

MINUTES FOR
VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
AND
PUBLIC HEARING
12-19-11

Called meeting to order at 7:03pm

Attendance- Jeanette Schultz, Sue Villanueva, Garry Patrick, Mark Jorgensen, Amy Jo Kinyon, Ruth Wineman. Also present were Monte O'Dell, Doug Kelsey and Shirley Harmon.

Absent were Jason Sheridan and Kelly Williams
Pledge to the flag.

Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing adoption of the 2012 Budget and
**THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE OF 15 MILS PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO
SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

Public Comment-Doug Kelsey asked numerous questions on the proposed budget, which were answered.

Garry Patrick moved to go back into regular session, seconded by Amy Jo Kinyon, all ayes.

Sue Villanueva moved to approve the proposed 2012 budget, seconded by Garry Patrick.
Mark Jorgensen stated that he would not be for ANY Cola increases as he is 99.9 percent sure that there was not a policy/process in place to address how to apply cola increases. Ruth Wineman stated that she had looked back in the minutes and did not find where there was any guide lines on who gets the COLA increase. Mark Jorgensen would like a written policy on how COLA increases are handled. Garry Patrick stated that the village needs an Employee Handbook along with an Elected Official Handbook. Maybe the council should vote on the COLA separately from the budget.

Mark Jorgensen also asked about any large equipment purchases and was told that Monte is looking at purchasing a new pickup from one of the Equipment Rental CDs.

Sue Villanueva withdrew her motion.

Mark Jorgensen moved to give the village employees the 3.6% COLA increase in the 2012 budget, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Garry Patrick moved to NOT give the Council and President the COLA increase in 2012, seconded by Mark Jorgensen, all ayes.

Garry Patrick moved to give the 3.6% COLA increase to the Clerk and Treasurer in 2012, no second to the motion.

Mark Jorgensen moved to NOT give the COLA increase to the Clerk and Treasurer, then he withdrew his motion.

Garry Patrick moved to accept the proposed 2012 budget with the changes of NO COLA increases for the Council, President, Clerk and Treasurer, seconded by Mark Jorgensen.

Roll call vote- Ayes-Patrick, Jorgensen, Villanueva and Kinyon

Nays-Schultz and Wineman

Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the payment of bills 12-09-11 thru 12-16-11, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Approval of 2011 budget amendments:

Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the amending of the water budget for 2011 by using fund balances to cover the estimated short fall of \$5,500.00. Seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the amending of the sewer budget 2011 by using fund balances to cover the estimated short fall of \$50.00 for Administration and \$21,000.00 in Dept. 536 Water/**SEWER** Systems. Seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Local and Major - no amendments needed

Mark Jorgensen moved to approve the amending of the 2011 General budget by using fund balances to cover estimated short fall of

\$4,000.00 in Street Lighting Dept.448
\$ 7,000.00 in DPW Dept. 441
\$475.00 in Treasurer Dept 253
\$25.00 in President Dept 171
\$15,050.00 in Governing Body Dept. 101
\$26,550.00 total

Seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

Public Comment

Doug Kelsey asked about the garbage problem at 243 East Main, working on it.

Monte O'Dell brought up a possibility of a new pavilion in the park, size 40 x 32 with 10' 8" center, that the village would buy the materials and the Amish (John Miller) would do the building. Approximate cost would be \$6,500.00.

Garry Patrick would like to look into changing the fiscal year back to the original time frame.

Sue Villanueva asked about rules for wood burners within the village.

Adjournment

Sue Villanueva moved to adjourn, seconded by Mark Jorgensen, all ayes.

8:41pm

Shirley Harmon

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