

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR
VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 7, 2005**

1. Call to order -7:04

2. Roll call- Garry Patrick, Jim Samann, Tom Williams, Charlie Viele, Sue Villanueva and Doug Kelsey-President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present.

Absent – Don Martin

Audience- Monte O'Dell, Nikki Lennox, Marion Alexander, Mark Jorgensen, John and Marjorie VanVleet, Russ Yarger and Sandy Ponsetto

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Tom brought up about several cars had been broken into lately.

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 -6-2-05, 6-9-05

B. Treasurer's report

C. Bills for approval – general \$25,130.30, payroll \$16,803.49, water op&m \$9,460.14, water recvg. \$10,000.00, water project 2003 zero, major \$1,423.32, local \$1,249.80, sewer \$2,704.17 and sewer recvg. \$10,000.00.

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

Moved by Tom Williams to approve, seconded by Sue Villanueva. All ayes.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Ordinance committee had Nikki present two ordinance amendments, 05-07 Penalties for Dogs at Large and 05-08 Opening Burning Penalties typos. Second reading will be at next months meeting.

7. DPW Report

Water tower is done.

Grant report – Meeting for presentation of all renderings and projected costs to be held Wednesday July 13th at 2pm. About a week later it will be let out for bids.

Monte asked to order a box (6) of meters for \$600.00. Okay given.

Slurry Seal –Round Lake road is done

Monte asked to order a soft start motor for the new well, since it is better for the pump and will help in making it last longer. The cost would be \$2,900.00. Tom Williams moved to purchase a soft start motor for the new well pump, from what money is left in the Series 2003 Construction Fund. Seconded by Jim Samann, all ayes.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

**Planning Recommendations*

Marion Alexander presented the Planning Commission's recommendations to correct the Zoning Ordinance in concerns for ground level apartments in the B1 and B2 districts. Will be on the August 4th agenda for approval.

Marion also asked about the recommendation for a \$20.00 Special Use Application fee, will be on next months agenda for approval.

*Special meeting report from 6-20-05 ZBA

Mark Jorgensen reported on the meeting, stating their decision, that the Zoning Ordinance needed to be reworked, recommending that the council refund all of application fee paid by Mr. Spencer and reasons and he commended all involved.

Jim Samann moved to refund the \$230.00 application fee to Mr. Spencer, for the reasons that the ZBA stated (The overall feeling of the board was that until the planning commission can review the current setbacks and bring their recommendations before the board to where the board is in total agreement, the residents should not be charged when an initial reasonable request was made and turned down.) seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

June report

10. Unfinished Business

Attorney meeting-Doug report

Several things discussed- Village is NOT to intercede in private property disputes unless it concerns Village right of way.

The attorney is drafting a letter to the bonding company for Wingspread Inc. with our monetary penalties against them. Then we have to wait to see the outcome.

County request reimbursement for 171 S Main costs

After a meeting with the Eaton County attorney, Mr. Perone, Doug found that the lien for court costs and the Asbestos survey will not apply to the property 171 S Main. Doug recommended that the Council pay for the Asbestos Survey (since we would have had to done it ourselves) and pay the County \$500.00 toward the about \$4,000.00 in court costs. Tom Williams moved to pay the County only for the Asbestos Survey in the amount of \$575.00, seconded by Jim Samann. Discussion ensued. Garry and Doug felt that to thank the County for their help in getting the property condemned would help to keep relations good between the County and the Council. Garry stated that especially since the Village and the Township could do nothing about the situation. Garry Patrick moved to pay the County \$500.00 toward the court costs. NO second, motion died for lack of support. Vote for original motion- all ayes.

11. New Business

Mail

Clerk to still figure out costs for copies.

12. Public Comment

John VanVleet owns property on the corner of Elm and Fourth and is planning on selling it. The value of the property is between 15,500 and 17,500, so he would like to offer it to the Village of Vermontville for \$16,000.00 per lot (3 lots). Council to think on that.

Garry asked if anything had been done on the Attorney solicitation of bids, and Doug apologized for not getting it done but would get to it now.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Jim Samann seconded by Charlie Viele to adjourn. All ayes.

Time 8:25pm

Shirley Harmon –Clerk

Doug Kelsey-President