

**VERMONTVILLE
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2007**

1. Call to order-7pm

2. Roll call- Mark Jorgensen, Garry Patrick, Jim Samann, Jason Sheridan, Beverly Sue Villanueva, Tom Williams and Doug Kelsey-President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present. Audience-Terry Samann, Theresa Spagnuolo-O'Dell, Monte O'Dell, Charlie Viele, Diane Patrick and Sandy Ponsetto.

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Charlie Viele stated that he felt the Council at fault because there was no vote taken on the Task Force. The costs were too high. He felt the only problem with Zoning was the setbacks.

Theresa Spagnuolo pointed out that she had put in many hours of typing without pay and the ZTF never contacted the attorney.

Sue Villanueva stated that she thinks the ZTF and Council did a good job.

Doug Kelsey thinks that the Council has rehashed this topic enough and that we should move ahead.

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. 12-7-06

B. Treasurer's report for December

C. Bills for approval 12-9-06 thru 1-4-07

***Motion to approve consent agenda items as presented.*

Patrick moved to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Ordinance committee-met 12-9-06

They discussed the job description for the Zoning Administrator. The committee recommends to council that we need to fill the two positions as soon as possible. So the timeline is to have the job descriptions ready for approval at the February meeting. Then advertise the two positions for two weeks with interviews to follow.

Jorgensen stressed the need to enforce the ordinances evenly. The way we approach the residents will go a long way in how the citizens respond to notices of violation.

Patrick would like to see a twice a year report required of how many properties that are cleaned up, in the job description.

Streets & Drains/Sidewalks-met 12-11-06-met and talked about Maple Street at the south end. At this point it is only 16ft wide but could be widened to 20ft without hindering the residents. Recommendations are to leave alone at this point and for the Zoning Officer to from now on get with the Street Administrator about the Driveway Permits.

Villanueva reported on the Fire Board - they have decided on a KME with a Spartan chassis for the new fire truck from the grant money (\$265,000).

7. DPW Report

Street light resolution –N Main-Patrick moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Samann, all ayes.

Letter from Wilcox requesting final payment to Wingspread, Inc. (\$5,000) to finish Project 2003

Motion to approve final payment to Wingspread in the amount of \$5,000.00 by Villanueva, seconded by Sheridan. Vote-ayes-Jorgensen, Sheridan, Patrick, Samann, Villanueva, Williams and Kelsey

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Job description for Zoning Administrator presented for review to be approved at February meeting.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

December report

10. Unfinished Business

Resolution for medical- Resolution presented by Kelsey, motion to approve by Williams, second by Patrick, all ayes.

11. New Business

Mail-EATRAN letter and meeting dates

Tal Gearhart-President of Maple Valley Athletic Boosters - Resolution for recognition as nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Motion for approval of resolution by Villanueva, seconded by Williams, all ayes.

Village office update- Doug did not get proposed property appraised because all fees were way too high. Doug would like B&G committee to meet with attorney about financing possibilities. Patrick moved to have attorney meet with the B&G committee next week, seconded by Sheridan. All ayes.

12. Public Comment

Patrick stated that one business owner had complained that one business on Main street had 5 or 6 vehicles parked on Main street for all day. Clerk requested to send letter to business owners with ordinance 46.1 on Parking.

Kelsey mentioned that one month ago he had a member from Community Assistance Team come in and review the downtown area. Meeting in Grand Rapids, Feb. 2nd, on grants, (Doug, Kay, Garry and Monte).

Villanueva mentioned about decorating the tree in park for Christmas. She would like to have Monte contact Consumers about an electric box near it.

13. Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 8:24pm

Shirley Harmon
Village Clerk