

**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 6, 2006**

1. Call to order -7:01pm

2. Roll call- Don Martin, Charlie Viele, Beverly Sue Villanueva, Tom Williams and Doug Kelsey- President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present. Audience- Theresa and Monte O'Dell, Mark Jorgensen, Wilbur Marsh, Brad Holton, Jason Sheridan, Gene Fisher, Nikki Lennox, Kelly Williams and Sandy Ponsetto.

Absent-Jim Samann and Garry Patrick

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

M. Jorgensen request Youth Football to be put on the agenda.

Sue asked to be added to #8

Clerk asked to add bills to new business.

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 – 3-2-06

B. Treasurer's report for March

C. Bills for approval 3-3-06 thru 4-6-06

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

Motion to approve –Don Martin 2nd –Tom Williams Vote: y- Martin, y- Viele, y- Villanueva, y-Williams, y- Kelsey

6. Reports from Council Committees

Recommendation from Building & Grounds on the Opera House ownership-letter sent to Township asking for more clarification as to who owns it, whether by attorney or a professional (title search) so we are just waiting on the township.

7. DPW Report

Hydrant flushing- April 17th thru 19th

Brush pick up-done April 11th

Trash receptacles and park benches are in and will be installed hopefully by Syrup Festival.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Job description for Zoning Officer not done yet, Doug asked that it be given priority.

ZBA no report

Progress report from Zoning Task Force finished and presented, Doug charged the Planning Commission to go thru requested revisions and then present recommendation back to Council in 30 days.

Sue moved to have the preamble to be put in form of Ordinance to be reviewed and adopted at public hearing and the next Council meeting. Seconded by Don Martin, all ayes.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

March report presented.

10. Unfinished Business

Patrol contract with Eaton County to be signed-motion to sign by Tom Williams,

seconded by Charlie Viele. Vote all ayes.

Petitions available for council positions –last date May 16th

Attorney selection- three candidates- Robert Dietrick of Charlotte, Mika, Meyers & Beckett of Grand Rapids and Melvin S. McWilliams of Lansing

The Legal Committee asked the applicants to submitted additional information, their blended rates and if we used a retainer rate what they would charge. Robert Dietrick is in the Hospital and could not respond to this request. Motion by Charlie Viele to table until next months meeting, 2nd by Sue Villanueva. All ayes.

11. New Business

Maple Valley Little League- sponsor advertisements put up on the fences- Mr Sheldon or other member- no one showed up.

Mail – Eaton County Brownfield info meeting on 4-13-06 to identify potential sites.

Syrup Festival- all is coming together. Gene Fisher reported that sap was sweet this year and 183 gallons were yielded.

Gene asked permission to have the Grand Parade next in 2007. Sue moved to allow the Grand Parade in 2007, seconded by Don Martin, all ayes.

Mark Jorgensen requested permission for the Youth Football to park motorcycles on ballfield one on Sunday of Syrup Festival Weekend, and if the Maple Valley wrestlers don't ask for Saturday they would like that day also. Sue Villanueva moved to grant permission for parking seconded by Tom Williams. All ayes. Clerk to let Mark know about Saturday.

Clerk presented additional bills for payment. Moved to pay from proper funds by Charlie Viele, seconded by Don Martin. 4 ayes and 1 nay (Sue).

12. Public Comment

Ready for audit the week of April 25th thru 27th

Clerk asked if grading would be done in walk thru next to stage and Monte assured Council that C&D Hughes would be back in to do that.

Theresa asked who could contact the attorney, Doug explained that in the Council Rules and Procedures it states that only the President or Clerk or someone else with prior permission.

Clerk was asked if Mayor Exchange pairings had been done, informed today that this year is with Bloomingdale.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Don Martin , seconded by Charlie Viele. All ayes.

Time 7:58pm

Doug Kelsey-President

Shirley Harmon-Clerk