

**Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
Village Office
March 8, 2018**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call – Present: Councilmembers Ira Flowers, Charles Viele, Beverly Sue Villanueva; President Jason Sheridan. Also present: Clerk Kathy Joppie, Treasurer Jody Franklin, and DPW Supervisor Christopher Rumsey. Absent: Sandy Hosey

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment

- A. Bob Robinson – update on County Treasurers Office. Public thank you to the First Responders that aided Bob’s mom.
- B. Forrest A. Gardner regarding issues that need to be addressed. Jason will contact him outside of Council Meeting.
- C. Brian Furot – re: Forest Street junk and concerns on the condition of the road from misuse of residents.
- D. Jassen Dowling to request ok from Council to hold the 5K during Syrup Festival.

Councilmember Villanueva moved to approve the 5K and route during Syrup Festival. Councilmember Viele seconded. All ayes.

President Sheridan recommended to Council that Diana Greenawald be appointed to fill the open seat left by Dustin Leik. Roll Call: Yes: I.Flowers, S.Villanueva, C.Viele, J.Sheridan. No: None Absent: S. Hosey

IV. Consent Agenda Items

ALL ITEMS 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 – February 8, 2018
- B. Bills for Approval –February 9, 2018 to March 8, 2018
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Two Months Ended February 28, 2018
- D. Treasurer Report

Councilmember Flowers moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Viele seconded. All ayes.

V. Reports from Council Committees

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- A. Insurance/Legal/Finance
 - a. 285 W. First Street property was sold. New owners in process of tearing down all structures. Plans to put something else on the property.
 - b. Title research is still being done regarding the United Methodist Church.

- B. Water & Sewer –

Councilmember Villanueva moved to amend Water/Sewer Ordinance Section 1.14 (D) include "a penalty of 10% will be added to all bills not paid by the last day of each month." Councilmember Flowers, seconded. All ayes.

- C. Grants –

Councilmember Villanueva moved to proceed with the application for the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance Tree Grant with the full match of \$2000. Councilmember Flowers seconded. All Ayes.

- D. Ordinance – Citations on 4 properties will be ready to issue after March 16.

- E. Streets/Drains/Sidewalks –

Resolution 2018-03 to add Westside Drive as a local street to obtain ACT 51 monies was read. Councilmember Viele moved to accept the Resolution. Councilmember Villanueva seconded. Roll Call Vote: Yes: I. Flowers, D. Greenawald, S. Villanueva, C. Viele, J. Sheridan. No: None Absent: S. Hosey

- F. Fire – The annual Fireman’s Dance is scheduled for March 24 at Rips.

- G. Buildings & Grounds – No Report

- H. Technology – Discussion re: possible reduction of paper specific to packets. Council asked to think about installing a projector and screen to project the packet for ease of reading and follow along. Ira to get some pricing and bring back to Council.

Councilmember Viele moved to change internet providers from AT&T to Hughes Net for Business at \$69/month plus modem fee in order to increase speed for office. Councilmember Greenawald seconded. All Ayes.

- I. Health & Safety – Will be meeting prior to Syrup Festival

- a. Police stats read by Eaton County Sheriff during Public Comment.

- J. Personnel – No Report

- VI. DPW Report – Included in other discussions

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VII. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Councilmember Viele moved to accept the request for re appointment of Richard Dunham (3 year term) and Esther Dunham (2 year term) to the Planning and Zoning Board. Councilmember Villanueva seconded. All Ayes.

VIII. President Report

President Sheridan nominated Diana Greenawald to sit on the ZBA and represent the Council. Councilmember moved to accept the nomination. Councilmember Viele seconded. All Ayes.

Councilmember Villanueva moved to accept with regrets the resignation of Councilmember David Lennon. Councilmember Viele seconded. All Ayes.

Councilmember Villanueva moved to run an ad for the open seat left vacant by David Lennon. Councilmember Greenawald seconded. All Ayes.

IX. Old Business – Going to research to get costs of Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

Councilmember Villanueva moved to approve the fireworks display during Syrup Festival 2018 contingent upon inspection by Fire Dept and any others. Councilmember Viele seconded. All Ayes.

X. New Business – Discussion regarding removing the drop box at Case C.U. and installing a door or wall locking mail slot/box in the current office location. Chris will get pricing and bring back to the April Council Meeting.

- Discussion regarding the policy for Concealed Carry in the Village offices. Personnel will meet to discuss and will report back to Council.

Councilmember Viele moved to approve the Clerk Certification Training in March and Treasurer certification in April in the amount of \$600 each plus mileage and accommodation. Councilmember Greenawald seconded. All ayes.

Councilmember Viele moved to give a \$225 donation pledge to Tri-County Office on Aging for the Meals On Wheels program. Councilmember Greenawald seconded. All Ayes.

Councilmember Viele moved to change the current policy for purchases by the Clerk and Treasurer with a debit/credit card; increasing the threshold to \$1500.00 or less without Council approval. Councilmember Villanueva seconded. All Ayes.

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XI. Public Comment

XII. Adjournment

Councilmember Viele moved to adjourn. Councilmember Villanueva seconded. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Kathy Joppie
Village Clerk