

**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2006**

1. Call to order

2. Roll call- Jason Sheridan, Garry Patrick, Jim Samann, Mark Jorgensen, Beverly Sue Villanueva, Tom Williams and Doug Kelsey-President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present. Audience- Monte O'Dell, Charlie Viele, Brad Holton and Sandy Ponsetto(MV News).

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Sheriff invited-Jim West – Sergeant – the Council expressed their concerns of late in the village. Sgt. West said he would relay them to the Sheriff. Plus maybe next spring we could use the speed box.

Charlie Viele stated that he thought there had been some misconceptions at the meeting 10 -17-06. All persons worked hard on the Zoning not just the Zoning Task Force. He thinks Nikki Lennox has done a good job and that Doug owes her a public apology.

Sue Villanueva stated the Zoning Task Force did not try to destroy the Zoning Ordinance but tried to improve it for the size of our village.

Brad Holton stated that without the ZTF revisions, houses destroyed by fire would not be able to be rebuilt.

Doug Kelsey expressed thanks to everyone who worked on the Zoning Ordinance.

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. 11-2-06 and Special mtg. 11 -29-06

B. Treasurer's report for November

C. Bills for approval 11-3-06 thru 12-7-06 – General \$11,445.40 - Payroll \$15,202.73 – Water Op&M \$18,183.19 and Recvg. \$9,000.00 – Sewer Op&M \$986.53 and Recvg \$0 – Major \$920.05 - -Local \$390.80 – Water Project checking and debt service \$0

Motion to approve consent agenda items as presented made by Garry Patrick, seconded by Sue Villanueva. 4 ayes and 3 abstained (Williams, Sheridan and Jorgensen)

6. Reports from Council Committees

Motion to approve the Resolution for Designation of Street Administrator -Jim Samann moved to approve the Resolution to appoint Monte O'Dell as Street Administrator. Seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Sue Villanueva reported that the bids for the new fire truck are to be in by 12 -15-06.

7. DPW Report

A couple of store owners were wondering if next Christmas they could decorate the trees in front of their stores. Doug thought that maybe we could let each local organization decorate one tree, possibly a contest. Monte asked if next year the council might want to pick the decorations used on the poles but the council decided to let the company pick them.

Monte asked the new council if he has permission to go on fire runs. Mark Jorgensen moved to allow Monte to go on fire/emergency runs if needed. Seconded by Jim Samann, all ayes.

Monte presented to the council the award from APWA for Public Works Project of the Year 2006.

Clerk read letter from the school about the bus stop being changed, it seems to be working very well.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Brad Holton requested that Garry be removed from the ZBA and Mark to become the council representative and then to make Jeff Seavolt a regular member. Tom Williams moved to remove Garry and replace with Mark. Seconded by Jim Samann, all ayes.

Mark Jorgensen moved to make Seavolt a regular member, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

Jason Sheridan said that the PC is going over job description. He questioned who would be signing Building Referrals if no one appointed before the new year starts. He also presented a letter of intent by Charlie Viele to stay on the PC, Mark Jorgensen moved to appoint Charlie to the Planning Commission, seconded by Tom Williams, 6 ayes and 1 nay – Patrick.

Doug charged the Planning Commission to review the Master Plan for this next year.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator
November report

10. Unfinished Business

Motion to accept recommendation from the preceding Public Hearing to approve the 15 mills levied by the Village of Vermontville to support the budget proposed for 2007 and approve the 2007 budget made by Jim Samann. Seconded by Sue Villanueva, all ayes.

Clerk pointed out that the "Budget is balanced until transfers of invested money to other funds". You will notice this on General and Major.

PC recommendations on ZTF changes to the Zoning Ordinance presented to council, Garry Patrick moved to approve. Tom Williams seconded, 6 ayes and 1 nay (Sheridan).

11. New Business

Mail-Hometown Web Site renewal - Doug stated he thought the renewal would be a good idea. Garry Patrick moved to renew the subscription to the MI Hometown Website for 2007 at \$300.0, seconded by Jim Samann, 6 ayes and 1 nay.

Christmas card from Walker, Fluke and Sheldon

Health Insurance Amendment - clerk did not receive wording for amendment, clerk to check into for next month.

Approval for bills stilling coming in for this budget year (12-08-06) Water Op&Main. - \$3,895.52, General - \$6,479.63, Major - \$9,025.00 and Sewer Op&Main. \$8,686.44. Mark Jorgensen moved to approve bills for 12-8-06, seconded by Garry Patrick. All ayes.

Budget amendments - Need 1 budget amendment for 2006 budget - General 346-700 Public Safety - Ordinances needs to move \$150.00 to 405-700 Zoning Officer.

Also in the Sewer budget 2006 we need to increase the fund balance of 536 -700 Total Expenses by \$600.00. Motion to approve these two amendments made by Sue Villanueva, seconded by Jim Samann, all ayes.

Mark Jorgensen motioned to approve meeting dates thru 2-2008, seconded by Jason Sheridan.

12. Public Comment

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn and go into closed session by Sue Villanueva, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Adjourned at 8:35pm

Shirley Harmon