

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 7, 2009**

1. Call to order at 7pm

Rebecca Benjamin of Housing Services of Eaton County was present to give a presentation on the housing of the homeless in Eaton County and the steps that they are going to take to correct.

2. Roll call- Mark Jorgensen, Sue Villanueva, Jeanette Schultz, Garry Patrick, Jason Sheridan, Doug Kelsey, Kay Marsh. Also present were Monte O'Dell, Blair and Lorraine Miller, Lee Joppie, Gene Fisher and Rebecca Benjamin.
ABSENT-Abe French

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Gene Fisher- Syrup Festival went well and if the rain had held off they would have set a record year. There was one injury on a carnival ride (nothing very serious).

Jeanette-would like the minutes (4-2-09) removed from the consent agenda for correction.

Sue-mentioned about possible allowance of burning -refer to Ordinance Committee

Garry would like the Wilcox bill pulled from the bills for approval.

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. 4-2-09, 4-28-09

B. Treasurer's report for April

C. Bills for approval- 4-3-09 thru 5-7-09

Sheridan moved to approve the minutes from 4-28th, the Treasurers report and the bills (except Wilcox), seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Streets Drains & Sidewalks-Driveway restrictions (time limits) clerk requested meeting. Patrick moved to place a 90 day time limit on Driveway Permits with possible 90 day extension with reapplication, seconded by Sheridan, 4 ayes and 1 nay (Jorgensen).

688 S Main drainage problem - Sheridan thinks the council should decide if this will be the final fix to this problem or not. Sheridan moved that this is the final resolution to the drainage problem at 688 S Main, unless the performs more work in that area which directly causes more drainage problems. Seconded by Villanueva. Villanueva moved to amend the motion to include that in the 4-2-09 minutes where it said, drain to be the decision of the property owner, should include in the direction of flow of water to be in current storm drain or into creek adjoining the property, seconded by Jorgensen. The vote on both the motion and the amendment was 4 ayes and 1 nay (Schultz).

Ordinance Committee – brush policy refer to Ordinance Committee for possible changes.

Fire Board- Township has approved their Burning Permits and Regulations as policy not as an Ordinance as the paper reported. Patrick asked if the rumor that the Township Board is trying to do away with the Fire & Ambulance Board is true, Blair Miller explained that they are trying to establish how the board was formed and explore options like forming a Fire Authority and trying to save the Ambulance.

Building and Grounds-Office lease agreement-not an issue now as the Township has decided to move the Assessor down to the Fire Station after May 2009.
Kelsey brought up that he had gotten the price for 3 trees to replace the ones in the walk thru that have died. \$138.00 each tree plus \$100.00 each for planting, for a total of \$714.00. Villanueva moved to check the budget and if there are funds to purchase 3 trees, seconded by Schultz. Jorgensen amended motion to include the cost not to exceed \$720.00, seconded by Sheridan. Vote on amendment and original motion all ayes.

Water/Sewer
Engineering RFP's in old business

7. DPW Report

Monte reported on request by Patrick on the price of plastic pipe is 5.00 and ductile iron is 13.00 per foot.

Signs have been ordered for the parking lots at a cost of 247.40.

Monte requested that on the water bills Hydrant Flushing dates be typed.

New Grant application (CDBG) has been received and is being worked on.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

PC is waiting for plans from Mr. Prater of Kelly Fuels.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Building referrals –letter sent to 236 W Main for non compliance

Ordinance violations- see chart

Letter sent to 220 Round Lake for non compliance of Zoning Ordinance-outdoor storage and fence needed. Zoning Officers will have to take action next week.

10. President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

Clerk handed out copies of the Budget vs. Actual for the 1st quarter.

Clerk reported on the cut in Revenue Sharing payments, made by the Governor this week. The cuts shouldn't affect us too much because we budgeted only 70,000 and we should receive about 82,000 with cuts.

Clerk reported on receiving an application on Farmland from the County Clerk and that the Council was being asked to approve or disapprove the application, place under new business.

11. Unfinished Business

Auditor contract- the recommendation from the Council of the Whole meeting on 4 -28-09 is to approve the auditing firm of Berthiaume & Co. Sheridan moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Engineering proposals-Sheridan asked everyone to go over and meeting will be set up.

Mayor Exchange-Beaverton has not returned any phone calls that the clerk has made so Mayor Exchange will not be done this year.

12. New Business

Contract from Kenmark, Inc. (Christmas lights) - Villanueva moved to approve the 3 year contract with Kenmark for 1,540.00 per year, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

Letter from Michigan Works- waiting to see if this will work for the village or not.

Letter from Broadstripe on channel lineup change starting June 1st.

Letter from MML on the Consumer's Energy case, which we have joined, there is a meeting on Tuesday May 12th at 1:30pm and they would like an attendee from the village. Garry and Mark will go.

The application received from Eaton County by Mr. James Lilly, parcels #23-060-008-200-065-01 and #23-060-008-200-030-00 for Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program was moved to approve by Villanueva, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

Patrick moved to approve the minutes from 4 -2-09 with the correction of under section 6 vote to turn over to Zoning Officers as 7 ayes not 6yes and 1 nay. Seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

Villanueva moved to approve the payment of the Wilcox Professionals bill after review, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

13. Public Comment

Blair Miller mentioned about planting trees and protecting from deer eating them and gave ideas on different ways.

Sheridan asked for Council of the Whole meeting to decide on Engineering RFPs – May 14th at 7pm.

Patrick brought up that Treasurer was to make up a bill paying policy, she will have ready for 6 -4-09 meeting.

14. Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 9pm