

**Vermontville Village**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**194 S Main St, Vermontville MI 49096**  
**January 11, 2024 7:00p.m.**

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- I. Call to Order – 7:01pm
- II. Roll Call – Ira Flowers, Gary Goris, Kimberlee Kenyon, Tom Lesage, Christopher Morris, Rick Salisbury and Mark Wenger. Also present Becky Austin, Clerk, Amy Peters, Treasurer and Chris Rumsey, DPW Supervisor.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – said by all
- IV. Public Comment – (Comments and Communications concerning items **not** on the agenda) **Brian Rumsey from 139 Third St is asking for sewer forgiveness on the water leak they had at their house from October to December.**

*Motion by G. Goris, seconded by K. Kenyon, to add 139 Third St to new business and add the 2023 Audit engagement letter to VII b.) 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 A 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 – December 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
- B. Bills for Approval – Check register 12/14/2023 – 1/11/2024
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2023
- D. Treasurer Report – Cash and Investment and CD summaries for December.

*Motion by T. Lesage, seconded by C. Morris, to approve consent agenda. All Ayes.*

- VI. Reports from Council Committees

- VII. Insurance/Legal/Finance –

- a. 2024 Rules of Procedure

*Motion by C. Morris, seconded by M. Wenger, to approve Rules of Procedure for 2024. All Ayes.*

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b. Audit engagement letter

*Motion by I. Flowers, seconded by K. Kenyon, to sign the engagement letter for Walker, Fluke and Sheldon to perform 2023 audit. All Ayes.*

c. Closing street accounts at PFCU

*Motion by K. Kenyon, seconded by M. Wenger, to close out all accounts at PFCU. All Ayes.*

VIII. Water & Sewer – shut off report

**a. Update of well funding opportunities**

IX. Grants – **updated report of Grant progress**

X. Ordinance –

XI. Streets/Drains/Sidewalks –

XII. Fire – **no meeting in December**

XIII. Buildings & Grounds – **purchased 15 round tables for community center**

a. Recurring rental terms and conditions

**Member Rick Salisbury recused himself from this topic for conflict of interest. He is a member of the Nazarene Church that rents the Community Center on Sundays.**

*Motion by C. Morris, seconded by M. Wenger to eliminate the recurring rental agreement and make the following changes to the current rental agreement. Changes include changing "visual assistance dogs" to "service animals", replacing recurring rentals deposit to anyone who rents for more than one day can roll a deposit as long as that deposit is eligible for refund, and add "All Groups using Village Facilities shall be responsible for prompt removal of their property unless they have gotten prior approval from Council. Approval must be requested no less than 30 days prior to the event. No special meetings will be held to grant permission." All Ayes.*

**Member Rick Salisbury rejoins the meeting.**

XIV. Technology –

XV. Health & Safety –

a. Police stats

XVI. Personnel –

XVII. DPW Report –

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XVIII. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards – **Minutes from December 12, 2024**

XIX. President Report –

- a. Committees **(2024 committee assignments were passed out)**
- b. **139 Third St water leak**

*Motion by M. Wenger, seconded by C. Morris to allow UB Clerk to make adjustments to the sewer usage side of the bill for any usage above the average in October and November. All Ayes.*

XX. Unfinished Business –

XXI. New Business – Updated contacts for government

XXII. Public Comment – **Gary Goris announced that he will not be running for election in 2024. This leaves the President seat open for election in 2024. Clerk Becky Austin thanks the Council for putting the citizens first and making the hard decisions that keep the Village operating.**

XXIII. Adjournment- 8:32pm

*Motion by R. Salisbury, seconded by C. Morris to adjourn at 8:32pm. All Ayes.*

*Submitted by Becky Austin, Clerk  
1/16/2024*