

VILLAGE OF VERNON
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
July 18, 2018 7:00p.m.

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

Present: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Pfeiffer, President Van Dusen

Absent: Trustee Mac Neill, Rosser, Winkowski

Approval of minutes of regular meeting June 20, 2018

Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Pfeiffer to approve minutes of June 20, 2018 meeting as written.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Pfeiffer, President Van Dusen

Nays: None

Carried.

Approval of bills and accounts

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

General Fund \$16,724.72

General – Payroll \$10,006.98

Sewer Fund \$9,816.22

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Pfeiffer, President Van Dusen

Nays: None

Carried.

Call to Audience

Bill Karas was present to express his disappointment in the upkeep of the Greenwood Cemetery and ask for Councils support and assistance in provoking the cemetery board to get things changed. He expressed the conditions were deplorable and even though the Village does not control the board it still reflects on the community.

Items of Business

1. **ICE Grant** – Moved by Kimmer, Seconded by Ethington to approve submission of grant amendment application to MEDC for increased budget of 1,726,000 with 10% match from the Village.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Pfeiffer, President Van Dusen

Nays: None

Carried.

2. **RRC** – Clerk Glass reviewed the expected actions spreadsheet she assembled with Chris Germain to help move the certification along. Clerk Glass also informed Council a joint meeting would be held in August with the Council, DDA, and Planning Commission.

Expected Actions Organized by Involved Party (Highlights)

Village Staff	Council	Planning Commission	DDA	Others
Complete public participation plan (2018)	Participate in identification and packaging of priority redevelopment sites (2018)	Participate in identification and packaging of priority redevelopment sites (2018)	Participate in identification and packaging of priority redevelopment sites (2018)	Determine if village's current zoning & building staffing is sufficient (2018)
Create training system for boards/commissions (2018)	Review & approve Public Participation Plan (2018)	Identify training priorities (2018)	Update DDA TIF Plan (2018/2019)	
Initial draft of board/commission descriptions (2018)	Update development fee schedule (2019)	Serve as key board overseeing master plan update (2019)	Review DDA board descriptions (2019)	
Handle administrative items for plan and zoning updates (2019/2020)	Review & approve updated DDA TIF plan (2019)	Review planning commission board descriptions (2019)	Participate in development of master plan (2019/2019)	
Suggest improvements to the development review process (2019/2020)	Participate in development of master plan (2019/2019)	Publish planning commission annual report (2019)		
	Review funding for training opportunities (2019)	Serve as key board for zoning ordinance update (2020)		
	Review position descriptions for boards/commissions (2019)	Sounding board for site plan review changes (2020)		
	Approve updated zoning ordinance (2020)			

3. **State Foreclosure Auction** – Moved by Ethington, seconded by Kimmer to approve the purchase of tax foreclosed parcel 012-60-006-011 in the amount of \$450.00 plus application fee of \$300.00 from the State of Michigan.

Yeas: Trustee Ethington, Kimmer, Pfeiffer, President Van Dusen

Nays: None

Carried.

Correspondence/Updates

1. **Paul Hubble, Police Chief** – Council reviewed the June 2018 Police report submitted.
2. **Trevor Graves, DPW Superintendent** – Council reviewed the June 2018 DPW report submitted.
3. **Region Housing Study** – included for Council review and information
4. **Vernon Library Thank you**

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Bill Karas thanked Council for listening to his concerns and again urged the Council to help him in making a change with the conditions of the cemetery.

Reminders

River clean up July 28 – Volunteers needed

Nomination petitions and affidavit of identity for November Election due by July 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Ethington, Seconded by Kimmer to adjourn meeting at 7:57 p.m. All yeas, carried.

Ellen R. Glass – Village Clerk