

**VERMONTVILLE
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2007**

1. Call to order-7:01pm

2. Roll call- Mark Jorgensen, Jim Samann, Jason Sheridan, Tom Williams, Beverly Sue Villanueva and Doug Kelsey-President, Shirley Harmon. Audience-Sandy Ponsetto, Gene Fisher, Terry Samann, Monte O'Dell, Kurt Willis(623 Allegan), Susan Nelson(575 Allegan) and Heath Dickinson(601 Allegan).
Garry Patrick entered meeting at 7:07pm

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Susan Nelson stated that she and neighbors were present to complain about their property taxes being too high, need for sidewalks and speed signs and why if they pay village taxes they can't get the amenities that other village residents have. Like a regular sewer system and natural gas. Council guided her to the Board of Review in July or if not satisfied then to the State Tax Tribunal. Monte to check with the Eaton County Road Commission on the sidewalks and signs since it is a County Road. Monte will contact Consumers Energy and have them outline to the residents steps about getting natural gas. As for the sewer the village doesn't have the money right now to change them from the grinder pod system to a regular lift station in their area.

Clerk added items to agenda.

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. 3-1-07
- B. Treasurer's report for March-NOT AVAILABLE
- C. Bills for approval 3-2-07 thru 4-5-07

Motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented made by Williams, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

6. Reports from Council Committees

B&G-- meeting with Township and Copy of letter to Township from attorney

Williams reported on the meeting with Township, it went well and both entities are now checking on their finances to do the possible project.

Clerk stated that the township is now in the process of getting a copy of Mr. Kent's papers and survey for the attorney's to look at on the Opera House property.

Streets & Drains & Sidewalks

Jorgensen reported on Elm Street condition, the committee is waiting on prices to come in but we will probably grade it and slurry seal it this year.

Insurance

Recommendation to approve new medical ins. thru MERS with savings of about \$98.00 per month with the addition of vision coverage, which the other company had dropped off without notice, was made by the insurance committee. Motion made by Williams, seconded by Samann. Question put forth to the DPW if they were satisfied with this new insurance and they answered in the affirmative. Vote of all ayes.

Sue gave report on the new fire truck that it should be done by the end of August.

Sue was asked if the Ordinance Committee had done anything to report on and she replied that since the contract with the Sheriff Dept. wouldn't be in effect until after next meeting in May, they would go around next week and have the clerk send out any notices that were needed.

7. DPW Report

Final payment on First Grant has been sent in to the state, then that project will be finished.

Monte reported that we will be getting the speed trailer for use around town this spring and summer will arrive April 12th. This will show the speed habits of the citizens within the village.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Jason reported that the Planning Commission has just about finished going over the Master Plan and will when finished bring it back to the Council for review. Doug asked if there was any more ZTF recommendations still coming and was told that they would be worked on after the Master Plan done.

Mark reported for the ZBA, new officers were chosen, Chairman -Brad Holton, Vice Chairman Jeff Seavolt and Kim Rodriguez-Secretary. They have also approved their by-laws.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Reports for Zoning and Ordinances from 2005 & 2006, Doug pointed out that the clerk had made up the 4 reports in one day for the use of the Sheriff Dept. and new Zoning Admin.

Zoning Administrator position not filled yet. Mr. Lippert who the committee was leaning toward had withdrawn his resume. The ad has been rerun in the MV News. Monte and Shirley to continue doing the position until further notice.

10. Unfinished Business

Annexing of Lagoon property—Motion to adopt the Resolution #07-02 approving the form of the petition and direct that the petition be filed with the Eaton County Clerk for consideration by the Board of Commissioners, made by Williams and seconded by Villanueva. Vote of all ayes. Clerk reported that the Township had already approved their Resolution.

11. New Business

Mail- letter from Vermontville Library on the Author Karl Bohnak being at the library on April 15th at 2pm and they were inviting the Council to attend.

The attorney sent back a revised agreement for IT Technique, Monte charged with contacting Micah Steed to finish the corrections on the water tower and the Tech Committee will meet with Micah Steed to go over the agreement.

Letter from the Maple Valley Little League requesting to use the ballfields on First St. and Third/Elm from mid April to the end of June for games. Villanueva moved to approve with school permission also, seconded by Samann, all ayes.

Syrup Festival-Gene Fisher reported on concerns with rides not leaving a wide enough path for the parade so they are going to try putting the kiddie rides on Eastside Dr. and the slide on Main. Jorgensen moved to allow the Syrup Festival parade of 2008 to use the Main St. Seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Letter from wrestlers for parking on ball-field for 4-28th, Jorgensen moved to allow the Wrestlers to park motorcycles there with permission from the school and notice of any damage to be repaired. Seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Mayor Exchange – Constantine- go there on May 23rd and they come here on 30th

12. Public Comment

Monte pointed out the cost of the repair of the sewer pump was only 3207.00 divided by 26 years come to 123.35 a year cost

13. Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 8:34pm
Shirley Harmon
Clerk