

VILLAGE OF VERNON
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
August 17, 2016 **7:00p.m.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro-Tem Winkowski

Present: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen President Pro-Tem Winkowski

Absent: President Steele

Approval of minutes of regular meeting July 20, 2016

Moved by Ethington, seconded by Mac Neill to approve the minutes of regular meeting July 20, 2016 with amendments presented by Trustee Ethington.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen President Pro-Tem Winkowski

Nays: None

Carried.

Approval of bills and accounts

Moved by Ethington, seconded by Mac Neill to approve the bills and accounts as presented.

General Fund \$11,838.46

Major St. Fund \$2,587.34

DDA Fund \$1,250.00

Sewer Fund \$5,215.80

Payroll Fund \$10,141.59

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen President Pro-Tem Winkowski

Nays: None

Carried.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Norma Chrzan, resident, questioned the hours worked in the office and posting of minutes.

Items of Business

- 1. Downtown Development Authority** – Moved by Mac Neill, seconded by Ethington to approve the appointment of Joe Borkowski to the DDA board.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen President Pro-Tem Winkowski

Nays: None

Carried.

Clerk Glass advised that the DDA had partnered with Joe Borgstrom of Place & Main, L.L.C to conduct a downtown revitalization strategy/study and would be conducting interviews and meetings over the next month to complete the study.

- 2. Conrad Drain Resolution** – Moved by Ethington, seconded by Mac Neill to approve the following resolution

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE
VERNON VILLAGE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Shiawassee Drain Commissioner has advised the Village of Vernon Council that, pursuant to Section 196 of the Michigan Drain Code (MCL 280.196; MSA 11.1196), an inspection has been made of the Conrad Drain and it has been determined, as a result of the inspection, that certain maintenance must be performed upon the Drain; and,

WHEREAS, the Shiawassee Drain Commissioner has the authority to expend Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile in any one (1) year for the maintenance of the drain, and where it is estimated that expenditures in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by Resolution of the governing body of each township, city and village affected by more than twenty (20%) percent of the cost; and,

WHEREAS, the Shiawassee Drain Commissioner has advised the Village of Vernon Council that it will be necessary to expend funds in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile for the

maintenance of the Conrad Drain and that the Village of Vernon is affected by more than twenty (20%) percent of the cost; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Village of Vernon Council, that pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, the Shiawassee Drain Commissioner is authorized to expend money for the maintenance and repair of the Conrad Drain in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile and, to the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance or repair of the Drain, then the Shiawassee Drain Commissioner is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Van Dusen President Pro-Tem Winkowski

Nays: Trustee Rosser

Carried.

3. **Sewer Connections** – Per Trustee Ethington

- a. **105 E. Main St. – Jeff Newell** – Moved by Ethington, seconded by Van Dusen to approve billing owner of 105 E. Main St. for sewer from date of closing August 2015 through March 31, 2016.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen President Pro-Tem Winkowski

Nays: None

Carried.

- b. **211 N. Spring St. – Fred & Geri Brady** – Clerk Glass advised that an agreement had been found in files from 1968 that was updated in June of 2000 that allowed the property to operate on its own septic until it fails.

4. **Status Updates on:**

- a. **119 N. Maple St.** – Proceeding with demo process per Building Official Worthing

- b. **Compost Lot** – As of July 29 the case has been resolved and the drive has been recorded as village property.

- c. **Parks & Recreation** – First session of archery had 7 participants and second session already has 8 participants. Archery brought in enough money to pay the cost of the porta john for the 8 week sessions.

Sewell family has donated the funds for new picnic table at Sexton park.

- d. **SAW Grant** – F & V engineering is conducting manhole inspections currently

- e. **Lagoon drive railroad easement** – Clerk Glass followed up after letter she sent in May and they have agreed to renegotiate the price back to the original agreement of \$100.00 per year

Correspondence

1. **Paul Hubble, Police Chief** – Council reviewed the July 2016 Police Report submitted.

2. **Trevor Graves, DPW Superintendent** – Council reviewed the July 2016 DPW Report submitted.

3. **MDOT Act 51** - Letter from State regarding proposed increase in Act 51 funding for upcoming year.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Fred Brady, resident at 211 N. Spring St, asked if Council had any questions for him reference the sewer connection.

Trustee Ethington advised Council that 433 Main St. was starting to accumulate a large amount of compost and would like a letter sent to clean up property. Trustee Ethington also advised that he had researched General Law Village Act specific to hiring Deputy Clerk and felt that we should discuss with the attorney since the law states that only the Council may appoint such positions.

Clerk Glass advised that the onsite work of the audit had been complete and AHP advised that the audit would double in cost next year. Also the annual bridge inspections have been completed and report is on file if anyone would like to review. Meeting with Doug Piggott & Stuart Worthing on Thursday August 24 to review building and zoning ordinances.