

Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
Village Office, June 12, 2014

- I. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

- II. Roll Call - Present: Councilwomen Hosey and Villanueva, Councilmen Patrick, Jorgensen, President Wineman, Councilmen Viele, Sheridan. Also Present: Eaton County Commissioner Mike Hosey, Laurie Tamez, CPA, Chris Morris, Tracy Birman, Theresa O'Dell, Jeff Wetzel, Chris Rumsey, Terry Samann, Treasurer Kathy Joppie and Clerk Marisa Derusha.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance

- IV. Public Comment
 - A. Chris Morris, 421 Third St – Requested permission to raise chickens on his 6 acre property. He read a letter to the council stating that he was unaware of the ordinance prohibiting chickens in the village. His property is currently zoned low density residential. He can apply to have his property rezoned agriculture. Planning commission meets the second Tuesday of the month.

 - B. Mike Hosey, Eaton County Commissioner - The county is looking at a 1.5 mil proposal for 12 years for county roads. In townships, every road would be graveled and dust control would be applied twice a year. This would free up funds for the county and townships to fix culverts. The village would get back all the money paid in the village, approximately \$20,000, for work on local streets. Commissioner Hosey would like support for this to go on the November ballot.

 - C. Theresa O'Dell, Eaton County Sheriff's Office - Eaton County has a crime tip line 517-543-5433 or email crimetips@eatoncounty.org. There were 43 incidents in the village in May. There will be more police presence this summer due to the Village's new contract with the Sheriff's Office.

- 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 – May 8, 2014, Personnel

President Wineman pulled the Personnel committee minutes and moved them to Reports from Council Committees – Personnel.

B. Bills for Approval - May 9 to June 12, 2014

C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Five Months Ended May 31, 2014

D. Treasurer Report

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-Motion by Councilman Vile to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

VI. Reports from Council Committees

A. Insurance/Legal/Finance- no report given.

B. Water/Sewer – Laurie Tamez.

- a. The water and sewer checking account balances are increasing due to the ready to serve fees. She would like to put the ready to serve funds in CDs.
- b. According to Paradigm Design, it will cost \$9,000 to finish the lagoon project plan through October.
- c. Chances for emergency funding are slim for the Nut Street lift station pump failure. It will cost \$82,500 to have the Nut St. Lift station replaced in 2015. We can get a \$50,000 SRF loan.
- d. The USDA water tower is on hold.

C. Grants – no report given.

D. Ordinance – no report given.

E. Street Drains and Sidewalks – Laurie Tamez stated that the Act 51 report was completed today. It is due June 30. The next Act 51 report on mapping will be due next April. Act 51 requires us to put money into non-motorized projects, such as, sidewalks and bike paths. We have to spend \$6,674 every 10 years. No money has been spent in the last 5 years. We have until 2017. The Act 51 report also requires the use of equipment rental ledgers.

F. Fire – Jeff Wetzel, Vermontville Fire Department - reported that they had 6 fire calls and 7 EMS calls. The fire department will be hosting a water ball function with other departments. No date has been set. Councilman Patrick suggesting having our council Meet and Greet at the same time.

G. Buildings & Grounds – Councilman Jorgensen suggested options for the office exterior. Option 1 - buy the generator now and install next year. Option 2 - install siding but no door or windows for under \$6,000. Option 3 - install siding and front door for \$7,200. We have \$6400 left out of the original \$9,000 budgeted for siding and an office generator. Laurie Tamez stated that we could use \$1,200 out of Buildings and Grounds Miscellaneous to help pay for the work.

-Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to use \$1,200 in Buildings & Grounds Miscellaneous and the funds budgeted in Buildings and Grounds to put new siding, soffit, gutters, and a front door

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on the village office; we will revisit the windows and generator in 2015. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

H. Technology – no report given.

I. Health & Safety – no report given.

J. Personnel – President Wineman reported that 22 DPW Superintendent applications were received. Originally, 4 individuals were selected for interviews. The committee ended up interviewing 5 candidates on Monday, June 2. We are in the processing of checking references. Our attorney will be finished with the handbook soon, and we can then hire the new Superintendent. We may have to call a special meeting.

VII. DPW Report –

A. Terry Samann spoke with Mike from Root Mechanical regarding the Nut St lift station. The bottom half of the second pump is assembled. The motor is shipping tomorrow, and will be installed Wednesday. The already repaired first pump is working great.

B. Two 4-wheel drive trucks damaged the road on First St while having a “pull-off.” He filed a police report. Murray’s Asphalt was contacted for a repair estimate.

VIII. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards – no report given.

IX. President Report –

A. President Wineman spoke with someone from the State of Michigan and with Kelly Hon at Rural Water Association regarding our well head protection plan. It is okay for us to delay updating our plan for a year.

B. It was decided that the annual community yard sales will be July 19, and will occur at the same time as the Council’s Meet and Greet and the fire department’s water ball game. We will put an ad in the newspaper to let residents know.

C. Laurie Tamez -

i. The Unemployment Insurance Agency fees were abated – around \$1,000.

ii. The F-65 and Act 51 reports were completed by Walker Fluke and Sheldon today.

iii. Tax collection begins July 1; debit and credit cards will be accepted with Point and Pay. September 1, utility billing payments can be made with a debit or credit card. And December 1, online payments will be accepted.

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X. Old Business – none.

XI. New Business

A. Trustees Hosey, Jorgensen, Sheridan and President Wineman are up for re-election this year. Election forms are due July 22, 2014, at 4 pm at the Vermontville Township Office.

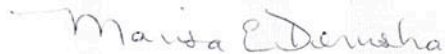
B. Discussed the county's 1.5 mil proposal. Council is in favor of adding it to the November ballot to let voters decide.

XII. Public Comment

XIII. Adjournment - Councilman Sheridan made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marisa Derusha