

VILLAGE OF VERNON
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
September 21, 2016 **7:00p.m.**

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

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

Approval of minutes of regular meeting August 17, 2016

Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Mac Neill to approve the minutes of regular meeting August 17, 2016 as written.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen, Pro Tem Winkowski and 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 \$12,085.58

Major Street Fund \$136.71

Local Street Fund \$136.71

DDA Fund \$300.00

Sewer Fund \$6,371.18

General Fund-Payroll \$14,396.78

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen, Pro Tem Winkowski and President Steele

Nays: None

Carried.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

None

Items of Business

1. **SAW Grant** – Council tabled proposal from Pipeline Services to correct problematic areas until engineers Fleis & Vandenbrink can put proposal together to seek additional bids. Geric Rose from Fleis & Vandenbrink was present and informed Council that project is on schedule and they will be finishing up condition assessment of manholes in the next month. Still on target to complete spring of 2017.

2. **Vacant lot on South Walnut** – Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Mac Neill to purchase vacant lot 012-76-004-002-02 from Charles & Betty Jo Nelson for \$1.00 plus closing costs.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Rosser, Van Dusen, Pro Tem Winkowski and President Steele

Nays: None

Carried.

3. **Property Owner Notice** – Council will update rules of procedure in November 2016 and will add a section on notifying residents if items of business on the agenda are related to their property. Clerk will notify resident or property owner. Resident Fred Brady recommended a formal policy be adopted.

4. **Tree Trimming** – Trustee Ethington asked if bids have been received for any of the work. DPW Superintendent Graves advised that have not bid the work out yet that he was looking for direction from the Council. Ethington also asked if Graves could do any of the work with trimming and removal. Graves advised he would do as much as he could.

5. **Storm Sewer Repair Invoice** – Council reviewed Finalized bill from Great Lakes Fusion for Elm St. storm sewer for \$8,400.00

Correspondence

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

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

3. **Attorney Correspondence** – Council reviewed letter from Attorney Burlingame regarding the Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant position. Trustee Mac Neill stated he did not appreciate the comment of “micro-managing” from the Attorney. Trustee Ethington questioned the meetings that happened with the Attorney regarding the matter. Clerk Glass informed Trustee Ethington that herself and Village President Steele met with the Attorney. Trustee Ethington stated he would like to have known about the meeting since he is the one that questioned the issue. Ethington also stated he felt the letter from our attorney was inadequate and did not resolve the issue in his opinion. Discussion ensued over interpretation of the letter.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

None