

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 5, 2009**

**1. Call to order – 7pm**

**2. Roll call** – Sue Villanueva, Jason Sheridan, Doug Kelsey, Jeanette Schultz, Abe French and Garry Patrick. Also present were Kay Marsh, Shirley Harmon, Monte O'Dell, Steve Luoma-engineer, Sandy Ponsetto and Kevin Root.

Absent- Mark Jorgensen

**3. Pledge to flag**

**4. Public Comment**

Harmon asked to add Fire Dept. request for resolution under new business .

**5. 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. 1-8-09

B. Treasurer's report for January

C. Bills for approval- 1-10-09 thru 2-6-09

Motion to approve consent agenda items made by French, seconded by Schultz, all ayes.

**6. Reports from Council Committees**

Streets Drains & Sidewalks- meeting on 1-22-09 minutes

Ordinance Committee

Fire Board

Building and Grounds

Water/Sewer-meeting 1-29-09-recommendation for new business

**7. DPW Report**

Received money from FEMA -one check for over 700.00 and another for over 4,000.00, for storm damage in June of 2008.

Meeting with Mark Shaurer -came away with more questions than answers. Steve Luoma was present to explain some of it. Projects must be ready for public inspection by March 15<sup>th</sup> and then a Public Hearing by April 30<sup>th</sup> so it can be presented to the DEQ by May 1<sup>st</sup>. It will cost between \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00 to have the engineers get it ready. What he is looking at is water main replacement on Fourth, Fifth, Elm and a small section on W Forest.

The recommendation from the Water/Sewer Committee is to go ahead with the project and spend the money up to 15,000.00 now and apply for the Stimulus money. Discussion on where money to come from ensued. Villanueva called the question to order. Villanueva moved to have the engineers do the work and apply for the stimulus money, with a transfer from General to Water to pay the fee up to the \$15,000.00. Motion seconded by Sheridan, ayes -5, nays-1(Patrick).

**8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards**

Planning Commission elected new officers, Chairman-Richard Dunham, Vice Chairman-Charlie Viele, Secretary-Esther Dunham.

**9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator**

Building referrals-none

Ordinance violations-a couple but most will have to wait for the snow to melt.

**10. President-Clerk-Treasurer Report**

RFP's for auditors ready to send out-clerk given the go ahead.

**11. Unfinished Business**

Contract from Tri-County Office on Aging presented, Patrick moved to approve the contract, seconded by French, all ayes.

Parking lot signs - 2 for lot behind hardware and 1 for Third Street . Patrick moved to approve the purchase of the signs to cost between \$450.00 - \$500.00, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

Villanueva moved to approve the lengthening of Sherman with a turn around at the end and the turn around at the end of Seminary (both thought to come to \$1,000.00), seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

NO--approval for no parking sign by fire hydrant on Sherman Street -\$50.00

President Kelsey presented appointments of Monte O'Dell as Street Administrator and Wellhead Administrator and Monte O'Dell and Shirley Harmon as Zoning Administrators. Villanueva moved to approve these appointments as presented, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

## **12. New Business**

Broadstripe notice of channel changes and new rates , Direct TV invitation and coupons , letter from Mika, Meyer, Beckett & Jones about the Stimulus Package and Eaton County's new pricing on maps for 2009.

Compilation agreement letter from Walker, Fluke & Sheldon presented for up to \$2,700.00, Kelsey directed to sign.

Tax tribunal--need a letter from the Village Council to the Township Board stipulating that we will settle for ½ of 2005 taxes back (878.22). Patrick moved to send the letter, seconded by French, all ayes. Discussion on Jorgensen's email stating that in the current economic climate he would like to see council pay roll back to 55.00 per month and that when he made the motion to approve the 5.8% COLA increase, he did not mean the council. Patrick moved to rollback the council pay per month to 55.00 as a good will gesture, hence forth, also the Presidents pay per month to 2008 level . Motion seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

The Vermontville Fire Department would like to hold a Texas Holdem Poker Tournament and have presented a Resolution for approval that is needed by the State of Michigan. Villanueva moved to approve the Resolution presented, seconded by French, all ayes.

## **13. Public Comment**

Kevin Root was present to explain his plans for the old grocery store. He still plans to put a grocery store back in but the going is slow, he needs to work on the floor but it takes money and that takes time. He would like to be allowed to start a salvage business in the back and basement to start raising the money needed. Council directed him to come see clerk to fill out the forms needed and to check on the zoning.

## **14. Adjournment**

Villanueva moved to adjourn, seconded by Sheridan , all ayes.

Adjourned at 9:17pm

Shirley Harmon  
Village Clerk

2/6/2009 9:30 AM