

VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2007

1. Call to order at 7:03pm
2. Roll call- Mark Jorgensen, Garry Patrick, Jim Samann, Jason Sheridan, Doug Kelsey. Kay Marsh and Shirley Harmon present also. Audience -Sandy Ponsetto, Monte O'Dell, Diane Patrick and Don and Ester Martin.

Beverly Sue Villanueva entered at 7:04pm

3. Pledge to the flag.

Doug Kelsey presented a plaque to Don Martin for his 18 years of service to the village as a Council person.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Consent agenda items

Motion by Patrick to approve consent agenda items as presented -minutes of 1-4-07, Treasurer's report for January – USDA unpaid principal of 45,000.00(sewer), bills for 1 - 5-07 thru 2-1-07 – compilation agreement W, F&S signed and returned. Seconded by Samann, all ayes.

6. Reports from Council Committees

B&G met with attorney Mark Nettleton about possible funding ideas for work on a new village office or on the existing one. Al White, Eaton County Building Inspector, came and inspected the existing office building and found it to be in not so bad shape. There is no way to insulate the roof more and it needs to have the siding removed and wrap with insulation and vinyl siding applied. Patrick would still like a second opinion. Kelsey stated that he had talked to the Township Supervisor-Russ Laverty and they would be interested in a joint building. Villanueva moved to have a meeting between the B&G and the Township to discuss ideas. Seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

Wage committee met to discuss the Zoning Administrator pay and recommends the council add \$1,000.00 to the salary and make it a salaried position, to be paid quarterly, also for Monte and Shirley to do the duties of Zoning Administrator until one can be appointed. Jorgensen moved to allow Monte and Shirley to act as ZA as interim until new one appointed, seconded by Villanueva. All ayes.

Sheridan moved to add \$1,000.00 to the salary and make it a salaried position, to be paid quarterly for the appointed position of Zoning Administrator. Seconded by Villanueva, all ayes. Jorgensen moved until ZA appointed that Monte and Shirley be paid the ZA salary, prorated, and split 50/50. Seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

Kelsey reported that he is waiting on the Eaton County Sheriff Department to contact him with a monetary proposal for doing the Code Enforcement Officer job. They had expressed interest in it.

Villanueva reported that the fire truck is being built at this time.

Villanueva also reported that a citizen had a house fire a week back and would like to place a trailer on his property while working on his house or rebuilding. Sue presented a Resolution for approval, granting property owner of 155 Fifth St. to place a trailer on his property, hooked to the water/sewer, for the period of six months. Seconded by Samann, all ayes.

7. DPW Report

Monte reported that there had been a problem with a West First St. sewer drain that had been fixed last week, he called in D & J Excavating of Olivet to help and was very impressed with their work. Monte would like to have permission to call them for water/sewer main breaks if needed. Samann moved to allow DPW to call D&J Excavating for breaks, seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

Also, since the drain problem was the village's fault the property owner at 285 W First would like to have the village pay for the plumbers. Monte requested the village pay the bill.

Jorgensen moved to pay the plumber bill (Drain Doctor) of \$817.00 out of sewer. Seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

February 9th at 1pm is set for the 2007 Grant bid opening.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Sheridan reports that the Planning Commission is now starting the Master Plan review.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

10. Unfinished Business

Job description for Zoning Administrator presented for approval. Jorgensen moved to approve the description with the addition of ZBA to number 8. Seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Sheridan moved to advertise for the ZA position, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

Jorgensen would like to make sure that it is clear that the position is for 1 year, appointed, and must meet all council and village employees, he would recommend a letter of engagement.

Letter from Township on ownership of the Opera House. Jorgensen moves to table the topic until the village attorney can look it over with a recommendation back. Seconded by Samann, all ayes.

11. New Business

Motion needed to balance the General budget -2007- In adding up the expenses the amount of \$4,000.00 was not added in so that left it unbalanced, plus the adding \$1,000.00 to the salary of the ZA. So to balance the General budget – Villanueva moved to delete from expenses 101 -971 CD Investments to 0.00, add to expenses 410-702 ZA salary \$1,000.00 and add to income 000 -971 Cashed CD \$4,661.00. Seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

Kay would like to invest money from Local and Major, \$40,000.00, council approved.

Doug brought up a citizen's concern of snowmobiles on the sidewalks, it is a misdemeanor under the Uniform Traffic Code 750 -419, call the police.

12. Public Comment

none

13. Adjournment

Jorgensen moved to adjourn, seconded by Sheridan. All ayes.

Adjourned at 8:27pm.