

Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
194 S Main St, Vermontville MI 49096
November 13, 2025 7:00p.m.

- I. Call to Order – 7:00pm
- II. Roll Call – Ira Flowers, Tom Lesage, Christopher Morris, Rick Salisbury and Mark Wenger. Absent Kimberlee Kenyon. Also present Chris Rumsey, Becky Austin and Ashley Gritzmaker.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of silence for Les Fox, local veteran of the Korean war. Said by all.
- IV. Public Comment – Andy Shaver new county commissioner for our district. He was sworn in on 11/13/25.
- 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 THE DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- A. Minutes – October 9, 2025, Public Hearing Meeting
- B. Bills for Approval – Check register 10/10/2025 – 11/13/2025
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the 10 months ended 10/31/25
- D. Treasurer Report – Cash and Investment and CD summaries for October.

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

Reports from Council Committees

- VI. Insurance/Legal/Finance –

- a. Letters of intent

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by M. Wenger to appoint Ira Flowers as president until the next election. Ira Flowers - recused, Tom Lesage - AYE, Christopher Morris - AYE, Rick Salisbury – AYE and Mark Wenger - AYE. Roll call 4-0

Motion by M. Wenger, seconded by R. Salisbury to appoint Christopher Morris as President Pro Tempore until election 2026. Ira Flowers - AYE, Tom Lesage - AYE, Christopher Morris - recused, Rick Salisbury – AYE and Mark Wenger - AYE. Roll call 4-0

- VII. Water & Sewer –

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- a. Shut off report
- b. Meter update – 55 meters left to change

VIII. Grants – update from CEG (pavilion on third st) grant

IX. Ordinance –

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by I. Flowers, to approve animal permit for 397 E Main St. All Ayes. Ira Flowers - AYE, Tom Lesage - AYE, Christopher Morris - AYE, Rick Salisbury – AYE and Mark Wenger - AYE. Roll call 5-0

X. Streets/Drains/Sidewalks –

Motion by M. Wenger, seconded by T. Lesage, to spend \$2,300 on sidewalk repair on N. Main and to place a cement pad at the park for the memorial. All Ayes.

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by R. Salisbury to approve \$2000 to raise up sidewalk on N. Main and at the #6 wellhouse. All Ayes.

XI. Fire – Report from Tom – **Theresa O'Dell has resigned from the board, and they did not have quorum. Meeting was cancelled.**

XII. Buildings & Grounds –

XIII. Technology –

XIV. Health & Safety –

- a. Police Stats

XV. Personnel –

- a. **Recommendation to increase medical budget by \$6,300.**
- b. **Recommendation to switch to Melissa Marsh with Colonial life as a medical insurance broker.**
- c. **Recommendation to give \$50 holiday bonuses to each regular employee and a \$25 holiday bonus to the temporary employee on the Nov. 20th check.**
- d. **Recommendation to increase Council pay to \$75 monthly salary and meetings to \$20. Increase President pay to \$2000 yearly salary. Raise employee meeting pay to \$25.**

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Motion by M. Wenger, seconded by R. Salisbury to approve the wage, insurance and budget increase as listed above. Ira Flowers - AYE, Tom Lesage - AYE, Christopher Morris - AYE, Rick Salisbury - AYE and Mark Wenger - AYE. Roll call 5-0

- e. **Recommendation to appoint Ira Flowers as President until the next election.**
- f. **Recommendation to give Ira powers of Ordinance officer and Zoning administrator.**

Motion by R. Salisbury, seconded by C. Morris, to appoint Ira Flowers as zoning administrator and ordinance officer. All Ayes.

XVI. DPW Report –

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by T. Lesage to approve \$3,800 to remove the trees on Second St. All Ayes.

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by T. Lesage to approve \$2,950 to remove the dead Maple Tree at the Water Tower. All Ayes.

XVII. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards – ZBA minutes, next PC meeting is Dec. 8th

XVIII. President Report –

XIX. Unfinished Business – Budget 2026

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by M. Wenger, to approve the 2026 Budget resolution 25-06. Roll call. Ira Flowers - AYE, Tom Lesage - AYE, Christopher Morris - AYE, Rick Salisbury - AYE and Mark Wenger - AYE. Roll call 5-0.

XX. New Business –

Motion by T. Lesage, seconded by M. Wenger to approve meeting dates for the Council and Planning Commission for 2026. All Ayes.

XXI. Public Comment –

Motion by C. Morris, seconded by T. Lesage to adjourn at 7:54pm. All Ayes.

XXII. Adjournment- 7:54pm

Submitted by Becky Austin, Clerk
11/18/25