

Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
Vermontville United Methodist Church
October 8, 2015

I. Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call – Present: Councilwomen Diana Greenawald, Sandra Hosey; Councilmen Mark Jorgensen, Jason Sheridan, Charles Viele; Councilwoman Beverly Sue Villanueva; President Ruth Wineman. Also present: Clerk Marisa Derusha, Patti Farnum – J-Ad Graphics, Treasurer Kathy Joppie, Jeff Keener – CACA, DPW Supervisor Christopher Rumsey, Brenda Snow – CACS, Diane Voelker, Becky & Kevin Wheeler.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Comment

- a. Brenda Snow and Jeff Keener, Capital Area Community Services – Eaton County. CACS provides services for low income seniors and families. They provide utility assistance for electric, deliverable fuel & metered fuel. They also offer Head Start, free income tax services, and supplemental food for seniors.
- b. Diane Voelker - is requested that the village create a committee to create interest in the houses for sale in the community.
- c. Becky Wheeler – requested to have a street light installed on the unpaved portion of Maple St. Added to New Business.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes – September 10, 2015
- B. Bills for Approval – September 11, 2015 to October 8, 2015
- C. Treasurer Report

Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

VI. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015

VII. Reports from Council Committees

- A. Insurance/Legal/Finance – no report given.
- B. Water & Sewer – The next water/sewer meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.
- C. Grants – Councilwoman Greenawald discussed two grants.
 - a. Michigan Township PAR plan has a risk reduction grant available.
 - b. A 100% matching grant is available for purchasing LED street lights.

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- D. Ordinance – A couple of residents are parking on the street and/or in the village right of way. Village ordinance states that there is no parking on any street from 2-5am and no parking in the right of way (area between street and sidewalk) at all. Chris Rumsey will contact Sheriff's office to discuss enforcement.
 - E. Streets/Drains/Sidewalks –
 - a. E. Main, West St, Second/Maple St, and Third St projects are finished.
 - b. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m.
 - F. Fire – Fire Prevention Week.
 - G. Buildings & Grounds –
 - a. Reviewed three bids for an office generator. We budgeted \$9,000. John Boy Electric – 22kw with gas hookup – \$8,100. Hickey Electric – 20 kw - \$7,850 plus \$500 gas hookup. Ranco Electric – 22kw with gas hookup - \$6,880. Added to New Business.
 - b. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, at 7 p.m.
 - H. Technology –
 - a. The office is now hooked up to the T-1 line. Discussed garage internet options –
 - i. T-1 line (\$3,500/year)
 - ii. Cat 5 cable (degrades over distance)
 - iii. Fiber cable overhead from office to garage.
 - b. The IT Wifi contract will be forwarded to our attorney to compare to MEI contract regarding putting equipment on water tower.
 - I. Health & Safety – no report given.
 - J. Personnel – The next personnel meeting is Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 pm.
- VIII. DPW Report –
- a. New LED lights on the trees downtown will cost \$400 for standard or \$1,000 for commercial grade.
 - b. Issues with the Simplicity that is used to plow sidewalks. A cab for the John Deere is \$5,000 and a snow blower is \$2,000. We can trade in the Simplicity with its cab and plow.
- IX. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards –
- a. No Planning commission meet was held in September. Next meeting is Oct 13.
 - b. ZBA met in September.
- Will post open positions for Planning commission and ZBA in Maple Valley News.
- X. President Report –

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- a. We received a FOIA request from American Transparency. Our attorney advised us to respond using our BS&A software.
- b. Attorney is putting together a request the proposal for bids for our lagoon project. The chosen engineer will design and supervise construction. We may have a special meeting at the end of October to choose an engineer.

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

- a. Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to have Christopher Rumsey purchase a generator out the Buildings & Grounds Capital Outlay if he feels comfortable with Ranco Electric, for \$6,880. Otherwise, we will go with John Boy Electric for \$8,100. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.
- b. Street light on Maple Street.
 - i. President Wineman read two letters from Maple Steet residents, Becky & Aaron Jackson, and Russell Cox requesting a street light.
 - ii. Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to install a street light on Maple Street where Consumers Energy suggested placing it, and the DPW supervisor approves. Councilwoman Villanueva seconded. Vote taken. Ayes: 6, No: 1 Sheridan.
- c. Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to accept the office policy for fire and severe weather as presented. Councilwoman Hosey seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.
- d. Councilman Jorgensen made a motion to accept the water/sewer committee's recommendation to increase the water rate in 2016 by 5%, making the new rate \$3.17 per thousand gallons, with an increase to the Water Ready to Serve Fee of \$2.50, and to increase the sewer rate by 25%, making the new rate \$3.14 per thousand gallons, with an increase to the Sewer Ready to Serve Fee of \$5.00. Councilwoman Greenawald seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

XIII. Public Comment

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Councilman Sheridan made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Viele seconded. Vote taken. All ayes carry.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Derusha
Village Clerk