

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2007**

1. Call to order- 7PM

2. Roll call- Mark Jorgensen, Jim Samann, Jason Sheridan, Tom Williams, Beverly Sue Villanueva and Doug Kelsey-President. Clerk Shirley Harmon and Monte O'Dell were also present. Audience- Sandy Ponsetto and Jolene Hazen.

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Tri-County Office on Aging- Jolene Hazen was present to explain the services they provide and the need for funding. They are asking for a donation of approximately \$372.00 for next year.

Motion to close regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing made by Sue Villanueva, seconded by Jim Samann, all ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING -1

ORDINANCE NO. 07-03

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATING TO OPEN BURNING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF VERMONTVILLE**

Doug read the ordinance amendment. No comments made. Mark Jorgensen moved to recommend approval at the regular session, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.
Sue Villanueva moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Jim Samann, all ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING-2

Public Hearing Notice for Village of Vermontville Grant Closeout

South Main Street Reconstruction & East and West First Street between Westside/Eastside Drive also South Main between Fifth Street and West Forest Street Infrastructure Project that was finalized and completed in 2007 by Mead Bros. Excavating, Inc. The project was completed with \$289,000 of grant assistance administered through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation under grant number MSC206040-ICE.

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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. 9-6-07

B. Treasurer's report for September

C. Bills for approval 9-7-07 thru 10-4-07

Motion to approve consent agenda items with exception of general account bills by Tom Williams, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Technology Committee-no contact yet

Millennium Digital agreement

IT not done yet

Ordinance- Brush Policy

Presented by the Ordinance Committee for approval. Mark Jorgensen moved to approve with correction of (1 yard total volume) and (brush exceeding 1 yard in volume). Seconded by Jim Samann, all ayes.

Water/Sewer- Rate resolutions

Water/sewer committee met to consider budget requirements, which showed need for increase in rates to cover budget for 2008. Tom Williams moved to recommend the increase of \$.05 per

thousand of usage in water and in sewer, Mark Jorgensen seconded, all ayes. Public Hearing to be held next month's meeting (11-1-07).

7. DPW Report

Village has applied for permit for sewer lagoons
Meeting on 10-17th with downtown merchants and Tom Durkee from the state for downtown façade grant program.

Fourth, Fifth and Elm are done and residents are happy.
Last street lights are up with two lights missing but bulbs are on order.
Christmas Decoration Company has been notified of extra poles.
Need water/sewer meeting.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Jason Sheridan presented letter from Planning Commission stating that the Master Plan has been reviewed and updated, with copy to be placed with Master Plan. Moved by Tom Williams to accept, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

Jason discussed the Pot Belly Pig problem and stated that he had told Ms. Musser that she would have to apply to the ZBA for a hearing and that it would cost \$230.00, according to the village schedule of fees. After discussion, Zoning Administrators to send letter with 21 day deadline.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Building referrals report

Doug presented Greg Wendorf's request that he be allowed to remove the grassy patch on the north side of his building and replace with cement and a 5 ½" curb at blacktop edge. (this is part of the public square) Tom Williams moved to allow with DPW inspections. Seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

10. Unfinished Business

Jason Sheridan moved to approve the recommendation from the preceding Public Hearing to approve the Ordinance No. 07-03, amending Chapter 40 Open Burning within the Village of Vermontville. Seconded by Jim Samann, all ayes.

Mark had questions on two bills, Monte answered the questions. Moved to approve the general bills for payment by Mark Jorgensen, seconded by Jim Samann, all ayes.

11. New Business

Mail- letter from Millennium Digital Media, stating they will be doing business under the name of Broadstripe.

Letter from the state confirming that the property description of the lagoons is correct and approved.

Trunk or Treat is being done by the Lions Club this year in the parking lot behind the post office. If anyone or any group, wishing to help please contact Doug.

Halloween trick or treat hours – Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the hours of 5:30pm to 7:30pm for Trick or Treating, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

12. Public Comment

Tom mentioned that the tank will be repainted soon. It was suggested to decorate with Christmas lights this year.

Doug reported that Kay has had one meeting with the Township on the process of getting an assessor.

Tom asked if the budget would allow us to pay the shipping on the swing set donated by the Women's Club. Doug will take it back to the Lion's Club (\$200.00 approximately).

13. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn by Mark Jorgensen, seconded by Jason Sheridan, all ayes.

Adjourned at 8:05pm

Shirley Harmon
Clerk