

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2008**

1. Call to order – 6:30pm

Present were - Mark Jorgensen, Jason Sheridan, Sue Villanueva, Jeanette Schultz and Doug Kelsey. Also present were Shirley Harmon, Lee Joppie, Monte O'Dell and Judy Mohler.
Absent-Abe French and Garry Patrick

PUBLIC HEARING

WATER RATES

Hearing to set water rates, which represents an increase of 2.5% (approx. 6 cents) per thousand gallons usage and a .50 cent increase on the Readiness to serve fee.

Jason Sheridan read the resolution concerning the rate increase for the water. No public comment. Sheridan moved to recommend to the council to approve the rates increase, seconded by Schultz, all ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING

VILLAGE BUDGET FOR 2009

Purpose of Public Hearing is discussing adoption of the 2009 Budget.

That **“THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED IS 15 MILS BEFORE HEADLEE ROLL BACKS”**

Jorgensen moved to recommend to council to approve the levied 15 mils before the Headlee rollbacks and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

Villanueva moved to close the public hearings and go into regular session, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

2. Roll call- Mark Jorgensen, Jason Sheridan, Garry Patrick, Sue Villanueva, Jeanette Schultz and Doug Kelsey. Also present were Kay Marsh, Shirley Harmon, Lee Joppie, Monte O'Dell, Judy Mohler, Tom Williams and Sandy Ponsetto.

Absent --Abe French.

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

None

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. 11-6-08 and 11-24-08 Organizational

B. Treasurer's report for November

C. Bills for approval- 11-7-08 TO 12-4-08

Motion made by Jorgensen to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Sheridan
Vote-all ayes

6. Reports from Council Committees

Streets Drains & Sidewalks-rail for step- Monte gave a cost of \$200.00, Mark is looking into getting some posts donated. No decision yet on S Main drainage and turn arounds on Sherman and Seminary.

Ordinance Committee-recommendation to drop brush bill to one load worth (from \$330.98 down to \$81.24) / brush and leaf notices

Technologies Committee-IT Technique payment rec'd
Grants- Doug has information on a historical grant by making the Village a Certified Local Government. Committee is to look into.

Fire Board
Budget Committee
Building and Grounds
Employee & Wage

7. DPW Report

Monte presented that the turn arounds will cost about 800.00 to 900.00 each.
Bill for this last weekend's water leak from D&J Excavating for \$4,092.60 could be knocked down to 4,000.00 if we pay now instead of next month.
Possible grants from USDA for being in the declared disaster are a from the June 2008 storm damage are available. We might be able to use it on the street sweeper (85% match).
Todd Happaugh from Independent Bank sent letter concerning the bank purchasing a street clock and installing it in front of the bank and then turning ownership over to the village. A committee to meet with Todd consists of Sue, Kay and Mark.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Special meeting to approve Land split app. Approved by PC recommend to Council to approve.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Building referrals- see attached chart
Ordinance violations

10. President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

Clerk-attorney letter- I have done the Ordinance Amendments

11. Unfinished Business

Recommendation from the Public Hearing to raise rates on water usage and Readiness to serve fee, to balance proposed budget for 2009, seconded by Sheridan, vote-all ayes.

Recommendation from the Public Hearing to approve the proposed Budget for 2009 and the 15 mils to support the budget seconded by Jorgensen, vote-6 ayes and 1 nay-Villanueva.

Motion to approve the recommendation to drop brush bill to one load worth (from \$330.98 down to \$81.24) made by Ordinance Committee, seconded by Jorgensen, vote-all ayes.

12. New Business

Mail- card from Athletic Boosters-letter from MML conference.

D&J Excavating bill discussed-moved to pay now made by Sheridan, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Budget amendments needed for 2008 budget—Sheridan moved to add to the proposed budget amendments the excavating bill just approved, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

Moved to approve amendments made by Sheridan, seconded by Patrick, vote-all ayes.

1. WATER – 2400.00 from Fund Balance to cover Total Expenses
536-801 Contractual Services went over, due to Wilcox doing work on Amore Springs and grant work
2. SEWER – 14,200.00 will be needed from fund balances to cover expenses
536-930 Repair and Maintenance went over because 2 lift stations broke down
3. GENERAL – will need 8,200.00 from Fund balances to cover expenses
101-806 Legal Fees, 448-921 Street lights and 441-930 R&M, 441-921 Gas & Oil all went over

Land split application recommendation from the Planning Commission - motion to approve land split for Forrest Gardner and Ken Priddy on North Main made by Jorgensen, seconded by Patrick, vote-all ayes.

Brush and Leaf notices to residents with too big of piles for ordinary collection – Mark and Monte working on it.

First reading for Ordinance amendment 09-01-read by Jorgensen

First reading for Ordinance amendment 09-02

First reading for Ordinance amendment 09-03

Patrick brought up the Organizational meeting decisions, Changes to the Rules of Procedures (minutes to be ready within 8 days not 15, per Open Meetings Act, attorney contact authorization to be President AND Clerk , addressing fellow council members) clerk to do changes and bring back to next meeting for approval.

Jorgensen moved to approve the committee assignments as presented with changed of Chairperson on the Grants Committee to Abe French, seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

13. Public Comment

Tom Williams present to say there have been many complaints on the bank clock; also the bank will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2009. He also warned to watch the budget very closely this year with the economy the way it is.

Monte O'Dell as the Fire Chief requested the Fire Dept. be allowed to use the park on the 23rd for Christmas Caroling. Villanueva moved to approve, seconded by Patrick, all ayes.

Lee Joppie suggested the village send an explanation of the Brush and Leaf Policy with the first water bill that new residents are sent. Questioned if a private person is putting in the water/sewer at the new house on North Main and was told no the person is licensed and insured (Ross Jackson).

14. Adjournment

Patrick moved to adjourn, seconded by Jorgensen, all ayes.

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Shirley Harmon
Village Clerk