

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
January 8, 2009**

Call to order at 7:03pm

Roll call –Sue Villanueva, Jeanette Schultz, Garry Patrick, Jason Sheridan, Mark Jorgensen and Doug Kelsey. Also present were Kay Marsh, Shirley Harmon, Monte O'Dell, Tom Williams and Jim Allen.
Absent-Abe French

Pledge to flag

Public Comment

Jim Allen from Tri-County Office on Aging was here to introduce the Meals on Wheels program and what it does for our community. Also the Senior Dine Card, which can be used at the Sugar Hut. He requested the village contribute \$343.00 toward the program for the year 2009 to help cover their projected deficit. Most municipalities do contribute, but some do it as a contractual service. Place under new business.

Patrick brought up situation with the Opera House and The Revue. He wishes that the council had known how bad things were getting, maybe we could have mediated or something. It was pointed out that the Township Board did have a fire inspection done last summer and the Revue was told to clean up 3 or 4 things and they had complied with some but not all, which affects safety and insurance coverage. Other council members expressed their concerns also, but without knowing the whole story it is a little hard to pass judgment on the situation.

Mike Hosey, Eaton County Commissioner entered the meeting at 7:20pm and urged the council to call him with any concern they might have. He also mentioned that the Eaton County Parks Dept. purchased a tract of land south of Vermontville which if a couple sections can be bought by other Counties, could be connected with the Rails for Trails up thru Grand Rapids.

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. 12-4-08
- B. Treasurer's report for December
- C. Bills for approval- 12-5-08 to 1-8-09

Patrick moved to approve the consent agenda items, excluding the Treasurer's report, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

Reports from Council Committees

None

DPW Report

2 water main breaks so far this season.

The Façade Grant process should start next month, also Dan Rose the engineer that we have worked with very successfully has acquired another position with another firm. Steve Luoma will be our new liaison with Wilcox Professionals.

Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

None

Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Building referrals- see attached chart for 2008 report

President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

None

Unfinished Business

Second reading for Ordinance amendment 09-01, motion to approve made by Jorgensen, seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

Second reading for Ordinance amendment 09 -02, motion to approve made by Jorgensen, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Second reading for Ordinance amendment 09-03, motion to approve made by Jorgensen, seconded by Schultz, all ayes.

New Business

Mail-MML training March 3rd and 4th – at 3 will be going on the third.

MERS letter received stating that rates will actually go down for Life and Disability insurance premiums for 2009. Thank you from Tom Williams.

Resolution to establish Sewer Rates for 2009-Motion by Jorgensen to approve Resolution, seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

Motion to place sheet of new bills (6 bills) made by Sheridan , seconded by Schultz, all ayes.

Motion to approve the payment of new bills from proper funds made by Jorgensen, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Treasurer's report presented with a change to the Payroll disbursements from 15,697.53 to 15,831.45 and the balance from 1,772.62 to 1,638.70. Motion by Jorgensen to approve, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Kay also asked council if now that the sewer is paid off, she could cash out the one account which is a savings passbook acct. of around 3,500.00 and add it to sewer receiving. Motion by Villanueva to allow, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

Meals on Wheels-Sheridan moved to pay \$343.00 to Tri -County Aging for Meals on Wheels out of Sewer cashed out savings account , seconded by Jorgensen. Kelsey pointed out that it is a worthy cause but it is too close to donating money and the council shouldn't set the precedence, but should make it a contractual agreement. Jorgensen moved to amend the motion by making it a contractual agreement between the Village of Vermontville and the Tri-County office on Aging, seconded by Schultz, all ayes.

Sheridan moved to approve, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

Public Comment

Tom Williams stated he was sworn in as a new member of the Board of Review for 2009.

Jorgensen brought up that Streets and Drains Committee will be working on the drain problem at 688 S Main, the parking lot signs will cost approximately 400.00 to 500.00, the 2 turn arounds will cost \$1,000.00 for both and received a request for a sign of no parking near fire hydrant on Sherman Street.

These topics will be on next months agenda.

Adjournment

Patrick moved to adjourn, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

Adjourned at 8:37pm

Shirley Harmon
Village Clerk

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