

Vermontville Village
Council Meeting Minutes
108 N Main St, Vermontville MI 49096
July 9, 2026, 7:00p.m.

- I. Call to Order – **7:00pm**
- II. Roll Call – ***Present: Ira Flowers, Rod Harmon, Tom Lesage, Mark Wenger, DPW Supervisor Chris Rumsey, and Treasurer Ashley Gritzmaker. Absent: Chris Morris, Kimberlee Kenyon, Rick Salisbury.***
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – ***Said by all***
- IV. Public Comment –
 - ***Superintendent for Maple Valley Schools spoke about millage renewal for August election.***
 - ***Eaton County spoke about millages again.***
 - ***Ashley Gritzmaker spoke about raises.***
- 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 – June 11, 2026, meeting
- B. Bills for Approval – Check register 6/12/2026 – 7/9/2026
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report for the 6 months ended 6/30/26
- D. Treasurer Report – cash summary report ending 6/30/26

Motion by **Tom Lesage**, seconded by **Rod Harmon**, to approve the **consent agenda** as presented. ***All ayes.***

Reports from Council Committees

- VI. Insurance/Legal/Finance –
 - a. MML Workers' Compensation report from visit June 30th
 - ***Training videos for council set dates and which programs.***
- VII. Water & Sewer – ***Next meeting 7/16***
 - Shut off report
 - Meter changes: roughly 35 more to go

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VIII. Grants – ***Next meeting 7/23***

- Working on pavilion at Third Street
- Awarded parks grant from Eaton County

IX. Ordinance – ***Next meeting 7/23***

X. Streets/Drains/Sidewalks – ***Next meeting 7/16***

- Work at the bible church has been completed. C&H discovered a large void around the manhole of the county drain; they repaired it to the best of their ability. It is on the Eaton County Drain Commission to have it reviewed and repaired properly.

XI. Fire – Report from Tom:

- Met 6/22/26 from 6:30-7:00pm. Anytime we need the fire chief at either the council or committee meeting he is usually able to attend with a couple of days advance notice.

XII. Buildings & Grounds – ***Next meeting 7/16***

- ***Motion by Tom Lesage, seconded by Ira Flowers, to not make an insurance claim for tree removal from DPW roof and to pay invoice of \$2,800. Ira Flowers: yes, Rod Harmon: yes, Tom Lesage: yes, Mark Wenger: yes.***

XIII. Technology – ***Next meeting 7/23***

- Letter from 123.net about starting work on new fiber optic lines.

XIV. Health & Safety – ***Next meeting 7/23***

- Police Stats

XV. Personnel – ***Need to schedule budget meeting and employee reviews.***

- Clerk recommendation
- Wages

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- Who will do training
- Hiring Nick Curtis as part-time or seasonal vs contract employee.
- Time Clocks

- Motion by **Rod Harmon**, seconded by **Tom Lesage**, to offer the Village Clerk position to **Brandy Collins**. ***Ira Flowers: yes, Rod Harmon: yes, Tom Lesage: yes, Mark Wenger: yes.***

- Motion by **Rod Harmon**, seconded by **Tom Lesage**, to start Brandy Collins at **\$18.00/hr.** with reviews at 30 days, 60 days, and 90 days. With the intent of increasing the pay to \$19.50/hr. after reviews. ***Ira Flowers: yes, Rod Harmon: yes, Tom Lesage: yes, Mark Wenger: yes.***

- Motion by **Mark Wenger**, seconded by **Rod Harmon**, to increase Ashley Gritzmaker the treasurer's pay to **\$19.50** per hour, from \$18.81 per hour. Effective next pay period. ***Ira Flowers: yes, Rod Harmon: yes, Tom Lesage: yes, Mark Wenger: yes.***

- Motion by **Ira Flowers**, seconded by **Rod Harmon**, to hire Nick Curtis as **part-time seasonal employee**. ***Ira Flowers: yes, Rod Harmon: yes, Tom Lesage: yes, Mark Wenger: yes.***

- Motion by **Mark Wenger**, seconded by **Tom** Lesage to hire Nick Curtis at the rate of **\$15.50** per hour. Effective next pay period. ***Ira Flowers: yes, Rod Harmon: yes, Tom Lesage: yes, Mark Wenger: yes.***

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- Motion by **Tom Lesage**, seconded by **Rod Harmon**, to have **Laurie Tamez** train the new clerk **for 60 days**. ***All ayes***

- Motion by **Rod Harmon**, seconded by **Mark Wenger**, to authorize the purchase of two time clocks for no more than \$300. ***Ira Flowers: yes, Rod Harmon: yes, Tom Lesage: yes, Mark Wenger: yes.***

- Motion by **Ira Flowers**, seconded by **Rod Harmon**, to increase Jane Owen's pay to **\$16.00 per hour**. Effective next pay period. ***Ira Flowers: yes, Rod Harmon: yes, Tom Lesage: yes, Mark Wenger: yes.***

XVI. DPW Report –

- Motion by **Tom Lesage**, seconded by **Rod Harmon**, to spend \$350 more for the purchase of a sickle bar, for a total of \$1,850. And to not purchase the broom at this time. ***Ira Flowers: yes, Rod Harmon: yes, Tom Lesage: yes, Mark Wenger: yes.***

XVII. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards –

- ***Budget meeting 7/23***
- ***Master Plan Information from Rod***

XVIII. President Report –

- ***Thanks, the employees, for their hard work. Encourages council to stay involved and make good choices for the Village.***

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XIX. Unfinished Business –

XX. New Business –

XXI. Public Comment –

- ***County thanks us for our time.***
- ***Gary Goris thanks the employees and council for all we do.***

XXII. Adjournment-

***Motion by Ira Flowers, seconded by Tom Lesage to adjourn at 9:07pm
All ayes.***

