting are set for December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Mark Jorgensen to adjourn, seconded by Amy Jo Kinyon, all ayes.

8:50pm

Shirley Harmon