

VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes
JUNE 4, 2009

Called to order at 7:03 pm

Present were Jeanette Schultz, Jason Sheridan, Garry Patrick, Mark Jorgensen and Doug Kelsey. Also present were Kay Marsh, Shirley Harmon, Monte O'Dell, Elaine Gardner and Lee Joppie.

Absent were Sue Villanueva and Abe French.

Pledge to flag

Public Comment

NONE

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. 5-7-09 and Council of the Whole 5-14-09 and 5-20-09
- B. Treasurer's report for May
- C. Bills for approval- 5-8-09 thru 6-4-09

Motion to approve the consent agenda items was made by Jorgensen, seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

Reports from Council Committees :

Streets Drains & Sidewalks – the committee recommends the adopting of the Driveway Permits Policy presented, seconded by Patrick. Jeanette pointed out that the policy is unenforceable with an ordinance. Kelsey stated that he would go along with the policy but also wants the attorney to draw up an ordinance in broad form to go with the policy. Vote – 4 ayes and 1 nay (Schultz).

Ordinance Committee – council went over the Ordinance Violation chart. Clerk brought up the problem of overgrown lawns and the possibility of the DPW mowing them and then the charge becomes a lien on the property. The committee is charged with bringing back info to the next meeting.

Open Burning – Jorgensen moved that starting July 6th there will be no more brush pickup, residents are to call the garage during normal business hours to have the lagoon opened for them to dump their brush. Also, the leaf pickup will continue in the fall during posted dates only at a cost of \$10.00 per month and winter storm damage brush will be picked up during the second week of April. Seconded by Sheridan, 4 ayes and 1 nay (Schultz).

Schultz motioned to repeal the No Open Burn Ordinance, seconded by Patrick. Discussion ensued on requirements to repeal ordinance. Vote was 4 nays and 1 aye (Schultz).

Patrick brought up about complaints on trucks using their Jake Brakes in the village and being in violation of the Noise ordinance. He would like a letter sent to the 2 companies that he had made note of, Citizen's and Build Masters. Clerk to send them.

Legal Committee – Patrick reported on the meeting held May 12th that was for the suit that 70 communities have joined together against Consumer's Energy. Cases must be heard within 6 months by the Michigan Public Service Commission or the rate increase goes thru automatically. Consumers has put in 6 rate increases within 12 months, (it takes 9 months to go thru one request), flooding the board so it will take them too long.

DPW Report

Monte turned in the copies of the survey done of East First Street right of way, since both properties on either side is for sale, along with the bill.

Monte reported on the two accounts where a line item was over budget. The Clerk had some items in the wrong accounts and with the monies that are supposed to be reimbursed the line items are under budget at this time.

Kelsey asked how the high Consumers Energy bill that the village received last month was resolved, Monte explained that the reading was wrong and instead of a 1,300.00 bill the bill was actually 300.00.

Monte reported that in April the village spent 1,859.00 to pick up brush and leaves.

Monte gave an update on the Grants.

Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

The Planning Commission has 2 members with appointments up, plus council member to be reappointed until 2011

The ZBA has 1 member at large that needs reappointing, plus the council member needs reappointing until 2011

Clerk to advertise for the at large members. Patrick moved to reappoint Jorgensen to the ZBA as council representative, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

Patrick moved to appoint Sheridan to the Planning Commission as council representative, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Building referrals see chart

Ordinance violations-see chart

President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

Kelsey advised the council and DPW that there seems to be an attorney calling and wishing to speak to them about the Civil Rights case filed with the Michigan Civil Rights Division, do not speak to them but inform the village attorney Scott Dwyer and he will handle. Clerk to email attorney info.

Harmon read the police report for April for the village.

Clerk also read invitation to the MTA Picnic (from the Township) on June 22nd at 6:30pm in the village park.

Unfinished Business

The Compilation Report has been received from Walker, Fluke & Sheldon and filed with the state.

Engineering proposals need to set up a meeting date to talk to the final five.

Non Recurring Bill Paying Policy was presented, moved by Jorgensen to approve, seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

Sign Auditor Contract – Doug signed as approved last month.

New Business

Mail-none

Sheriff's Contract-the contract is still in enforce as it states *with automatic renewal unless 60 day notice of cancellation given by either party.*

Talk of the \$150,000 needed for the new CDBG Grant that the village is trying for. After discussion the council is leaning toward the Installment Purchase Agreement with payments for only 15 years with a raise in readiness to serve charge on water of approximately \$3.27 per month. The Bonds would cost more and take longer.

Public Comment

Monte reported on the "No Student Left Behind" program from Michigan Works. The kids are paid 7.40 per hour and are covered for liability but they would have to work side by side with supervisor and not on their own. Council decided to inconvenient, so no.

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

Adjourned at 9:25pm

Shirley Harmon

Clerk

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