

**VERMONTVILLE
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
JUNE 7, 2007**

1. Call to order- 7pm

2. Roll call- Mark Jorgensen, Jim Samann, Jason Sheridan, Tom Williams, Beverly Sue Villanueva and Doug Kelsey-President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present. Audience- Patty, Melissa and Mikala Musser, Eric and Marilyn Wright, Jim and Angela Remsing, Monte O'Dell, Lt. Jeff Campbell and Sheriff Raines and Sandy Ponsetto.

Absent-Garry Patrick

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Sheriff Raines was present to announce the sub station idea. An Eaton County Sheriff car will be housed here in Vermontville at the garage, along with uniforms and computer. That way an officer can just come here to suit up and do patrol of the west side of the county.

Jeff Campbell is the head of the road patrols and thinks this will work well with our extra patrols for ordinances and summer patrols.

Melissa Musser was present to address the ordinance violation letter that she had received for her pot belly pig. She had papers from the internet "How to win a zoning case" for pot belly pigs.

Angela Remsing said she is Ms. Musser's neighbor and that the pig squeals, gets loose and defecates in her yard. She had a movie camera for evidence. She also had papers from the USDA web site listing pot belly pigs as farm animals. She also complained of a rock garden in the right-of-way which she claims is dangerous because the rocks are pointy and the points are up.

Patty Musser stated she had put in the rock garden because her neighbors were driving on her right-of-way. As to the date of the pig getting loose, her grandson had left the pen gate open.

Much discussion ensued, finally clerk was asked to call attorney for his opinion.

Patty Musser asked about a privacy fence. She was told that would be one solution and would have to check the Zoning Ordinance for specifications.

Place under #6 Ordinance Committee.

Eric Wright was present to dispute the water bill at 830 Nut St. He had sold on a land contract and then the buyer defaulted so he had foreclosed on it (July 2006), but didn't realize that the water bill was so high \$493.24. The buyer had racked up a bill then it was shut off and continued to grow until she came in to tell me that Mr. Wright owned it again until March 2007. Place under #6 Water/Sewer.

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. 5-3-07

B. Treasurer's report for May

C. Bills for approval 5-4-07 thru 6-7-07 plus revised April sewer op & m

Motion to approve consent agenda items as presented by Villanueva
Seconded by Jorgensen vote 6 ayes 0 nays.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Ordinance Committee-Asked clerk to check with attorney on pot belly pigs.

Many places have cleared up their mess or mowed their lawns. Jeff Campbell suggested that we send letters then a deputy would talk to residents and give two weeks before citations written. Also check with attorney on serving residents with citations, personally or certified mail.

Streets & Drains & Sidewalks

Elm Street-Bible church landscaping- Williams moved to approve the plan as submitted with a drain included but suggest a fence as an alternative. Seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes. Will check out the rock garden on Fifth street right-of-way(6-18-07 at 9am)

Technology Committee-

IT Tech agreement- working on the rental agreement with Millennium Digital Media.

Insurance-bids rec'd-Jason reported we have received 3 bids and are in process of going over them. Should see a \$5,000.00 savings.

Tom Williams brought up that a group of kids had asked that a skate park be installed. Clerk to check with attorney and insurance on feasibility.

Water/Sewer- Williams moved to approve the committee recommendation to allow Eric Wright to pay ½ of bill without the penalties. Seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

Doug commended the committees for all their hard work.

7. DPW Report

Street Project-going good

Presented the first payment request for Grant 2007

Presented a change of work order for extension of 13 days for Fifth to Forest on South Main Grant 2007

Monte has been requested to put out the flower boxes by certain business owners. Okay given as long as the business owners take care of plants.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Planning Commission will have its last hearing on the Master Plan review at next meeting.

Then will present it to Council in July.

The ZBA has one less member, Kim Rodriguez has resigned. Have advertised for two weeks and have not received any interest yet.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Reports for Zoning and Ordinances for 2007

10. Unfinished Business

Lagoon Annexation- there is a hold up at the Equalization Dept. on this topic. Doug called County Commissioner Mike Hosey to possibly get this straightened out. (the property would be contiguous on the north side)

Opera House-letter from Mark- it is basically up to the Township. The best for the Village of Vermontville would be to do a Quick Claim Deed and adopt an Ordinance to convey any interest we might have to the Township.

First reading of the Zoning change 06-07 will have second reading next month.

11. New Business

Mail- Thank you from Joeann Nehmer and Brian Moore for including them in the Mayor Exchange with Constantine. Received letter from Kim Rodriguez resigning her ZBA position. Letter from Sharon Harris requesting to burn big brush pile, ordinance committee to check this out.

Update of NSF charge- Treasurer feels that since bank raised their fee for NSF checks we should raise ours. From \$50.00 to 70.00. Jorgensen moved to increase the NSF charge to \$75.00, seconded by Villanueva. Discussion ensued, Sheridan moved to table. Sue requested that Kay and Shirley do a report to see if the village is losing any money on our NSF charges.

Resolution for purchase of products – Villanueva moved to approve the Resolution for purchase of products. Seconded by Samann, all ayes.

12. Public Comment

Clerk presented bill from Wilcox Professionals for final payment from Water Project 2003. Asking permission to transfer \$13,000.00 from General to Water Project 2003 to pay this bill. Discussion ensued, Sue asked clarification that this would be the very last bill for this project and was told yes. Jorgensen moved to do transfer and make payment. Seconded by Samann, 5 ayes, 1 opposed (Williams) and 1 absent (Patrick). Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss communication from attorney made by Jorgensen, seconded by Villanueva. All ayes.
9:03pm

13. Adjournment

Moved by Williams, seconded by Jorgensen to adjourn, all ayes.

9:19pm