

VILLAGE OF VERNON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
July 20, 2016 **7:00p.m.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Steele

Present: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen, President Pro-Tem Winkowski, President Steele
Absent: None

Approval of minutes of regular meeting June 15, 2016

Moved by Ethington, seconded by Van Dusen to approve the minutes of meeting June 15, 2016 as written.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen, President Pro-Tem Winkowski, President Steele
Nays: None

Carried.

Approval of bills and accounts

Moved by Ethington, seconded by Winkowski to approve the bills and accounts as submitted.

General Fund	\$9,786.28
Major Street Fund	\$167.40
DDA Fund	\$214.07
Sewer Fund	\$2,640.60
General Fund – Payroll	\$11,971.31

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen, President Pro-Tem Winkowski, President Steele
Nays: None

Carried.

CALL TO AUDIENCE - None

Items of Business

- SAW Grant Project** – DPW Superintendent Graves informed Council that the riser rings have been ordered and once they arrive in the next month they will be installed and brought up to grade. Clerk Glass informed Council that resident Norma Chrzan came to the office to question and express her disappointment in the timeline for correcting issues discovered during the SAW Grant Project. She felt Clerk Glass could do more to encourage Council to fix the issue. Clerk Glass reminded Council that it was communicated to resident Ron Chrzan at June 15th meeting that the Council would develop a remediation plan with corrections to take place sometime in the future. DPW Superintendent presented Council with a proposal from Great Lakes Fusion in the amount of \$4,850.00 to fix the storm line in question by Chrzan. After discussion and review of the proposal, Council agreed that the timeline for fixing the storm line should be expedited.

Moved by Rosser, seconded by Mac Neill to approve the proposal from Great Lakes Fusion in the amount of \$4,850.00.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen, President Pro-Tem Winkowski, President Steele
Nays: None

Carried.

- Compost Lot Property Update** – Attorney Burlingame notified Clerk Glass that the DEQ was deposed July 18, 2016 by MML Attorney Matthew Stone and a Circuit Court Hearing for July 29 at 1:30 had been scheduled for the quiet title issue of the access road.

- Employee Wage Increase** – Chief Hubble submitted request for a \$1.00 hourly wage increase for Officer Buhrer. Clerk Glass advised that the approximate increase would be \$1,300.00 a year plus an increase in the MERS 5% contribution and would need to find room in budget.

Moved by Ethington, seconded by Winkowski to approve a \$1.00 hourly wage increase for Officer Buhrer.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen, President Pro-Tem Winkowski, President Steele
Nays: None

Carried.

4. ****Conrad Drain** – Drain Commissioner Newman dropped off estimated cost to fix tubes underneath Walnut and Duane St. to the office today. He asked that the Village pay for the cost of the tubes (approximately \$9,000 to \$10,000) and pass resolution to approve the drain office to overspend the annual maintenance amount. Clerk Glass will draft a resolution for overspending the annual drain maintenance amount for the August 17th meeting.
Moved by Winkowski, seconded by Mac Neill to approve the Village contributing \$9,500.00 to the cost of the tubes.
Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen, President Pro-Tem Winkowski, President Steele
Nays: None
Carried.

Correspondence

1. **Paul Hubble, Police Chief** – Council reviewed the June 2016 Police Report
2. **Trevor Graves, DPW Superintendent** – Council reviewed the June 2016 DPW Report

CALL TO AUDIENCE

At the request of President Steele, Clerk Glass informed Council that starting August 2, 2016 Teresa Sherman, resident of the Village and current planning commission member, would be starting employment in the Village office. She will be working split shift in the office and overlapping some hours in the beginning to train. Trustee Ethington questioned the decision and expressed his concern for the manner in which it was handled. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate process that should be followed for hiring/firing and disciplining employees of the Village, as well as who has ultimate responsibility for and oversight of those functions.

- Moved by Ethington, seconded by Winkowski to adjourn meeting at 7:47 p.m.
Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen, President Pro-Tem Winkowski, President Steele
Nays: None
Carried.

Ellen R. Glass – Village Clerk

Additions Per Trustee Ethington 8-17-16.

1. *Teresa Sherman is training to become deputy clerk.*
2. *The President thought Gary Blahnik was being replaced because Gary was going to retire.*
3. *The Clerk had to explain that Gary Blahnik was being replaced because of his job performance.*
4. *The Clerk also stated that she has had three talks with Gary Blahnik concerning his job performance.*
5. *The Clerk also stated that Gary Blahnik was asked to be at the meeting. He was not present.*

Indicates addition to the agenda items of business