

**Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
Village Office, May 14, 2015**

- I. Called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Present: Councilwoman Sandra Hosey, Councilmen Mark Jorgensen, Jason Sheridan, Charles Viele; President Ruth Wineman; Absent: Councilwoman Sue Villanueva. Also present: Marisa Derusha, Eugene Fisher, Kathy Joppie, Steve Hayes, Britiney Rumsey, Chris Rumsey, Ann Samann, Kathy Sheldon CPA, and Diane Voelker.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Comment
- A. Eugene Fisher, Vermontville Maple Syrup Association – The 2015 festival was well attended. Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to allow the Syrup Association to hold the Syrup Festival the last full weekend in April 2016. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.
- B. Ann Samann, Vermontville Women’s Club – The Women’s Club would like to purchase a picnic table for the pavilion. Elsie Wolever would also like to purchase a picnic table in honor of Lloyd Wolever.
- Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to accept the Women’s Club’s generous offer to purchase two picnic tables for the village. The village will purchase the tables using our tax exempt status on the Women’s Club’s behalf and they will reimburse the village. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.
- C. Kathy Sheldon, CPA - Walker, Fluke and Sheldon – Presented council with the results of the Village’s 2014 financial audit. She gave a clean, unqualified opinion.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ALL ITEMS LISTED UNDER ITEM 6, 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 – April 9, 2015
- B. Bills for Approval – April 10, 2015 to May 14, 2015

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- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Four Months Ended April 30, 2015
- D. Treasurer Report

Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

VI. Reports from Council Committees

- A. Insurance/Legal/Finance – no report given.
- B. Water & Sewer – Meeting planned for Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

We would like to delay the well head protection plan for one year while we assemble a committee. We will focus on the Water Reliability Study which was supposed to be updated in 2012. It involves water hydrant flow tests.

- C. Grants – no report given.
- D. Ordinance – Committee needs to meet to discuss drones.
- E. Streets/Drains/Sidewalks –

1. The committee met on May 12, with Blair Ballou from the Eaton County Road Commission to discuss the road millage. We can sign an agreement that will give the village an additional 3.76% if returned by the end of the month. Added to New Business.
2. Independent Bank is going to put the ATM back inside the building but it has to be made ADA accessible. They will be adding a ramp to the building.
3. Street repairs added to New Business.

- F. Fire – no report given.
- G. Buildings & Grounds – The Village attorney, Mark Nettleton, has been looking at the Independent Bank building donation agreement and working to change the Use Restrictions. The bank would like to close June 1.
- H. Technology – no report given.

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- I. Health & Safety – The Eaton County Sheriff’s report shows 34 events in the village in April.
- J. Personnel – no report given.
- VII. DPW Report
 - A. Chris Rumsey received a water tower inspection quote of \$2,100 from Nelson Tank. The water tower was last inspected in 2010. There is also a leaky water valve on Third Street that can only be repaired when the tower is empty. Added to New Business.
- VIII. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards – no report given.
- IX. President Report –
 - A. New FOIA requirements effective July 1, 2015.
 - B. The ad for the open trustee seat will be placed in the County Journal if the price is comparable. We will appoint a trustee in June.
 - C. We will have a special meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Independent Bank donation agreement.
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
 - A. New FOIA requirements effective July 1, 2015. Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to allow Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones to prepare the updated FOIA policy. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.
 - B. We received a request to allow a WMU professor to capture and release birds at First St. ball. The village council has no problem with this, however, Maple Valley Schools owns this property.
 - C. Eaton County Road Commission agreement. Councilman Viele made a motion to accept the road commission agreement. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Roll call vote.

Yes: Hosey, Jorgensen, Sheridan, Viele, and Wineman.
No: none
Absent: Villanueva
Motion carried.

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D. Discussed road repairs. The work on Spring Street is finished. There is \$80,000 left in the budget to work on Second St, Maple St and West St. The Streets/Drains/Sidewalks committee recommends moving ahead with the Second Street repairs and Maple Street repairs using 2" asphalt overlay, including the Third Street water main break repairs, not to exceed \$60,000.

-Councilman Sheridan made a motion to accept the Street Committee's recommendation. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

XII. Public Comment

A. Kathy Joppie, Village Treasurer, has been contacting banks to see if one would be willing to come into the village. She asked the council if they would be willing to allow a bank to temporarily share the village office until it can get established, if needed. Council has no problem with this.

B. Steve Hayes, Maple Syrup Association, would like the syrup association to pay to pour a handicapped accessible concrete pad in the park for the new water fountain that is already at the garage.

Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to go back into the regular meeting. Councilman Sheridan seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

Re-entered regular meeting.

Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to let the Syrup Association pour a concrete pad and sidewalk, meet with the DPW Supervisor and Buildings and Grounds Chairman for final layout approval, and then let them replace fountain. Councilman Sheridan seconded. Vote taken. All ayes.

XIII. Adjournment

A. Councilman Viele made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Derusha
Village Clerk