

**Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
Village Office, February 12, 2015**

- I. Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. Roll Call – Present: Councilwomen Sandra Hosey and Sue Villanueva; Councilmen Garry Patrick, Mark Jorgensen, Charles Viele, and Jason Sheridan; President Wineman. Absent: none. Also present: DPW Supervisor Chris Rumsey, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Judy Mohler, and Clerk Marisa Derusha.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance

- IV. Public Comment
 - A. Mike Schilling, Tri-County Bicycle Association – requested permission to use the pavilion and drop off two port-a-potties for a bicycle tour on May 30, 2015. Councilman Jorgensen suggested that they could use the ball field bathrooms for a \$100 deposit or they may have port-a-potties dropped off in the parking lot to the north of the hardware store.

 - B. Jassen Dowling, Syrup 5K, absent.

Councilman Sheridan made a motion to allow the Syrup 5K be held if the route is the same as last year. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

 - C. Councilwoman Villanueva made a motion to allow the wrestling team to use the First Street ball field for parking during the Maple Syrup Festival. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

V. 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 – January 8, 2015
- B. Bills for Approval –January 9, 2015 to February 12, 2015
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the One Month Ended January 31, 2015
- D. Treasurer Report

Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hosey 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 –Council members were given the Preliminary SRF Project Plan to review.
 - C. Grants – no report given.
 - D. Ordinance –
 - a. Ordinance Committee met on February 5 to discuss clear water ordinance and the penalties. There is a noncompliance fee of not less than a \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days jail time. Ordinance committee made a motion to let residents self-identify and give them one year to comply with the ordinance.
 - b. Decided to place an ad in the newspaper to remind snowmobilers to stay in the right of way between the street and the sidewalk.
 - E. Street Drains and Sidewalks – The village had a request from a resident to put a street light at the end of Maple St. Consumers Energy gave Chris Rumsey a suggested placement of the light and the estimated costs. \$100 for installation and approximately \$137/year for electricity costs. This matter will go to the committee.
 - F. Fire – The fire board is working on rewriting the bylaws.
 - G. Buildings & Grounds – The drywall work in the office is done and ready to be painted.
 - H. Technology – A hard drive failed on our server and a new one, plus a spare, were purchased for \$75 each.
 - I. Health & Safety – The Eaton County Sheriff’s incident report for January contained 22 incidents in the village.
 - J. Personnel – no report given.
- VII. DPW Report
- A. Our water tower is due for inspection this year. Nelson Tank Engineering gave us an estimated cost of \$2,100.
 - B. Need to purchase a new Stenner pump for chlorine. \$564 to repair the old or \$525 to buy new.
 - C. The trees behind the shop will be taken down while the ground is frozen. Moved to Old Business.
- VIII. Report from Planning and/ Zoning Boards –
- A. Discussed concern about the zoning map. There are some differences from the parcel map at Eaton County. A couple lines are missing on adjoining parcels that have the same owner.

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B. Discussed outdoor wood burners. They may set an ordinance for within the village.

IX. President Report

A. President Wineman presented fireworks information, including the Vermontville Maple Syrup Association's Fireworks application, new fireworks company information & insurance.

Motion by Councilman Jorgensen to allow the Syrup Association to have Wolverine Fireworks Display Inc. put on the fireworks show April 24 or Saturday, April 25 in case of inclement weather. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

X. Old Business

A. Councilman Jorgensen made a motion that the village go to 158 W. First and 151 W. Main and cut down the trees on the property line that adjoin village lines, remove trees, grind stumps, and replant grass; the village will pick up the cost and property owners only need to allow access with written permission. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

XI. New Business

A. Bank recommendations:

- i. To open a new account with Hastings City Bank for water/sewer receipts no later than March 1, 2015, with Ruth Wineman, Kathy Joppie, and Marisa Derusha as authorized signers, and giving Judy Mohler the ability to make deposits and pick up receipts.
- ii. To close "savings" account with Independent Bank for water/sewer receipts no later than April 1, 2015.
- iii. To close the safe deposit box at Independent Bank no later than April 1, 2015.
- iv. To obtain a new safe deposit box at Hastings City Bank no later than April 1, 2015, with Ruth Wineman and Marisa Derusha as authorized signers.

-Councilman Patrick made a motion to accept the four bank recommendations. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

B. Discussed the 3 year contract with Hometown Decoration and Display for 2015, 2016 and 2017. Chris Rumsey will contact them to clarify that DPW will be notified one week prior to the Christmas decorations being put up and one week before they are taken down. We would also like to see the decorations before they are installed.

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- i. Councilwoman Villanueva made a motion to table. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

C. Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan

- i. Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to appoint Marisa Derusha as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the MDOT Title VI Plan. Vote taken. All ayes carry.
- ii. Councilman Sheridan made a motion to accept the Village of Vermontville's updated Title VI Non-discrimination Plan. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

XII. Public Comment

- A. Jassen Dowling – last year's 5K had 160 participants. The later start time of 8:00 a.m. means more participants are staying for the festival.

- B. Councilman Patrick read his retirement letter.

Councilman Sheridan made a motion to go back to regular session. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

Re-entered regular meeting at 9:04 p.m.

XIII. New Business

- D. Councilman Sheridan made a motion to regretfully accept Councilman Patrick's resignation. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

- An ad will be placed in the newspaper advertising the open council position and requesting letters of intent.

- XIV. Adjournment - Councilman Sheridan made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Derusha
Village Clerk