

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

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

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

Absent: Trustee Winkowski

Approval of minutes of regular meeting August 19, 2017

Moved by Mac Neill, Seconded by Ethington to approve the minutes of August 19, 2017 as written.

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

Nays: None

Carried

Approval of bills and accounts

Moved by Ehtington, Seconded by Mac Neill to approve the bills and accounts as presented.

General	\$12,699.30
General -Payroll	\$20,863.66
Major	\$2,730.16
Local	\$13.97
DDA	\$56.69
Sewer	\$393.61

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

Nays: None

Carried

*Trustee Rosser arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Call to Audience

County Commissioner Brandon Marks and Jeremy Root were present to update Council on the latest at the county level. Marks informed Council the county wage study was complete and results would be presented in the next couple of months, Audit was done and went well, road patrol has restored a night shift, and the County continues to stay up to date on the latest with Project Tim.

Regular Meeting Items of Business

1. **SAW Grant** –Geric Rose and Gary Bartow with Fleis & Vandenbrink were present to review the draft of the Asset Management Plan and Capital Improvement Plan from F & V. Final draft must be submitted to DEQ by October 31, 2017. Council to review and get any questions or comments to Clerk Glass for final draft.
2. **State St. Sanitary Sewer** – Clerk Glass informed Council the repairs had been completed near 312 State St. The issue was a broken/offset lateral right at the main sewer line. Great Lakes addressed the problem very quickly and efficiently. They were able to utilize pipe the Village had left from another project. Should receive invoice by the next meeting.
3. **119 N. Maple St.** – Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Mac Neill to give authority to Village Attorney Burlingame to move forward in the dangerous building/demolition process and serve owner with order to abate the nuisance.

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

Nays: None

Carried

4. **Work sessions** – Moved by Mac Neill, seconded by Pfeiffer to approve moving to only one regular Council meeting a month.

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

Nays: None

Carried

5. **Downtown Development Authority**

- a. **Village Welcome Sign** –President Van Dusen presented concept design from Agnew for a Village welcome sign. President Van Dusen also informed Council that the DDA is asking to partner with the Council to pay half of the cost and approve the DDA to move forward with sign. Discussion ensued on exact location of sign, property acquisition quality, size, and maintenance. Council would like to table until Clerk Glass can provide further information for Council to make a more informed decision.
- b. **Amending DDA Boundaries** – President Van Dusen informed Council that the DDA has partnered with ROWE Professional Services to work on amending the DDA district. The DDA would like to extend the district east and west down Main St.

6. **Urban & Community Forestry** – Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Kimmer to approve the submission of application for grant through MDNR to fund a tree inventory and management plan and commit \$3,000.00 of the current tree budget as matching funds.

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

Nays: None

Carried

Correspondence

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

Reminders

ICE Grant Check Presentation

Sept 29 2:00 p.m. (Village Hall)

DDA Meeting/150 Celebration Committee Organization

Oct 11 5:30 p.m. (121 Main St.)

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Trustee Ethington brought to Council attention the large amount of dirt that was dumped at the compost lot by State St. resident Todd Beamish. Clerk Glass informed Council that a complaint did come in late afternoon regarding the dumping. Trustee Ethington asked that the compost lot file be reviewed and contact resident to remove.

Moved by Mac Neill, seconded by Pfeiffer to adjourn meeting at 8:46 p.m. All yeas. Carried.

Ellen R. Glass – Village Clerk