

Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
Village Office, November 13, 2014

- I. Called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Present: Councilwomen Beverly Villanueva, Sandra Hosey; Councilmen Garry Patrick, Mark Jorgensen, and Charles Viele; President Ruth Wineman. Absent: Councilman Jason Sheridan. Also present, Treasurer Kathy Joppie, Clerk Marisa Derusha, DPW Supervisor Chris Rumsey, Britiney Rumsey, Theresa O’Dell, Jenna Burns, Doug Kelsey, and Shari Carney.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Comment
 - A. Jenna Burns – Maple Valley Parent Advisory Committee. The school is working on individualized education plans. 63% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch. 153 parents signed up for the weekend backpack program. The new goal is a community garden at Maplewood school with the food grown going to list of students in need.
 - B. Theresa O’Dell – Eaton County Sheriff’s office. The October police report has 21 events in the village. MiDrive, a new phone app is available on Sheriff’s office Facebook page.
 - C. Mark Jorgensen – A vacant lot on Seminary Street near the Maplewood school exit may be donated to the school.
- 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 – October 9, 2014
- B. Bills for Approval – October 10 to November 13, 2014
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Ten Months Ended October 31, 2014
- D. Treasurer Report

Councilwoman Villanueva 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 – no report given.

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- B. Water/Sewer – Engineers from Paradigm Design will be at next meeting. We have to start the project plan over again due to additional State of Michigan requirements and increased costs. Nut Street piping costs will be rolled into the grant. We need to diminish clear water connections to sewer.
 - C. Grants – no report given.
 - D. Ordinance – Met Monday, November 11. The chicken ordinance is almost finished.
 - E. Street Drains and Sidewalks – We had a request from a resident on West St. to repair the road. There are large rocks in the road and it needs to be graded. We will cover with gravel for now and repair in the spring.
 - F. Fire – Two fire trucks will be sent to auction.
 - G. Buildings & Grounds – Committee met November 1. Village garage roof will need to be replaced in 2 or 3 years. Planning to purchase a new drinking fountain for the park and trash cans for the pavilion 2015. We are also planning to have new steps for the village office.
 - H. Technology – Met on November 1. Items for 2015 budget were discussed including the website, domain, and SmarterMail.
 - I. Health & Safety – no report given.
 - J. Personnel – Met November 4 to discuss health insurance.
- VII. DPW Report – Gravel was ordered for West Street. The backhoe needs \$10,000 to \$12,000 in repairs that include a new heater core and ty rods. Costs will be around \$5,000 if we do the work ourselves. It also needs pins/bushings on buckets. Will discuss with our CPA Laurie Tamez and revisit in December. Chris Rumsey will look for a used backhoe. Councilman Viele offered the use of his backhoe while it is being repaired.
- VIII. Report from Planning and/ Zoning Boards – no report given.
- IX. President Report
- A. The Maple Syrup Corporation would like to use a different fireworks company. The new company would provide \$3 million more in insurance coverage. We are waiting for the 2015 fireworks forms from the State of Michigan to become available.
- X. Old Business
- A. 2015 Preliminary Budget – General Fund items were discussed.

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- i. We will hold a 2015 budget public hearing on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7pm.

XI. New Business

- A. Reviewed Walker, Fluke & Sheldon audit engagement letter for year ending December 31, 2014. Costs are not to exceed \$10,000 plus \$500 for Act 51 and F-65 reporting.

Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to engage Walker, Fluke & Sheldon to perform the 2014 audit as per the engagement letter dated October 12, 2014. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

- B. Treasurer & Clerk reappointments

- i. Councilman Jorgensen made a motion for President Wineman to appoint Kathy Joppie as Treasurer for another two years. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

- ii. Councilman Viele made a motion for President Wineman to appoint Marisa Derusha as Clerk for another two years. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

- C. Tri-County Office on Aging Meals on Wheels - \$121 designation in 2015 budget. Councilwoman Villanueva made a motion to pay the Tri-County Office on Aging \$121 for Meals on Wheels. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

- D. Water sewer resolutions –

- i. Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to accept the Resolution of Vermontville Village Council to Establish the Rates and Fees for the Water System as read for 2015. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

- ii. Councilwoman Villanueva made a motion to accept The Resolution of Vermontville Village Council to Establish the Rates and Fees for the Wastewater System. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

- E. Councilman Patrick made a motion to accept Murray's bid to repair First St. damage. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

- F. Councilwoman Villanueva made a motion to purchase November and December turkeys/hams for the six village employees at Carl's Market. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

XII. Public Comment

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Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Derusha
Village Clerk