

VILLAGE OF VERNON
MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
June 21, 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: None

Approval of work session minutes May 3, 2017

Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Mac Neill to approve the minutes of May 3, 2017 as written.

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

Nays: None

Carried.

**Trustee Ethington abstained from voting however will be counted with the majority per rules of procedures.*

Approval of minutes of regular meeting May 17, 2017

Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Kimmer to approve the minutes of May 17, 2017 as written.

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

Nays: None

Carried.

**Trustee Mac Neill and Winkowski abstained from voting however will be counted with the majority per rules of procedures.*

Approval of bills and accounts

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

General Fund – Payroll \$16,785.32

General Fund \$12,182.12

Major Street Fund \$1,087.61

Local Street Fund \$837.61

DDA Fund \$562.99

Sewer Fund \$3,951.25

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

Nays: None

Carried.

Call to Audience

Grey Wilcox, 405 N. Maple St., was present to follow up on complaint he left with Clerk Glass regarding a fox in town. Clerk Glass informed him that she discussed the issue with our Police Officer and he was going to inform the DNR. Chief Hubble spoke with Officer Buhrer and says the issue is taken care of.

Regular Meeting Items of Business

1. **119 Maple St** – Council discussed the possibility of purchasing the property for demo from the state tax auction however felt that it was in the best interest of the Village to allow the property to go through the tax sale process. If the property sells the Village will still continue with the code enforcement process.
2. **Walnut St Vacant Parcel** – Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Winkowski to advertise the property for sale by sealed bids with the purchaser responsible for all expenses.
3. **DDA Updates** – President Van Dusen and Clerk Glass updated Council on the efforts of the DDA. The DDA is exploring signage options for M71, River Clean Up will be happening July 29, Brian Marks has offered to work with DDA on the Canoe Launch, and the board is continuing to research the rails to trails.
 - a. **Farmers Market** - Moved by Mac Neill, Seconded by Ethington to approve the DDA to host the Farmers Market downtown in the parking spaces located on the north side of Main St.
Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Pfeiffer, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen
Nays: None

Carried.

- b. **New Member Appointment** – Moved by Winkowski, Seconded by Ethington to approve the appointment of Joe Libby to represent Great Lakes Fusion to fill vacancy on DDA board.
Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Pfeiffer, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen
Nays: None

Carried.

4. **Tree Permit & Policy** – Council reviewed the draft submitted by Matt Kimmer. Committee will continue to work on policy.

5. **Sexton Park Playground Equipment** – Pro Tem Matt Kimmer excused himself from the discuss and vote due to personal conflict of interest with one of the bidders.
Moved by Pfeiffer, Seconded by Rosser to approve offer from Lucas Glew for the purchase of the Castle and Emma Manchester for the purchase of the pirate ship.
Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Mac Neill, Pfeiffer, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen
Nays: None
Abstain: Pro-Tem Kimmer

Carried.

6. **Grants** – Clerk Glass is working with MEDC on ICE Grant. Next step will be environmental review. Fleis & Vandenbrink is finalizing asset management plan and will be meeting with staff after July 4.

Correspondence

1. **Paul Hubble, Police Chief** – Council reviewed the May 2017 Police Report submitted.
2. **Trevor Graves, DPW Superintendent** – Council reviewed the May 2017 DPW Report submitted.

Reminders

River Clean Up July 29 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

None

Moved by Mac Neill, Seconded by Winkowski to adjourn meeting at 7:51 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Carried.

Ellen R. Glass – Village Clerk