

**VERMONTVILLE
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2007**

1. Call to order- 7:00PM

2. Roll call- Garry Patrick, Jim Samann, Jason Sheridan, Tom Williams and Doug Kelsey- President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present . Audience-Monte O'Dell, Terry Samann, Sandy Ponsetto, Deputy Brian Peacock and his daughters.
Absent- Mark Jorgensen and Beverly Sue Villanueva

**3. Pledge to flag
PUBLIC HEARING**

Water Ordinance amendment 07-01

Patrick moved to recommend approval of an
ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 1 VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM,
SUBSECTION 6 DISCONTINUING SERVICE

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF SECTION D. SECTION 1.6D OF ARTICLE 1 OF
THE VILLAGE OF VERMONTVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES IS HEREBY
AMENDED TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION, SUBSECTION D, TO READ IN ITS
ENTIRETY AS FOLLOWS:

D. Water shutoffs and turn-ons will only be done during normal business hours, except for emergencies. Payments are to be made during normal business hours also.
Seconded by Samann, all ayes.

Williams moved to return to regular session, seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

4. Public Comment

Kay brought up that Mr. Barlow had called again about the property on the E Fourth St. right of way. She informed him that he needed to go to the tax tribunal to see if he could get it straightened out.

Deputy Peacock presented a proposal for the Eaton County Sheriff Dept. to do the Ordinance Code Enforcement for the Village. He thinks that \$2,900.00 would do it. The council directed him to check about rolling the summer patrol in with the code enforcement. He is to come back next month.

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. 2-1-07
- B. Treasurer's report for February
- C. Bills for approval 2-2-07 thru 3-1-07

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

Patrick moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Sheridan, 4 ayes and 1 abstained.

6. Reports from Council Committees

B&G-- meeting with Township-set up meeting the first two weeks of April.

7. DPW Report

The poles have been moved from the East side to the West side of South Main, between First and Second.

Almost ready to do a final draw on the \$1,000,000 grant.

Resolution for Consumers Energy to remove two street lights on South Main between First and Second. Moved by Patrick to approve, seconded by Williams, all ayes.

The backhoe broke down, with the less Sulfer content in fuel, it tends to seize up older equipment.

Monte would like to purchase some trees again, 10 Sugar Maples at 7.00 each and 4 Red Maples at 8.00 each. Williams moved to purchase trees at a cost of 102.00, seconded by Samann, all ayes.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Planning Commission is working on the Master Plan.

Also, Jason presented a change to the Zoning Ordinance that they are going to recommend.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Personnel committee meeting for ZA interview , meeting set for Thursday 3-8-07 at 6pm

10. Unfinished Business

Need motion to approve the water ordinance amendment 07 -01 from the public hearing concerning 1.6D Discontinuing Service

Motion to approve recommendation from public hearing made by Patrick, seconded by Samann, all ayes.

Opera House property-Patrick moved to ask the Township to have an official title search done, with notification of process to Gerald Kent, Williams seconded, all ayes.

11. New Business

Awarding of Grant 2007 contract

Motion to approve the awarding of contract to Mead Brothers Construction of the 2007 Grant Project in the amount of \$254,997.87 made by Williams, seconded by Samann, all ayes.

Revised Investment Policy

Clerk explained the reason for the change in the Investment Policy, it was driven by Independent Bank because if the Treasurer couldn't do her duties they needed someone to be authorized to handle the money of the Village. Motion to approve revision of who is authorized for contact with bank for village monies made by Patrick, seconded by Samann, all ayes.

Annexation of Lagoons to Village-Not really sure why the Lagoon property was never annexed before but we have now started the process of doing so. A Resolution and letter has been sent to the Township for approval then the Village Council will have to approve a similar resolution and then the two resolutions plus a petition must be sent to the Eaton County Board of Commissioners for approval.

March is National Reading month and Kelly Martin, a fifth grade teacher from Maplewood came in to ask individuals to volunteer 20 minutes of their time to read to the classes at the school. Individual council members are to call the school and set up a time.

12. Public Comment

Williams asked if he could have permission to have a photo shoot, in front of the Monument, with his race car. Council approved with conditions that the ground would have to be hard and he put down a tarp.

13. Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 8:50pm

Doug Kelsey-President

Shirley Harmon-Clerk