

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**November 5, 2009**

**1. Call to order 7pm**

**2. Roll call** – Garry Patrick, Mark Jorgensen, Jason Sheridan, Abe French, Sue Villanueva, Jeanette Schultz and Doug Kelsey. Also present, Kay Marsh -Treasurer, Shirley Harmon-Clerk, Monte O'Dell-DPW, Lee Joppie, Tom and Kelly Williams, Bill Hadlock -Engineer, Steve Shaughnessy and Deb Shaughnessy - Charlotte City Mayor.

**3. Pledge to flag**

**4. Public Comment**

Kelly Williams-received an ordinance violation letter expressed dissatisfaction and suggested need for new way to do letters. Put under new business.

Deb Shaughnessy was present to introduce herself as running for State Representative Rick Jones's seat in the Republican Primary in August.

**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. 10-8-09

B. Treasurer's report for October

C. Bills for approval- 10-9-09 to 11-5-09

Motion made by Garry Patrick to approve the consent agenda items above, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

**6. Reports from Council Committees**

Streets Drains & Sidewalks-meeting 10-13<sup>th</sup> –nothing yet

Ordinance Committee -nothing

Fire Committee -nothing

Building and Grounds-nothing

Water/Sewer-possible meeting next Wednesday

Legal- Doug Kelsey reported that the Civil Rights case has been dismissed and the tax exemption case in front of the Tax Tribunal has been denied.

Insurance – the Insurance committee recommended Meadowbrook Ins. Group, Blue Cross Community Blue Plan 15 and the use of a health benefit debit card. Vote as follows -ayes-Patrick, Sheridan, French, Jorgensen and Kelsey, Nays-Villanueva and Schultz.

Budget – 2010 presented for consideration

**7. DPW Report**

ICE Grant-is coming along on time. There are two businesses that have backed out and according to the contracts that they signed they still owe amounts \$370 to \$400, grant committee to meet 11 -24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to discuss.

The fire department will be getting new turn out gear.

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

The ZBA has 1 member at large that needs reappointing -letter of intent received from Dave Spencer. Doug Kelsey offered Dave Spencer for reappointment to the ZBA, Villanueva moved to approve, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

Planning Commission minutes for 9-8-09 were presented. Sheridan reported that the conditional zoning variance paperwork has been received from the attorney with Kelly Fuels and will be decided at Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting.

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

Building Referrals-there are 14 for the year

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

Doug Kelsey presented the new committee assignments for 2010, Villanueva asked to be removed from the Ordinance committee.

Clerk asked that if anyone had any questions on the new budget, to please ask as soon as possible to get correct answers, also that she and the Treasurer would have any budget amendments for this year ready for the next meeting. Also, training is available on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for all elected officials, please let clerk know as soon as possible.

#### **11. Unfinished Business**

none

#### **12. New Business**

**Mail**-MML training done in clerk report

Ordinance letter received by Tom and Kelly Williams -Abe French thought there should be a policy written on how ordinance violations are handled and letters sent, before any letters are sent again.

Mark Jorgensen moved that before any letters sent the Ordinance Chairman and one other must sign off and before violation turned over to Sheriff Dept. the Ordinance Chairman must sign off and the clerk be the contact with the Sheriff Dept. Motion seconded by Jason Sheridan, all ayes.

Jason Sheridan moved that the Ordinance Chairman is to sign all Ordinance Violation letters that are sent out, seconded by Abe French, all ayes.

#### **13. Public Comment**

Tom Williams mentioned that he would have appreciated a phone call to see if car was legal.

Sue Villanueva asked Monte if he was going to sweep the main streets again -answer is yes.

Doug Kelsey mentioned that Monte went to a meeting with Potterville and Dimondale about the chipper and the possibility of getting a new grant for one.

Garry Patrick moved to send a letter of apology to Tom and Kelly Williams , Abe French seconded, all ayes Doug Kelsey to draft letter on behalf of council.

#### **14. Adjournment**

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

Adjourned at 8:16pm

Shirley Harmon

Clerk

11/6/2009 11:35 AM