

**Vermontville Village**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**108 N Main St, Vermontville MI 49096**  
**September 14, 2023 7:00p.m.**

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- I. Call to Order – 7:00pm
- II. Roll Call – Ira Flowers, Kimberlee Kenyon, Tom Lesage, Chris Morris, and Rick Salisbury. Absent Gary Goris and Mark Wenger. Also Present Becky Austin, Amy Peters and Chris Rumsey
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – said by all
- IV. Public Comment – (Comments and Communications concerning items **not** on the Agenda) **NONE**

*Motion by C. Morris, supported by K. Kenyon, to add Risk Reduction Grant under Grants on the agenda. All Ayes*

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 – August 10, 2023 Regular Meeting
- B. Bills for Approval – Check register 8/11/2023 – 9/14/2023
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the 8 Months Ended August 31, 2023
- D. Treasurer Report – Cash and Investment and CD summaries for August.

*Motion by K. Kenyon, seconded by T. Lesage to pull the treasurers report from the Consent agenda. All Ayes.*

*Motion by K. Kenyon, seconded by T. Lesage, to accept the consent agenda with the corrected July treasurers report. All Ayes.*

VI. Reports from Council Committees

- VII. Insurance/Legal/Finance –
  - a. Preliminary budget meeting will be held on October \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 at \_\_\_\_\_pm*Motion by T. Lesage, seconded by T. Lesage, to set the preliminary budget meeting for Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All Ayes*

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- VIII. Water & Sewer –
- a. Water rate study
  - b. shut off report
  - c. Groundwater Protection Ordinance

*Motion by T. Lesage, seconded by k. Kenyon to approve ordinance 23-13 an ordinance to protect groundwater. Roll Call 4-1. I. Flowers - AYE, K. Kenyon - AYE, T. Lesage - AYE, Rick Salisbury – AYE. C. Morris – Nay. Absent Gary Goris and Mark Wenger.*

- d. DWAM grant contract with F&V

*Motion by K. Kenyon, seconded by C. Morris to approve F&V to perform the AMP (Asset Management Plan) for the DWAM grant in the amount of \$109,450.00. Roll Call 5-0. I. Flowers - AYE, K. Kenyon - AYE, T. Lesage - AYE, Rick Salisbury – AYE. C. Morris – AYE. Absent Gary Goris and Mark Wenger.*

- IX. Grants – updated report of Grant progress
- Motion by I. Flowers, seconded by C. Morris to approve Resolution number 23-14 a resolution to apply for a Risk Reduction Grant for \$2000.00 to purchase security cameras for the outside of the office building located at 194 S. Main St. with no match from the Village’s General fund. Call 5-0. I. Flowers - AYE, K. Kenyon - AYE, T. Lesage - AYE, Rick Salisbury – AYE. C. Morris – AYE. Absent Gary Goris and Mark Wenger.*

- X. Ordinance –

- XI. Streets/Drains/Sidewalks –

- a. Recommendation to send the Sub Cat B project back out to bid with the dirt work separate from the asphalt in hopes of getting a better price.**

*Motion by R. Salisbury, seconded by T. Lesage to put the road project out to bid, separating the dirt work from the asphalt. The new bid documents will be ready for approval at Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Call 5-0. I. Flowers - AYE, K. Kenyon - AYE, T. Lesage - AYE, Rick Salisbury – AYE. C. Morris – AYE. Absent Gary Goris and Mark Wenger.*

- b. Recommendation to move forward with a proposed 2mil millage for streets. Clerk will contact lawyer for the necessary paperwork.**

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*Motion by C. Morris, seconded by T. Lesage to move forward with a 2 mil millage to fund street repairs and maintenance. With a public hearing to be held on Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All Ayes.*

XII. Fire – report from Kim

XIII. Buildings & Grounds –

**a. Recommendation to cancel MPLC video licensing for the Community Center.**

*Motion by C. Morris, seconded by T. Lesage to cancel the MPLC video licensing for the Community Center in 2024. All Ayes*

**b. Recommendation to raise the rental fee to \$85 or \$100.**

*Motion C. Morris, seconded by T. Lesage to raise the community center rental fee to \$100.00. Roll Call 2-2. I. Flowers – NAY, K. Kenyon – NAY, T. Lesage – AYE, C. Morris – AYE, R. Salisbury recused himself for conflict of interest (recurring rental agreement) motion dies.*

*Motion by I. Flowers, seconded by C. Morris to raise the community center rental fee to \$85 for 2024 year. Roll Call 4-0. I. Flowers – AYE, K. Kenyon – AYE, T. Lesage – AYE, C. Morris – AYE, R. Salisbury recused himself for conflict of interest (recurring rental agreement) motion carries.*

**c. Recommendation to change the contract to no longer allow renters to set up the day before. All days used must be paid for.**

*Motion by T. Lesage, seconded by I. Flowers to amend the community center contract to state "renters may only use the space between 12:01am and 11:59pm. Use before or after this time will be charged as a full day rental." Roll Call 4-0. I. Flowers – AYE, K. Kenyon – AYE, T. Lesage – AYE, C. Morris – AYE, R. Salisbury recused himself for conflict of interest (recurring rental agreement) motion carries.*

XIV. Technology – meeting Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

XV. Health & Safety –  
a. Police stats

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XVI. Personnel – Employee Reviews Complete

XVII. DPW Report –

XVIII. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards – minutes of 8/8/23 PC and minutes from 8/24/23 Planning and Zoning committee budget

XIX. President Report –

XX. Unfinished Business –

XXI. New Business –

- a. Request from the Lions club to close the S. Main and E. Main and E. First st entrances to the alley around the park.

***Motion by C. Morris, seconded by K. Kenyon, to close the alley around the park for the Trunk or treat on October 28<sup>th</sup>. All Ayes***

XXII. Public Comment – **Becky Austin – Terry Samann’s wife has cancer again. There will be a benefit dinner on 11/11/23 at the VFW in Nashville at 4pm. All donations welcome.**

XXIII. Adjournment- 8:42pm

Submitted by Becky Austin, Clerk  
9/18/2023