

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 10, 2008**

**1. Call to order- 7pm**

**2. Roll call-** Abe French, Mark Jorgensen, Garry Patrick, Tom Williams and Doug Kelsey- President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present. Audience-Monte O'Dell  
Absent Beverly Sue Villanueva and Jason Sheridan

**3. Pledge to flag**

**4. Public Comment**

**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. 12-6-07/Public Hearing 12-6-07
- B. Treasurer's report for December
- C. Bills for approval 12-7-07 to 1-10-08

Motion to approve consent agenda items as presented by Jorgensen  
Seconded by Williams. Vote all ayes – no nays.

**6. Reports from Council Committees**

Technology Committee-

Patrick reported that the agreement with IT Technique is finally done and signed. Clerk contacted them to remind IT Tech that we haven't received a payment since the first quarter of last year and that they needed to get caught up to date.

Patrick reported that Broadstripe (Millennium Digital) agree with the \$100.00 a month lot rental but they want the term of the lease agreement to coincide with the franchise agreement for 10 years. After discussion that the term was too long with no changes, Jorgensen moved that the base amount per month would be \$100.00 but to be reviewed every 3 years (of the 10 year agreement) and amended based on COLA. Williams seconded the motion, all ayes.

Grants Committee- Façade Grant progress

Monte reported that the Architect and Engineer are talking with the business owners and finalizing the drawings and amounts so the Notice of Intent can be filed by the end of January.

**7. DPW Report**

Monte presented the resolution for a street light upgrade in front of 121 Eastside Dr. for the cost of \$100.00.

Jorgensen moved to approve the upgrade, seconded by French, all ayes.

The CBDG grant for \$925,000 is almost complete. As soon as the sub-contractors all sign off then the final retainage will be paid.

If the village were to run new water main down Forest St. it would cost \$39,000.

In the 2008 budget the Village budgeted 16,480.00 to chip seal Spring St. Eaton County's bid come in under budget at \$11,200.00. Jorgensen moved to approve the bid from Eaton County for \$11,200.00 to chip seal Spring St., seconded by Williams, all ayes.

Monte presented two bids for the project of the sewer lagoons piping repair . Mead Bros. at 11,500.00 and Gardner & Hulsebos at 9,600.00. Each bid plus the piping cost of 3,355.00 would make up the total project cost. Williams moved to approve the bid from Gardner & Hulsebos for \$9,600.00, seconded by French, all ayes. Total project cost to be \$12,955.00.

Jason Sheridan entered meeting at 7:20pm

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

Schedule of Fees- still being reviewed.

Terms of appointment are up for Esther Dunham and Richard Dunham. Richard would like to be reappointed. He is to present a letter of intent at next meeting.

The Planning Commission would like to recommend to Council to erect signs at the four main entrances to the village stating you are now entering a zoned community. Jorgensen moved to refer to committee.

Need to advertise for new ZBA member (David Spencer has been deployed to Iraq for the next year at least) Jorgensen moved to thank Mr. Spencer and wish him good luck, and to go ahead and advertise for new member. Seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

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

Building referrals report- there were no new referrals-we closed 2007 with 10 referrals

#### **10. Unfinished Business**

Michigan Back Roads web site-\$300.00 for 1yr- Jorgensen moved to NOT renew agreement with MBR web site, seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

Training-anyone interested- Doug Kelsey and Mark Jorgensen

Sheridan asked what progress there was on Amore Springs, Doug told him that Mr. Shaw had called and said that there were some changes yet with the site plan and asked for a 14 day extension.

#### **11. New Business**

**Mail- none**

Committee assignments- see committee chart for 2008

Jorgensen moved to appoint Sue Villanueva as President Pro Tem again, seconded by Sheridan, Patrick moved to appoint Williams-no support. Jorgensen moved to close nominations. Vote-all ayes.

#### **12. Public Comment**

Sheridan mentioned the break-ins of late and the whole council expressed their anger that this is happening in our village and will help to prosecute the offenders to the fullest extent of the law. Patrick requested the Sheriff come to our next meeting.

Marsh presented a Tax Tribunal decision on a tax refund.

Patrick expressed a heartfelt welcome to Abe French to the Council.

Kelsey mentioned that the Township might be asking for the new Assessor to hold hours at the Village Office.

#### **13. Adjournment**

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

Shirley Harmon  
Clerk