

**Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
Community Center 108 N Main ST,
Vermontville MI 49096
To participate remotely dial 609-663-4551
March 11, 2021 7p.m.**

- I. Call to Order- 7:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Ira Flowers, Gary Goris, Mark Jorgensen, Kimberlee Kenyon, Christopher Morris (call in)and Mark Wenger (call in). Sandy Hosey joined at 7:20 p.m. (call in)
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – said by all
- IV. Public Comment – none
- V. 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 11, 2021 meeting minutes
- B. Bills for Approval – Check register 02/11/21 – 03/11/21
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for two months ending February 28, 2021
- D. Treasurer Report – Cash and investment and CD summaries

Motion by I. Flowers, supported by K. Kenyon to accept the consent agenda as presented. All Ayes. Absent S. Hosey

- VI. Reports from Council Committees
 - A. Insurance/Legal/Finance –
 - B. Water & Sewer –

Motion by K. Kenyon, supported by M. Jorgensen, to move forward with seeking a sewer revenue bond for the improvements to the two lift stations and purchasing an extra pump. All Ayes. Absent C. Morris

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****Tabled until next meeting. Clerk will be checking the threshold for bidding of projects.***

- a. *Motion by _____, supported by _____, to move forward with getting the Act 399 Permit for a new well.
- C. Grants – **The DPW is applying for a grant from EGLE to eliminate the cost of tire removal. This would allow the Village to accept old tires from residents and have them disposed of properly at no charge.**
- D. Ordinance –

Motion by K. Kenyon, supported by M. Wenger, to authorize Gary Goris, President to sign the Inter-Local agreement for local police services for the 2021 year. All Ayes.

- E. Streets/Drains/Sidewalks –
- F. Fire –
- G. Buildings & Grounds –

Motion by M. Wenger, supported by I. Flowers to set the Community Center rental rate at \$75 per day for all renters. All Ayes.

- a. **The Village Council has the right to reduce, change or waive the rental fee at any time. If you wish to have your rental fee reduced, waived or changed you must submit in writing a request 30 days prior to the event. This can be sent to the Village office at PO BOX K, Vermontville, MI, 49096.**

Motion by M. Jorgensen, supported by I. Flowers, to waive the \$150 rental fee for the Maple Valley Band Boosters for the weekend of April 24 & 25, 2021 only. All Ayes. Absent C. Morris

- H. Technology –
- I. Health & Safety –

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a. Police stats

J. Personnel – **Employee Handbook is still in the review process**

VII. DPW Report – **6 water main breaks in 3 months. All of those pipes are due for replacement in our 2022 water project.**

VIII. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards – **Zoning Board of Appeals still has an open seat. Interested parties should submit their interest to the Village office.**

Motion by M. Jorgensen, supported by I. Flowers, to waive the deposit of \$230 for a variance application. The resident will be invoiced for any costs incurred by the Village during this process. All Ayes. Absent C. Morris.

IX. President Report –

Motion by M. Jorgensen, supported by Recommendation to appoint Gary McDiarmid, Theresa O'Dell, K. Kenyon, and Lucas Malcuit. To serve as the Zoning Board of appeals through 2023. All Ayes. Absent C. Morris. Abstained K. Kenyon

Motion by M. Jorgensen, supported by K. Kenyon, to appoint Ester Dunham and Gary McDiarmid to the Planning Commission until 2023. All Ayes. Absent C. Morris.

X. Old Business –

XI. New Business –

a. Syrup Festival

Motion by I. Flowers, supported by K. Kenyon, to allow the Syrup Association to use the Downtown area of the Village for a festival with arts and crafts, flea market, food vendors and local business participation. Downsized Grandstands, social distanced and outside. S. Main St. will be closed from S. Main to Second St. Eastside drive will be closed from E. Main to First St. The event will be held on Saturday the 24th and Sunday the 25th. All Ayes Absent C. Morris.

***Tabled until next meeting.**

b. *Motion by _____, supported by _____, to accept/deny a three year contract with Hometown decoration and Display LLC.

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XII. Public Comment – **Michelle Whitcomb runs the food pantry at the Community Center. She has collaborated with the Village and installed a window box for the food. This will eliminate the need for the Yellow box out front. The New pick up window is located right next to the main entrance of the community center. The window just slides up and down. This has been great during the winter months for keeping the food from freezing and spoiling. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this. Please spread the word if you know someone in need we have free food located right here in our own community 24 hours a day.**

XIII. Adjournment- 9:11 p.m.

Motion by M. Jorgensen, supported K. Kenyon to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.

***Submitted by Becky Austin, Clerk
03/15/2021***