

**Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
108 N Main St, Vermontville MI 49096
May 14, 2026 7:00p.m.**

- I. Call to Order – 7:00pm
- II. Roll Call – Rod Harmon, Tom Lesage, Rick Salisbury, Mark Wenger and Ira Flowers. Absent Chris Morris and Kimberlee Kenyon. Also, present Ashley Gritzmaker and Chris Rumsey.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – said by all
- IV. Public Comment –
 - a. Gary Goris, the school special committee is looking into closing the admin building and or asking for a millage. June 15th is the next board meeting to discuss this.
 - b. Kathy Sheldon is willing to help with a policy for time clocks.

Motion by T. Lesage, seconded by M. Wenger, to add auditors report, to 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 THE DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- A. Minutes – April 9, 2026 and April 16, special meeting
- B. Bills for Approval – Check register 4/10/2026 – 5/14/2026
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the 4 months ended 4/30/26
- D. Treasurer Report – cash summary report ending 4/30/26

Motion by R. Harmon, seconded by M. Wenger, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call 5-0.

Reports from Council Committees

- VI. Insurance/Legal/Finance –
 - a. Auditors report

Motion by R. Harmon, seconded by R. Salisbury, to approve the audit report as presented. Roll Call 5-0.

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- VII. Water & Sewer –
 - a. Shut off report
 - b. Smoke test this summer

- VIII. Grants – update ECPG applied for, park pavilion bid awarded and state appropriations projects are moving along
 - a. Risk Reduction grant ward of \$4500.

Motion by T. Lesage, seconded by R. Harmon, to accept the award of \$4500 for fall material at the downtown park. All Ayes.

- IX. Ordinance –
 - a. Animal permit 401 E Main St,

Motion by R. Salisbury, seconded by T. Lesage, to approve the permit. All Ayes.

- b. Animal permit 146 W. Second St,

Motion by T. Lesage, seconded by M. Wenger, to approve the permit. All Ayes.

- X. Streets/Drains/Sidewalks –

Motion by R. Harmon, seconded by T. Lesage, to accept the agreement to finance a mini excavator and a mini skid steer using the backhoe as a trade in. Roll Call 5-0.

- a. Recommendation to enter into an agreement with Bobcat for municipal financing for \$140,000 with the backhoe traded in for \$30,000.

- XI. Fire – Report from Tom – no meeting

- XII. Buildings & Grounds – **meeting on 5/21 at 6:30pm**

- a. Invoice to Syrup Corporation

Motion by R. Harmon, seconded by M. Wenger, to send invoice for Syrup Festival Village expenses. All Ayes.

- XIII. Technology –

- XIV. Health & Safety –

- a. Police Stats

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XV. Personnel –

XVI. DPW Report –

a. 14k equipment trailer

Motion by R. Harmon, seconded by T. Lesage to approve \$9,699.00 for a 14k equipment trailer. Roll Call 5-0.

XVII. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards – Minutes from April 14th, 2026

a. Becky Austin has completed her Masters Citizen planner course from MSU.

XVIII. President Report –

XIX. Unfinished Business –

a. Disaster recovery plan

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt a disaster recovery plan per state and federal guidelines. No action taken.

XX. New Business –

XXI. Public Comment –

a. Gary Goris loves everybody, but we lost a president and a treasurer because of things.

XXII. Adjournment- 8:47pm

Motion by M. Wenger, seconded by R. Harmon to adjourn at 8:47pm. All Ayes.