

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 2, 2009**

1. Call to order-7pm

2. Roll call – Sue Villanueva, Jason Sheridan, Abe French, Mark Jorgensen, Garry Patrick, Jeanette Schultz and Doug Kelsey. Also present were Kay Marsh, Shirley Harmon, Monte O'Dell, Cassie Hirness, Dave Duhaan of Walker, Fluke & Sheldon, Amy Jo Parish, Gene Fisher, Larry Trumble, Terry Samann and Bob Prater of Kelly Fuels.

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Gene Fisher-Maple Syrup Festival plans are coming along fine. He would like permission for the Grand Parade route for Saturday April 25th. Gene also mentioned that for next year (20th) they are planning to have fireworks.

Cassie Hirness-Car Show (Aug. 8th)- organizational meeting to be held April 15, 2009 at 6pm at Roadrunners.

Bob Prater from Kelly Fuels reported that they have put in a bid on the property at 122 Round Lake to hopefully expand their present business. The problem is that the property needs to be rezoned from residential to B1 -General Business. Council referred him to the Planning Commission on the 14th.

Clerk clarified on general bills that Consumers Energy is not upgrade just electric and that the time on the Engineering RFP meeting was not 7am but 7pm.

Doug clarified that the Raymer bill was for the labor on the check valves on pump 6 and that the check valves themselves were under warranty.

Correction to minutes 3-5-09 brought up by Abe French that he was present at that meeting and Mark brought forth that under number 6 the cost was \$3,000.00 with a contractor.

Larry Trumble questioned what is going on and had a decision been made. He insists on decision being made tonight.

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. 3-5-09

B. Treasurer's report for March

C. Bills for approval- 3-6-09 thru 4-2-09

Motion made by Villanueva to approve the consent agenda items with corrections, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Streets Drains & Sidewalks- working on signs for parking lots.

Ordinance Committee- violation letters were sent out and EC Deputies have gone to some of the violators. One violator is contesting that the ordinance for junk does not pertain to him because his property is a business. Villanueva moved to turn over to the Zoning Officers to handle, seconded by Jorgensen, ~~6 ayes and 1 nay (Schultz)~~ correction (7 ayes). Jorgensen also asked the clerk to send a copy of the Brush Policy with the brush violations.

Fire Board- Villanueva reported that she felt the Township is trying to do away with the Fire Board.

Building and Grounds-nothing

Water/Sewer-held meeting on 3-11th to set priorities list.

Engineering RFP's - meeting on 3-9th to form the RFP (see minutes) 12 out of the 14 have sent in bids.

Technology – Jorgensen reported that the program needed to scan and print the negatives found in the basement, would cost \$900.00. Mr. Miller would do 500 of negatives for \$700.00. Doug stated that he had talked to Mr. Miller and he is drawing up a letter proposal so that Doug can present it to the Historical Society for possible money.

7. DPW Report

Terry gave report on the need of Watermain Replacements in the village. The first priority is Round Lake Road (band aid alley) at a cost of around \$160,000.00. It is old and is needing more repairs. The second priority is West Forest/West Main, then North Main. Patrick asked Monte to call Dave Hulsebos and asked what price they are charging for that kind of work.

Monte explained more on the Raymer bill.

Monte requested that he or Terry go to the AWWA class on 4-16-09 on Piping, okay given.

Monte reported that the front end bushings on the backhoe are going bad and to replace will cost \$2,280.00.

The street sweeper was brought in to look at this past week. It is a 1997 Vac -all from the Bell Equipment Company for the price of \$50,000.00. It was pointed out that it doesn't just sweep streets but also vacs out storm drain basins and vac

leaves. Villanueva moved to purchase the sweeper since it was budgeted for and transfer the moneys needed from the appropriate funds. Motion seconded by Schultz, all ayes. Kay pointed out that this will leave us with a balance of 89,000.00 in general investments.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

None

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Building referrals -2 for 2009

Phone request from Mr. Bob Prater concerning possible zoning change for adjoining property to 495 E Main, a letter was sent.

Ordinance violations- see chart

10. President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

Doug reported about the Township meeting on their decision on 171 S Main tax tribunal case. The Township tabled the decision until next month.

The Assessor's office rental was brought up and whether the agreement was for just him or for other persons to use the office. Refer to Building and Grounds committee.

Clerk reported on a request for a Rebecca Benjamin to be on next months agenda and clerk suggested the meeting start at 6:30pm for her power point presentation.

11. Unfinished Business

Auditor contracts were looked at and discussed and there were some questions on travel time costs being included and also reports assembled.

Drain problem at 688 S Main – French moved to repair the problem as necessary and as affordable within \$3,000.00 (4foot catch basin and 12in tile). Villanueva seconded the motion. Jorgensen moved to amend the motion to dig it up and put in a 4foot catch basin and 12 in. tile into existing drain and if not let resident decide. Amendment seconded by Patrick. The vote on the amendment was roll call 6 ayes and 1 nay (Schultz). The vote on the first motion with the amending was roll call 6 ayes and 1 nay (Schultz).

The clerk could find no written policy on bill payments so Treasurer Kay Marsh directed to draw one up then present to the Council of the Whole. Marsh stated that it wouldn't be able to be done until May as she was going out of town for the rest of April.

The auditor contracts discussed again. Patrick moved to table for one month to allow to gather answers to the questions that the council have. The motion seconded by French, all ayes.

Engineering RFP'S 12 were received and now the committee will get together and go over and report back.

12. New Business

Mail- letter from attorney was received, MAM for Mayor Exchange with Beaverton, Tri-County Office on Aging thank you, thank you from Don Martin's family for flowers.

Consumers Energy legal case – Doug explained the email explaining that Consumers Energy is petitioning the state to let them discontinuing the rate discounts for pumping and street lights. Patrick moved to pay the amount of \$133.98, figured by the calculations in the email, to MML to join the class action suit, seconded by French, all ayes.

Jorgensen moved to allow the Grand Parade route for the Maple Syrup Festival 2009, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Jorgensen moved to give permission for the Maple Syrup Festival to hold fireworks in 2010 for their 70th anniversary, but to bring info back to council in January or February, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

13. Public Comment

Monte mentioned that there is going to be a meeting 4 -3rd at 9am for the Façade Grant.

Monte also mentioned that he can get a camera to put into the drain at 688 S Main to check out the drainage, told to do it.

Schultz brought up that a resident had complained to her about a driveway on Sherman Street and whether it is legal or not and the shed is also not complete (permit). Council informed her that the driveway has a permit and that the shed is on skids and actually portable so no permit is needed. Jeanette asked if the resident had been told this and the council told her yes at a meeting even.

Sheridan stated that we would have to look at raising water rates next year to start funding the projects that were prioritized just this month.

14. Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 9:41pm

Shirley Harmon - Village Clerk- 4/3/2009 1:55 PM