

Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
Village Office, September 11, 2014

- I. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Present: Councilwomen Sandra Hosey, Beverly Sue Villanueva; Councilmen Garry Patrick, Mark Jorgensen; President Ruth Wineman; Councilmen Charles Viele, and Jason Sheridan. Also present: Kathy Joppie, Marisa Derusha, Christopher Rumsey, Britiney Rumsey, and Sheri Carney.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Comment –
 - A. Councilman Jorgensen spoke on behalf of the Vermontville Lions Club and stated they would like to hold the Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25, 2014, from 4 to 7 p.m. Added to New Business.
 - B. Councilman Jorgensen also spoke for the MV School Board and reported that 5,971 free lunches were served over the summer in Nashville and Vermontville combined. Nashville served 186 in June, 922 in July and 1,352 in August. Vermontville served 166 lunches in June, 1808 in July, and 1537 in August. The school superintendent would like to make tentative arrangements for next year. They will use the Methodist church during inclement weather. Next week, the 4 year old program will be moving to Maplewood and Peas in a Pod preschool will be renting 3 rooms at Maplewood. The auction at Maplewood made \$13,000 for the district. A yard sale will be held October 11, 2014, to sell the remaining 20% of the items that didn't sell at auction.
- 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 – August 14, 2014
- B. Bills for Approval – August 15, 2014 to September 11, 2014
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Eight Months Ended August 31, 2014
- D. Treasurer Report

-Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

VI. Reports from Council Committees

- A. Insurance/Legal/Finance – none
- B. Water/Sewer –
 - a. Councilman Patrick reported that a resident on Forest St. turned his own water back on after the village turned it off for nonpayment. A locking cap was put in place. The resident has since paid the amount owed and the water was turned back on. There is also a trash problem at the residence that needs to be addressed. It is close to the Paul Henry Trail and safety is a concern. Councilman Sheridan will inform the owner that the property needs to be cleaned up.

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- b. President Wineman spoke with Paradigm Design and they are hoping to meet in late September.
 - C. Grants – none
 - D. Ordinance –
 - a. Councilman Sheridan stated that a letter was sent to the State of Michigan regarding a vacant village property that is now owned by the State. We have received no response so the DPW will mow for a fee and send the bill to the State.
 - b. Councilman Sheridan also addressed the problem of people living in campers. You will need a permit from the village to live in a camper for a maximum time period of 4 months. There is a \$10 inspection fee plus \$2 per day.
 - E. Street Drains and Sidewalks – Councilman Patrick reported that we are waiting on Murray’s to fix the damaged pavement on First St. The Paul Henry trail was paved and trees trimmed.
 - F. Fire – Councilwoman Villanueva reported that the fire department has the new fire truck and another has been repaired.
 - G. Buildings & Grounds –
 - a. Councilman Jorgensen will check on the status of the new siding and door.
 - b. DPW will remove the wood edging around play equipment in the park because some screws are exposed.
 - c. The pavilion is used on a regular basis. Councilman Jorgensen would like to post the pavilion reservation calendar on the park bulletin board.
 - H. Technology – Councilman Jorgensen is looking into email and other issues. He is working with Nathan Derusha to resolve the problems.
 - I. Health & Safety – 44 events occurred in the village last month, including 24 traffic stops.
 - J. Personnel – none
- VII. DPW Report –
- A. Chris Rumsey found a used engine for the old plow truck for \$750 at Go Go Auto Parts in Delton.

-Councilwoman Villanueva made a motion to purchase the used engine for \$750. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.
 - B. DPW needs a petty cash fund for small purchases at places where we don’t have an account. No motion is needed.
 - C. Control box with well 6 has had alarms going off. Hickey Electric replaced the surge protector but that did not fix the problem. The auto dialer also is not working at well 6. Chris contacted a company who can work on both problems.

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- D. Raymer performed the annual well inspections.
- E. We would like to set up an account with Tractor Supply Company for a power washer and supplies that are not available locally.

-Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to purchase a power washer now at TSC for \$550. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

VIII. Report from Planning and/ Zoning Boards

- A. Councilman Sheridan has received two building referrals recently. One is for a ramp and one for a patio. Residents need to complete a building referral for every building project.
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals has not received any interest in the open position.

IX. President Report

- A. Treasurer Joppie reported that property taxes are due Monday, September 15, 2014. We have \$44,595 left to collect. Generally \$20,000 is turned over to Eaton County.
- B. Title VI Certification is due October 5. It is a program implemented by MDOT to prevent nondiscriminatory use of public funds. Due to the transition in our village, we were given a 90 day grace period.

-Councilman Patrick made a motion to assign Ruth Wineman as Title VI Coordinator. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

- C. Discussed securing the office with a gate, counter, and buzzer system.
- D. Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones invited the council to attend a seminar on October 2, at Frederick Meijer Gardens.

X. Old Business

- A. DPW third cell phone – Councilman Patrick asked to table the discussion.

XI. New Business

- A. Councilman Sheridan made a motion to allow the Lions Club to hold trunk or treat on Saturday, October 25, and block off the roads as usual. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

Trick or treating will be October 31 from 5-7 p.m.

- B. Informal inquiry from Freedom Net to put an antenna on the water tower. Freedom Net bought out IT Wifi, who used to have equipment on the tower. President Wineman referred the matter to the water committee.

XII. Public Comment

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XIII. Adjournment - Councilman Sheridan made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Derusha
Village Clerk