

VILLAGE OF VERNON
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
December 20, 2017 **7:00p.m.**

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

Present: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Pfeiffer, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen.

Absent: Trustee Winkowski

Approval of minutes of regular meeting November 15, 2017

Moved by Mac Neill, Seconded by Rosser to approve the minutes of November 15, 2017 as written.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Pfeiffer, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen.

Nays: None

Carried.

Approval of bills and accounts

Moved by Mac Neill, Seconded by Rosser to approve the bills and accounts as submitted

General Fund Payroll \$13,449.77

General Fund \$11,365.86

Major Street Fund \$836.00

Local Street Fund \$836.00

DDA Fund \$2,387.95

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Pfeiffer, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen.

Nays: None

Carried.

Call to Audience

Gayle Steele, 109 State St., questioned if there was any plan for road repairs and funding.

Special Presentation – President Van Dusen presented our first Citizen Recognition Award to Russell Hilliker in appreciation of his outstanding community spirit and continued contribution to the betterment of the community.

Regular Meeting Items of Business

1. **Feral/Stray Cat Program** – Lori Bailey with Community Cats of Owosso was present to explain the program and possibility of teaming up to have a location here in Vernon. Lori will work with Clerks office to set up volunteer meeting and discuss logistics of Vernon location. Requested to advertise in the newsletter.
2. **Consumers Energy Contract Resolution**– Council reviewed correspondence from Consumers regarding conversion of streetlights. No representative from Consumers was present, will table until next meeting and request representative to be present again. Resident Pat Steele asked if the conversion would help with brightness of lights.
3. **Credit Card Payment** – Moved by Kimmer, Seconded by Mac Neill to approve the Resolution authorizing acceptance of payment by financial transaction devices and designate Point and Pay, LLC (PNP) as the Village electronic financial transaction service provider with associated service and transaction fees will be charged to customers.

**RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE
OF PAYMENT BY FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICES**

WHEREAS, Act 280 of the Public Acts of 1995, as amended (MCLA 129.221, et seq.) (“Act”) permits a local unit to accept payment by a financial transaction device for a tax, assessment, or fee if the governing body of the local unit adopts a resolution authorizing the acceptance of payment by financial transaction devices;

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Vernon desires to accept payment by financial transaction devices, as hereinafter specified, for taxes, utility payments, fees and other charges for the Village of Vernon and;

WHEREAS, the Village Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Village of Vernon Treasurer that financial transaction device be permitted for payment of taxes, utility payments, fees and other charges as authorized by the Act and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon determines that it is in the best interest of the Village of Vernon to permit the use of financial transaction devices of taxes, utility payments, fees and other charges as specified in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, be is resolved as follows:

1. That the Village of Vernon hereby permits the payment by financial transaction devices, as defined by Act 280 of the public Acts of 1995, as amended (which shall be limited to VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) for such taxes, utility payments, fees and other charges as authorized by the Act by a financial transaction device.
2. That the Clerk and the Treasurer of the Village of Vernon are hereby authorized and directed to execute such credit card arrangements as shall be required by the existing depository institution for the Village of Vernon, or such subsequent depository institutions as may be established by the Village to permit payment pursuant to this Resolution;

3. That this Resolution shall not permit the payment of any taxes, assessments, fees, utility payment, fines, or other charges by the Village except as expressly specified herein or as shall be amended by recommendation of the Village Clerk and subsequent Resolution by Village Council;

4. That this Resolution has been adopted in conformance with MCL 129.12 and hereby designates JP Morgan Chase Bank as the depository institution for such financial transaction devices, or such other financial institution as the Council of the Village of Vernon may designate upon recommendation by Village Clerk in accordance with Act 280 of the Public Acts of 1995, as amended; and

5. That this resolution shall also designate Point and Pay, LLC (PNP) as the Village of Vernon electronic financial transaction service provider. Associated service and transaction fees will be charged to customers using financial transaction devices per the PNP Fee Schedule and E-Payment Services Agreement (attached); and

6. That this Resolution shall revoke and supersede any prior resolution adopted by the Council of the Village of Vernon relating to the acceptance of financial transaction devices permitted pursuant to the Act.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Pfeiffer, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen.

Nays: None

Carried.

4. **Downtown Development Authority** – Council reviewed information from ROWE Professional Services regarding the next steps in DDA/Village boundary amendments. Council does not feel comfortable to proceed until they have a better understanding. Tabled until meeting can be held with Doug Piggott and DDA.

5. **Urban Forestry Grant** – Trustee Matt Kimmer reviewed next steps in grant process. Moved by Mac Neill, Seconded by Rosser to approve contract with Davey Trees Service in the amount of \$6,500 inventory all Village trees.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Pfeiffer, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen.

Nays: None

Carried.

6. **2018 Schedule of Meetings** – Moved by Mac Neill, Seconded by Kimmer to approve the 2018 schedule of meetings as submitted.

January 17, 2018

July 18, 2018

February 21, 2018

August 15, 2018

March 21, 2018

September 19, 2018

April 18, 2018

October 17, 2018

May 16, 2018

November 21, 2018

June 20, 2018

December 19, 2018

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Pfeiffer, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen.

Nays: None

Carried.

Correspondence

1. **Paul Hubble, Police Chief** – Council reviewed November 2017 Police Report submitted.

a. Moved by Mac Neill, Seconded by Ethington to approve the purchase of AR-15 to replace rifle issued from the 1033 program.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Pfeiffer, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen.

Nays: None

Carried.

2. **Trevor Graves, DPW Superintendent** – Council reviewed November 2017 DPW Report submitted.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Pat Steele, questioned the fees associated with excepting credit cards. Clerk Glass explained that the Village would not pay the fees or capture any portion of the fees that all of that will be handled through company.

Clerk Glass updated Council on 119 Maple St. Owner has pulled demo permit and we are now waiting for timeline of work.

Trustee Ethington advised that he did take care of the two bumpouts on north side of Main St., but would like the DDA to discuss the ongoing maintenance and handling of them.

Moved by Mac Neill, Seconded by Ethington to adjourn meeting at 8:14 p.m. All yeas. Carried.