

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

1. Call to order- 7PM

2. Roll call- Mark Jorgensen, Garry Patrick, Jim Samann, Jason Sheridan, Tom Williams, Beverly Sue Villanueva and Doug Kelsey-President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present. Audience- Monte O'Dell, Mike Hosey, Joe Fraley and Sandy Ponsetto.

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Doug introduced Mike Hosey County Commissioner.

Mike introduced Joe Fraley who is Chairman of Board of Commissioners.

Need motion to go into Public Hearing – by Sue Villanueva, second Jim Samann, all ayes

Public Hearing Notice for Village of Vermontville Grant Closeout

The Village of Vermontville will be taking questions or comments regarding the Main Street Reconstruction & Westside/Eastside Drive Infrastructure Project that was finalized and completed in 2006 by C&D Hughes, Inc. Comments and questions will be taken during the regularly scheduled Village Council Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on July 5, 2007. The project was completed with \$925,000 of grant assistance administered through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation under grant number 204057.

No comments from public.

Need motion to close Public Hearing – by Jason Sheridan, seconded Jim Samann, all ayes

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. 6-7-07

B. Treasurer's report for June

C. Bills for approval 6-7-07 thru 7-5-07

Motion to approve consent agenda items as presented by Mark Jorgensen

Seconded by Sue Villanueva, vote 7 ayes 0 nays.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Streets & Drains & Sidewalks -brush-met with Jerry Harris on landscaping behind V -Bible Church, told him okay but with understanding of drain.

Also received estimate on fixing Fifth, Fourth and Elm streets with ditching, grading and chip sealing-\$8,000.00. Move item to new business.

Technology Committee-

IT Tech agreement-adjustments not made to equipment on water tower yet. Clerk send letter to IT Tech advising work to be done by 7-31-07 or remove equipment from water tower.

Received lease agreement from MDM for rental of property at lagoons for dishes. After discussion-Jason Sheridan moved to offer the agreement with \$100.00 per month for a time of 3 years. Seconded by Tom Williams, all ayes.

Insurance-property/liability-recommendation- set another meeting for 7-17th at 7pm. Monte pointed out that the estimates for replacement of buildings are too low.

Ordinance-violations-met with Lt. Campbell and went over problem areas. Discussion on brush piles and Mark Jorgensen moved to hold residents to the existing burn ordinance and enforce burn and brush ordinance as written, seconded by Sue Villanueva. Roll call vote -ayes-Samann, Patrick, Villanueva and Kelsey. Nays- Williams and Sheridan. Jason agrees with the motion but not sure how council looks. Garry states sometimes there will be exceptions.

Jorgensen moved to allow 1 yd of trimmings in spring and in fall for the 5.00 a month. More discussion, decided to charge the Ordinance Committee to write a policy that can be handed out.

Renewal of trailer permit 155 Fifth - Samann presented a request from Brian Christensen of 155 Fifth Street to extend his trailer permit for another 6 months. There is progress on the house. Sheridan moved to approve, seconded by Williams, all ayes.

7. DPW Report

Street Project- going well and should be done by the extended time allowed. Will do walk thru next week.

New toddler swings installed in the park, parts were as expensive as the swings.

Monte presented a estimate from Consumers Energy to change out 2 street lights on South Main, take out guy wires and put up arms with sodium lights for a cost of \$1,740.00. If Consumers just changes out the guy wires it will cost 752.00. It will cost us either way and this is a result of the project. Villanueva moved to approve the light contract of changing out 2 lights (526 600 S Main) at the cost of \$1,740.00, seconded by Samann, all ayes.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Master Plan reviewed- done- Planning Commission will present letter to go with Master Plan.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Reports for Zoning and Ordinances for 2007

Building referrals report for 2007 were presented

10. Unfinished Business

Lagoon Annexation-county equalization met in the village office just before our council meeting and approved the request and will forward it to the Eaton County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Opera House-our attorney recommended that with the discrepancy between the Township and Mr. Kent on the little property that it would be easiest to do a quick claim deed to the Township for any interest that we have in the Opera House property. Williams moved to go ahead with the quick claim deed, seconded by Villanueva. All ayes.

NSF charge – Jorgensen moved to un-table the subject, seconded by Sheridan. After some discussion Jorgensen moved to leave the NSF charge at \$50.00, seconded by Williams. 6 ayes and 1 nay - Samann.

Zoning Ordinance change 20.42.B.2- second reading- vote taken 6 ayes to approve and 1 abstained-Sheridan.

Yard Sales report-they went well and residents have asked to do again next year.

11. New Business

Mail- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission survey – passed on to Planning Commission.

Sale of property on South Main and Fourth Street – Ms. Sibbersen is buying the property at 371 S Main from Mr. Barlow and she thought the strip of property that the village now owns was part of her property. Her sheds are sitting on the property. This property is the parcel that the State of Michigan sold to us because of tax non payment for \$400.53 plus their administration fee of 300.00. Total of \$700.53 for parcel #23-051-000-629-100-00. Ms. Sibbersen would like to purchase this parcel from the village . Villanueva moved to sell the parcel for our cost of 700.53 plus she must pay any fees that the county might have for registering purchase. Jorgensen seconded the motion, 6 ayes and 1 nay -Kelsey.

Work estimate for \$8,000.00 for Fifth, Fourth and Elm, Williams moved to approve the contract with Eaton County for the project. Seconded by Sheridan, all ayes. Garry pointed out that the reason for the decay of Elm Street was because that the water settles there and freezes which breaks it up and that it really requires ditching. Monte pointed out that estimate includes ditching.

Jim Samann brought up letter received from T. Murray concerning her water bill. She disputes that she owes the total amount, that we overcharged her on the May bill. I tried to explained that the outside meter pad had not been reading right for a while but had been changing and when she called in April for the DPW to change her meter because the other one had frozen and broke, they had gotten a correct reading on the meter itself and it showed that there had been 45,000 gallons of usage that hadn't been billed for yet, which made a big bill for May. The Water/Sewer Committee had already told her that she was responsible for the whole bill but she still disagreed. Villanueva moved to support the Water/Sewer Committee decision for the bill to be paid as stands. Seconded by Samann, all ayes.

12. Public Comment

Doug mentioned training that is available.

Doug also invited the Council for a cookout at his cottage at Duck Lake. Sheridan suggested 7 -29-07 at

1pm, dinner at 3pm, seconded by Samann.

13. Adjournment

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

9pm