

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2006**

1. Call to order 7:00PM

2. Roll call- Don Martin, Garry Patrick, Jim Samann, Charlie Viele, Tom Williams and Doug Kelsey- President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present. Audience-Monte O'Dell, Theresa Spagnuolo-O'Dell, Diane Patrick, Jason Sheridan, Mark Jorgensen, Sandy Ponsetto and Nikki Lennox.

Absent Beverly Sue Villanueva

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Monte requested that the bill payment for Walker, Fluke & Sheldon be pulled and placed under new business.

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 – 8-3-06

B. Treasurer's report for August

C. Bills for approval 8-4-06 thru 9-7-06

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

Motion to approve (excluding the W,F & S bill) made by Don Martin, seconded by Tom Williams.

All ayes.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Streets, Sidewalks & Drains- Round Lake Rd was checked for damage and Monte talked to Eaton County Road Commission and they said that it is state law for damages but it has to be documented.

Ordinance- Nikki gave report committee is looking at trees, dirt bike tracks, nuisances and objects left in the right of way. Ordinance committee requested that Nikki contact neighbors of the dirt bike track and ask if they have a problem with it. Williams moved for Nikki to contact the owner of 204 West Main personally about the lawn, otherwise council will take him to court. Don Martin seconded, all ayes.

Water- three bids were presented for cleaning well pump #3 and repair.

Bids- Layne-Northern at \$13,335.00

Peerless-Midwest Inc at \$15,565.00

Raymer Co, Inc. at \$24,000.00

Recommendation is to accept Layne-Northern. Williams moved to approve the committee's recommendation, Layne-Northern at \$13,335.00. Seconded by Martin, all ayes.

7. DPW Report

Monte presented Street light-resolution for Elm and Jade Lane, Samann moved to approve the resolution from Consumers Energy, seconded by Martin. All ayes.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Planning-

Job description for Planning/Zoning Administrator not done yet.

Recommendations on ZTF recommendations, sections 1 thru 18 presented, council will consider and decide at October meeting.

Working on budget.

Zoning-

Asked that in the job description the attending of ZBA meetings be added.

Working on bylaws and has budget done.

It was pointed out that they need 5 members and that a council member must be a member.

Samann moved to appoint Garry Patrick as council member of ZBA, seconded by Williams. All ayes.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

August report

Budget done for 2007

10. Unfinished Business

Ordinance amendment for dilapidated buildings - correction

Moved by Williams to approve adoption of Ordinance Amendment 06 -01, to amend Article 4 Chapter 36, Section 8, Dilapidated buildings. Seconded by Viele, 6 ayes zero nays and 1 absent.

11. New Business

Mail-Eaton County Educational Credit Union letter inviting to join. Free seminar by M,M,B & JONES on October 6th, Nikki and Shirley would like to go.

Homecoming is 10-6-06, parade at 6:00 pm-hope to have street dedication at same time.

Ordinance change for Chapter 31.7.5 & 6 first reading tonight.

Discussion on the Walker, Fluke & Sheldon bill for the 2005 audit ensued. Total of bill was \$12,225.00, clerk asked to check agreement and copy for council to consider at next meeting.

Kay presented that the small piece of property that the state offered for the village to purchase (in the right of way of E Fourth Street) and the village did purchase for \$400.00, that the adjoining property owner thought it had been a part of his property and would like to buy it from us. Part of the state's stipulation was that the Village not sell the property. Kay to pull documents on the sale for the October meeting.

12. Public Comment

Clerk asked for the Planning Commission to look at the zoning ordinance to see if there is a section that would protect the village from absent landlords and keeping the standards up.

Mr. O'Dell asked if anyone had complained about the dirt bike track? NO. Then the noise ordinance should take care of it.

M. Jorgensen asked if track is permanent.

Theresa Spagnuolo-O'Dell requested copies of the new Zoning Ordinance pages, turning 204 W Main over to the attorney is a waste of time and resources, does Nikki go door to door about other concerns, also is Nikki's number posted where residents can see it?

Sheridan asked if Nikki should still go door to door about the dirt track.

Patrick moved to go back into new business, seconded by Williams. All ayes.

Patrick stated unless someone complains leave possible problem alone. The Council's consensus is Nikki is not to go door to door.

13. Adjournment

Viele moved to adjourn, seconded by Williams. All ayes.

Adjourned at 8:35pm

Shirley Harmon
Village Clerk