

**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2006**

**1. Call to order -7:03PM**

**2. Roll call-** Don Martin, Garry Patrick, Jim Samann, Charlie Viele, Sue Villanueva, Tom Williams and Doug Kelsey-President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present. Audience-Sandy Ponsetto, Monte O'Dell, Nikki Lennox, Jason Sheridan, Mark Jorgensen, Carleen Samann and Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Root.

**3. Pledge to flag**

**4. Public Comment**

Jason Sheridan explained that he now would like to withdraw from the ZBA and be appointed to the Planning Commission.

**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 – 2-2-06

B. Treasurer's report for February

C. Bills for approval 2-3-06 thru 3-2-06

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

Motion to approve by Don Martin 2 nd by Tom Williams

Vote: y- Martin, y- Patrick, y- Samann, y- Viele, y- Villanueva, y- Williams, y- Kelsey

**6. Reports from Council Committees**

Zoning Task Force next meeting 3-15-06 at 7pm

Water/Sewer meeting 3-8-06 at 9am

**7. DPW Report**

Bathroom rental on E First Street ball field-has a decision been made as to deposit fee? Sue Villanueva moved to charge \$100.00 deposit for the use of the East First Street ball field bathroom, which will be returned if the bathroom is left in the same condition as it was rented. Jim Samann seconded the motion. Garry Patrick moved to amend the original motion by adding for the renter to donate to the toilet paper supply, seconded by Tom Williams.

Doug Kelsey called for a vote. Motion passed. Then original motion as amended – all ayes.

Terry to go to class for Wastewater Operator (\$225.00-March 7-9)

Trees will be ordered by next month, from Montcalm County.

The green pick up truck needs fixing and it was put into the budget - Monte has received 3 bids

Woodland Auto Body-\$3,504.00

Lea's Auto Body-\$3,636.00

Eaton Auto Body- \$4,517.00

Jim Samann moved to approve Woodland Auto Body for the job, seconded by Charlie Viele. All ayes.

The tree guards for downtown have been ordered.

Monte has worked a good deal for the trash receptacles, and benches for downtown the price will be \$9,713.00 and we will install ourselves.

Doug mentioned that ABBA Bonding Co has signed the agreement between the Village, Wingspread and ABBA.

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

Job description for Zoning Officer -not done yet.

Minutes from Planning Commission meeting presented.

Appointment to ZBA- Kim Rodriguez has submitted a letter of intent. Doug put Kim forward for

appointment to the ZBA, Sue Villanueva moved to approve, seconded by Jim Samann. All ayes. Doug put forth appointment of Jason Sheridan to the Planning Commission. Motion to approve by Tom Williams, seconded by Don Martin. All ayes.

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

February report

Sidewalk permit for 131 S Main- Nikki requesting the Council's approval on this particular sidewalk permit because of the nature of request. Greg Wendorf of the Vermontville Hardware requests putting a race car or two on the sidewalk in front of his store on April 1<sup>st</sup> 10am to 3pm. Doug stated village would require a tarp underneath cars. Garry Patrick moved to approve the sidewalk permit for that one day for the Hardware. Seconded by Charlie Viele, 6 ayes and one abstained (Tom Williams-his car).

182 S Main-resolution to continue demolition-strike from agenda, not necessary per village attorney (Dietrick)

### **10. Unfinished Business**

Web Site is up and running – need profiles of Tom, Sue and Nikki yet  
vermontville-mi.gov

Doug commended Carleen Samann for her work on the web site

### **11. New Business**

Mail – County Clerk-elections-Clerk to have non-partison petitions for circulating on April 1<sup>st</sup> and they are to be returned to Sharon Stewart by May 16<sup>th</sup>. Not less than 6 and not more than 10 signatures.

Clerk and Ordinance Officer request to go to classes-DDA and Ordinance writing. Charlie Viele moved to approve both to go, Sue Villanueva seconded. All ayes.

Millennium Digital approval to merge with new company, Sue Villanueva moved for the village to sign their form and return. Seconded by Charlie Viele, all ayes.

Letter from Township on Opera House ownership – Building and Grounds to check into and bring back to next meeting.

Kay Marsh wanted to bring up that she thinks the Council needs to be more cautious in spending the Village's money. We are having to cash a CD for \$60,000.00 (of the \$250,000.00 in CD's) this month just to pay bills in general. Garry would like to commend the budget committee for coming up with a balanced budget when so many municipalities can't.

### **12. Public Comment**

Jason Sheridan would like to ask everyone to go to the School Board meeting to get info on the millage request that the school is requesting.

Kevin Root explained his plans for his building at 182 S Main, he wants to finish demolition, fill in the basement and put a cement pad down and then put a 16x32 roof over the cement floor and leave the front facade. He will have to go to the Planning Commission meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Monte would like to commend Kay for good investing for all these years so that the village is in such a good position.

Doug informed the council that we have submitted two grant applications to the CBDG. One for the completion of the block of S Main between First street and Second street. The amount of \$400,000.00 with a match of \$75,000.00. The second grant app is a 7 phase grant the first part is to replace 3 miles of 60 year old water mains and then do the streets those mains are on and the last phase would curb and gutter those streets. The amount of grant is 3.3 million with a match of \$150,000.00. Hopefully we will be lucky.

### **13. Adjournment**

Moved by Garry Patrick to adjourn and seconded by Jim Samann. All ayes.

Adjourned at 8:25pm