

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

1. Call to order 7pm

2. Roll call – Jeanette Schultz, Garry Patrick, Jason Sheridan, Mark Jorgensen, Sue Villanueva, Doug Kelsey. Also present were Kay Marsh -Treasurer, Judy Mohler-Deputy Clerk, Monte O'Dell-DPW Superintendent/Street Administrator, Shirley Harmon-Clerk, Amy Jo Parrish-MV News, Greg Wendorf-Vermontville Hardware, Richard Dunham-Planning Commission Chairman and Jim Miller-Miller Photographic.

Absent-Abe French

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Jim Miller – Summer fest-would like to block off Main Street between Main & Main and First Streets. Also, on July 11th he would like to have permission to take pictures in the park for “Biking for Granny”

Greg Wendorf-announced the Poker Run for Granny to be held on July 11th. He was also present to express his displeasure with the Façade Grant process, the engineers and the architect. Monte to send out a time line to the merchants and council. Monte will also schedule a meeting between Wilcox, council members and the merchants to discuss the concerns.

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. 6-4-09

B. Treasurer's report for May

C. Bills for approval- 6-5-09 thru 7-2-09

The motion to approve the consent agenda items but pull the minutes for 6-4-09 for corrections, made by Jorgensen, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Streets Drains & Sidewalks-Jorgensen moved to refund the driveway permit fee paid by Mr. Symonds and to notify him that the permit is not needed. The motion was seconded by Sheridan. Schultz asked why Mr. Symonds got the permit in the first place. Kelsey explained that the council had told him he needed one but after looking at the zoning ordinance it has been found that he does not need one. The vote was all ayes.

Ordinance Committee-letters have been sent twice for tall grass and she has been contacted by the owner of dilapidated building at 760 S Main and work is commencing.

Villanueva moved for the DPW to mow the tall lawns that need to be done per the Ordinance Committee. Sheridan seconded the motion. After discussion Patrick moved to amend the original motion with the initial cost of \$300.00 with additional 100.00 per hour for every hour after the first hour for each time needed. Motion seconded by Villanueva. The vote on the original motion—all ayes. The vote on the amended motion-all ayes.

Fire Board-is no longer a board but a committee.

Water/Sewer Sheridan reported that Patrick had gathered info on the numbers of homes empty and the effects on the water budget.

7. DPW Report

Grant CDBG for the water system has been applied for.

Sgt Aaron Brown of Eaton County Emergency Services has obtained Safety Vests for the Village and Fire Dept.

Monte reported that the 2 compound meters that were installed at 203 Third Street have been removed and Monte stated that the cost for those meters is \$3,304.16. The clerk was directed to send bill to the owner giving them 30 days to pay that price or the price might be more after that. If the meters are not paid for, the cost of them will be put on the tax roll next year.

Monte presented a free study available to study our Sewer rates. Council directed Monte to go ahead and have the study done.

Another program that is coming from Consumers Energy is the environmental change to LED lights. They will help us pay for the change; we should see savings in a couple of years.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Richard Dunham reported that letters have been sent out for the Public Hearing on Kelly Fuels rezoning request of 122 Round Lake, set for July 14th at 7pm.

The Planning Commission has 2 members with appointments up, only one letter of intent received. The ZBA has 1 member at large that needs reappointing, clerk advised to put in the paper again.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

No report

10. President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

President – Inquiry on 148 E Main-would like the council to consider putting an offer on the property for possible village office. He pointed out that the present office needs work and that the basement is really too damp for the records to be stored. If we don't consider purchasing the property and fixing it up then we should look into doing the work on the present building and getting the basement sealed. Patrick and Schultz would like clerk to set time with realtor to go thru.

Clerk-Record Retention revision-presented two revisions (Schedules 24 and 26) that have been made to the Records Management Handbook, which is what we follow for the retention of our records. The motion to adopt the new revisions made by Villanueva, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

11. Unfinished Business

Engineering proposals- Sheridan would like to set meetings to make the decision. July 16th –Engineer Search Committee at 7pm
7-21st and 7-23rd -7pm to 8:30pm Clerk to give each firm a 30 minute timeframe for a question and answer session.

12. New Business

Mail- letter from Township

Summer fest-Sheridan moved to close off the business district of S. Main from Firsts to Main and Main and the Parking Lot Motion seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Jorgensen moved to allow Miller Photography take pictures in the park on July 11th or July 18th if rain, for Biking for Granny, and he is liable for damages and trash. Motion seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

Different council members (Marsh for bill payment policy and county charging for tax bills printing costs, Kelsey for striking last sentence under Committee -SD&S and under DPW -strike both properties on either side and Schultz for striking -them-from under Ordinance Committee) presented changes to the Council meeting minutes of 6-4-09, Jorgensen moved to have clerk make changes and bring back to next meeting for approval. Motion seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

Villanueva brought up the Open Burning Ordinance, repealing it, told that since it was brought up last month she would need to get 2 other council members for support.

13. Public Comment

Schultz asked what the timeframe was on the turnarounds on Sherman and Seminary was. Told they should be done in about a month.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Patrick to adjourn, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes. Time 8:45pm
Shirley Harmon-Village Clerk 7/5/2009 7:27 PM