

Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
108 N Main St, Vermontville MI 49096
May 9, 2024 7:00p.m.

I. Call to Order – 7:00pm

II. Roll Call – Ira Flowers, Gary Goris, Kimberlee Kenyon (7:04pm), Tom Lesage, Christopher Morris (7:01pm), and Mark Wenger. Absent Rick Salisbury. Also present Chris Rumsey and Becky Austin.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – said by all

IV. Public Comment – (Brief comment on agenda items) **Wade Dickinson 875 Linden St is inquiring about getting Consumers natural gas to his house. Sharon Harris has complaints about ordinance enforcement – a printed copy of her statement is attached. Jason Sheridan requested permission to close S. Main during the Memorial Day Parade.**

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by K. Kenyon, to allow street closures for Memorial Day Parade. 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 – April 11, 2024

B. Bills for Approval – Check register 4/12/2024 – 5/9/2024

C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the 4 Months Ended April 30, 2024

D. Treasurer Report – Cash summary by fund for April.

Motion by T. Lesage, seconded by M. Wenger, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

VI. Reports from Council Committees

VII. Insurance/Legal/Finance – Budget Amendments – State of Michigan uniform guidance has been updated in 2024

VIII. Water & Sewer – shut off report

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a. Recommendation to award bid to Northern Pump and Well for \$44,491.00, *Motion by I. Flowers, seconded by T. Lesage, to award the well project phase 1 to Northern Pump and Well, in the amount of \$44,491.00. Roll Call I. Flowers – AYE, G. Goris – AYE, K. Kenyon – NAY, T. Lesage – AYE, C. Morris – NAY, M. Wenger - AYE*

IX. Grants – updated report of Grant progress – **All grants have been submitted.**
a. **We are working on scheduling the Planning and zoning training**
b. **Park Project starts Monday May 13th**
c. **Street project has a pre-con meeting scheduled for May 10th at 10am**

X. Ordinance –

a. Backyard Farm Animal Permit for 421 Third St. – **committee will investigate the complaint**

XI. Streets/Drains/Sidewalks –

XII. Fire –

XIII. Buildings & Grounds –

a. **Recommendation to remove the Community Center shed and sell the contents**

Motion by K. Kenyon, seconded by C. Morris, to remove the shed and sell the contents. All Ayes

b. **Recommendation to resurface parking lot next to the downtown park after the project is complete for \$30,535.00. The service will be provided by the A1 asphalt subcontractor for the park project.**

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by , to have the parking lot repaved for a cost of \$30,535.00. Roll Call I. Flowers – AYE, G. Goris – AYE, K. Kenyon – AYE, T. Lesage – AYE, C. Morris – AYE, M. Wenger - AYE

c. **Dumpster service**

Motion by M. Wenger, seconded by K. Kenyon, to cancel the Community Center dumpster before it is renewed. All Ayes.

d. **AED's**

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by M. Wenger to apply for a grant for 2 AED's for the building at 108 N Main St and 194 S Main ST. All Ayes

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- XIV. Technology – **needs a meeting**
- XV. Health & Safety –
a. Police stats - presented by Roxy Fronckel ECSO
- XVI. Personnel –
a. Recommendation to combine the UB Clerk and Treasurer position together and hire a deputy for said position.
b. Recommendation to appoint Ashley Gritzmaker as the UB/Treasurer for a probationary period of 60 days at a rate of \$17.10/hr.
c. After 60 days the personnel committee will meet with Ashley and see if expectations have been met.
d. Recommendation to post the deputy position asap with the expectation that it could take a while to find a qualified candidate.

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by T. Lesage, to appoint Ashley Gritzmaker to the Treasurer position which will also include her current duties as a UB clerk for a rate of \$17.10/hr for the first 60 days. All Ayes

Motion by M. Wenger, seconded by T. Lesage, to post the deputy treasurer position which will also include UB clerk duties. All Ayes

- XVII. DPW Report –
- XVIII. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards – no meetings
- XIX. President Report –
- XX. Unfinished Business – Plow Truck repairs
- XXI. New Business –
a. Farmers Market
b. Golf benefit for Helping Hands Food Pantry in honor of the late Ron Carpenter
- XXII. Public Comment – **Ira Flowers commented that he does not think the Council has shown favoritism to another member. He takes offense to Sharon's comments.**
- XXIII. Adjournment- 8:32pm

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Motion by G. Goris, seconded by T. Lesage to adjourn at 8:32pm.

Submitted by Becky Austin, Clerk
5/13/24

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