

VILLAGE OF VERNON
MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AUGUST 16, 2017

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 minutes of regular meeting July 19, 2017

Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Mac Neill to approve the minutes of regular meeting July 19, 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 Ethington, Seconded by Winkowski to approve the bills and accounts as submitted:

General Fund \$1,807.96

General – Payroll \$9,253.88

DDA Fund \$153.65

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

Nays: None

Carried.

Call to Audience

No Comments

Regular Meeting Items of Business

1. **Circuit Court** – Honorable Judge Matthew Stewart was present to give an update on the latest with Circuit Court. Judge Stewart shared the success of the new Drug Court and informed Council that next year they will be implementing additional programs for mental health and veterans. Judge Stewart also shared that they have been able to increase staff in Friend of the Court to assist with outstanding child support and friend of the court issues.
2. **Discharge Pipe for City of Durand** – Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Kimmer to allow President Van Dusen to sign any required permits on behalf of the Village for the City of Durand project installing an aeration unit on their discharge pipe running along the Holly Drain in Crawford Park.
Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Mac Neill, Rosser, Winkowski, President Van Dusen
Nays: Trustee Pfeiffer

Carried.

3. **South Maple St. Railroad Crossing** – Clerk Glass informed Council that MDOT along with the RR conducted a routine 5-year safety inspection and the crossing meets the thresholds to install a signal device. The signal device would be installed at no cost to the Village, however, the Village would be responsible for paying a yearly maintenance fee of approx. \$1,900. Discussion ensued debating the pro/cons. Council felt at this time no action will be taken due to low train speed and low train traffic. Council will reconsider during next scheduled safety inspection in 5 years.
4. **SAW Grant** – F & V did not submit anything for review.
5. **ICE Grant Update** – Clerk Glass reviewed the Environmental review process and checklist with the Council and informed she had an Environmental Consult scheduled for Thursday with MEDC Rep.
6. **RRC Process** – Clerk Glass informed Council that Chris Germain, Consultant with MEDC, will be conducting interviews with business owners, DDA members, Planning Commission, and potential Developers in the next week and will make a full report at the next regular Council meeting.

Correspondence

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

Reminders

Corunna Band Practice	August 17	6:00 p.m.
Car Show	August 26	9:00 a.m.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No Comments

Moved by Mac Neill, Seconded by Winkowski to adjourn meeting at 8:07 p.m. All Yeas. Carried.