

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2008**

**1. Call to order** -7:00pm

**2. Roll call** – Sue Villanueva, Garry Patrick, Jason Sheridan, Abe French, Mark Jorgensen and Doug Kelsey. Also present were Kay Marsh and Shirley Harmon, Monte O'Dell, Amy Parish, Anthony Faynor, Lee Joppie, Judy Mohler and Ken Miller.

Absent – Tom Williams

**3. Pledge to flag**

**4. Public Comment**

Mr. Miller of Miller's Photographic Studio was present to request permission to use the parkway between his building and the RoadRunners Saloon to take pictures of motorcycles and their riders this Saturday for the "Bikin for Granny" which benefits the Eaton County Medical Facility. Moved to New business.

Lee Joppie stated that now that the Council approved the new Chapter 58 in the Code of Ordinances that she would like to see it enforced on 236 West Main.

Anthony Faynor present to express his concern on the Employee Retirement Medical Benefits, discussed in the June 24, 2008 meeting. He questioned the cost and if the village could really afford it, but he felt the DPW guys were worth it. Doug responded by explaining that the council was just now starting to consider it and no decision would be made until work on the budget was started.

**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. 6-5-08 and 6-24-08

B. Treasurer's report for June

C. Bills for approval- 6-7-08 thru 7-10-08

Motion to approve made by Jorgensen, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

**6. Reports from Council Committees**

Streets Drains & Sidewalks- Storm water Ordinance / step by American Legion / signs for parking lot and parking in Right of way – NOTHING done yet.

Ordinance Committee- will be going around next week.

Business Task Force-meeting June 12<sup>th</sup> next meeting July 16<sup>th</sup> –about 10 people attended the June meeting. Items discussed were the bars and restaurant taking copies of their menus to other businesses, working on the web site link and event flyers.

Technologies Committee-nothing

Grants-Doug gave report on more grants being available for joint ventures with other communities.

Fire Board-not much to report

Budget Committee -2009 Budget preparation meetings – Clerk to set up a series of meetings starting in August.

Building and Grounds-no report

**7. DPW Report**

Façade grant progress-still waiting for the state to make decision.

Swings for park, hope to get in this month.

Damaged lamp post has been ordered and the Insurance reimbursement has been received \$2,278.00.

Resolutions for streets-moved to Old Business

Storm damages- 29 loads of brush picked up, 3 loads of gravel used on Spring Street. The state has declared this area a disaster zone for the first storm (June 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>) and is working on getting it declared by federal government (FEMA).

**8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards**

Planning Commission has met and are still working on the Institutional Uses for Zoning. Clerk asked for a worded question to put on the list serve.

**9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator**

Building referrals – report presented

Ordinance violations-Clerk has sent 2 letters for mowing –Fourth St. and 321 W Main

Letter from county –tickets to be issued by July 2<sup>nd</sup> for non compliance of property on Round Lake Road.

Sent letter and Building Referral to Vermontville Express for parking lot and have received building referral back.

Letter sent to 138 S Main owner because I heard that someone might be moving into the ground floor apartment

**10. President-Clerk-Treasurer Report**

Clerk-All blocks in village are done for the Reappraisal.

Treasurer- recommends the loan of water tower CD that has been cashed in the amount of \$12,830.85 to General until the general CD comes due sometime in August or September and can pay it back. Sheridan moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by French, all ayes.

Sheridan moved that until there is enough money for the bills the council should hold receiving their pay. Motion died for lack of support.

**11. Unfinished Business**

Petitions due by August 12<sup>th</sup> – reminder

Resolutions for Act 51

Resolution for Decertification/Vacation of C Street moved to approve by Jorgensen, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Resolution for Addition of Eastside Drive moved by Sheridan to approve, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

Resolution for Addition of Maple Manor Drive moved by Jorgensen to approve, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

**12. New Business**

**Mail-** letter from US Census on receipt of materials, Broadstripe

Miller's request for use of village property - moved by French to allow the use of any village property by Miller's Photographic Studio for pictures of motorcycles, seconded by Jorgensen.

Motion by Patrick to amend previous motion by adding July 14<sup>th</sup> only, second by Jorgensen.

Motion by Sheridan to amend the previous motion by adding if any village property is damaged then he must fix it, seconded by Villanueva.

Villanueva withdraws her support .

Vote on the original motion with first amendment is as follows-ayes-Patrick, French and Jorgensen. Nays-Villanueva, Sheridan and Kelsey. Motion NOT carried.

Jorgensen moved to allow Miller Photographic to use village property between the Maple Syrup Association stage and Road Runners for pictures of motorcycles on July 12<sup>th</sup> only, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

**13. Public Comment**

Jorgensen stated that with the council trying to get more businesses into the village and then telling them that they are responsible for damages is very much a deterrent.

Any news on Amore Springs-none yet.

**14. Adjournment**

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

Adjourned at 8:52pm

Shirley Harmon-Clerk