

Vermontville Township Board
June 25, 2009
Minutes

The Vermontville Township Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Opera House.

Present: J Owens, B Miller, B Moore, J Nehmer and S Stewart. Public present: Judy and Doug Gardner, Darlene Hosey, Joe and Virginia Harvey, Brett Ramey, Carla Rumsey, Carla Rumsey, Kim and Duane Eldred, Don and Marcia Grant, Monte O'Dell, Dan Sowles, Joan and Larry Weiler, Jason Orton, Shirley Harmon, Sheri Reynolds, Kay Marsh. Jeff and Kelly Hamilton, Paul Ulrich, Jane Pool, and Scott Peters

Supervisor Owens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Owens, support by Moore to approve the agenda. Miller removed item A, Nashville Dam under New Business and item A, Fire and Ambulance by-laws was removed under Unfinished Business. All ayes. Carried.

Deputy Peacock gave the Sheriff's Department report. There were 29 calls for service in the township and 22 in the village during May.

Monte O'Dell, Fire Chief, gave the fire department report. (enclosed)

Dan Sowles, Ambulance Director, reported there were six calls for service during May; one being fire stand-by and five transports which were billed. He said our department is using a helicopter service out of Sparrow Hospital and they helped with training. Working with Charlotte ambulance service has been good.

Jason Orton, David Chapman Agency, presented the board with the 2009-10 policy manuals and stated the premium dropped this year.

Virginia Harvey stated they put chloride on the road in front of their house right after the road was grated and the road commission turned around and grated again.

Joan Weiler stated she heard from a "good source" the money that had been used for dust control in the past was given to fire and ambulance.

Doug Gardner stated there are a lot of horse trailers on their road making it very dusty.

Paul Ulrich stated he lives on Brown Road and semi's and horse trailers use his section of road for a "cut across".

Owens explained why dust control was cut from the budget this year. It was decided the money needed to go to support the ambulance. He stated he called dust control companies and they will work with the township and do dust control for individuals wanting to pay for the service.

Joan Weiler stated dust control was worthless and a waste of money when the county road commission did it. She is interested in getting a hold of a company and pay for it themselves.

Owens will get information and have it available at the July meeting for those interested in paying for dust control themselves.

Virginia Harvey said for those interested, call the county and they will spot control. Duane Eldred, County Road Commissioner, stated the county has not "spotted" in the past.

Joe Harvey stated he bought calcium chloride for \$12.50 for a 50# bag.

Joan Weiler said she pays taxes to have dust control.

Nehmer requested to remove the MTA bill for the On-Call Firefighters manuals for \$125.00 from General and put in Fire. Moore requested taking the General CD, when it matures, and breaching it down into three or four CD in case General needs money during the term of the CD. Nehmer stated she will do that. Motion by Nehmer, support by Owens to approve consent agenda items, with changes. All ayes. Carried.

Stewart read a letter of resignation from Blair Miller from the F&A Committee.

Owens reported a letter was received from Kelly Sobel of the State Tax Commission and the tax roll has been returned to the township. A land split was received for approval; prior approval by the county and Winans. Owens will sign and return as a formality.

Nehmer asked about the adoption of a policy for the 14 point review. Miller explained the state adopted it; they supersede the township.

Nehmer asked if the assessor's contract had been received. Owens stated it has not but he will look into it. She stated O'Dell wants one of the file cabinets belonging to the township moved out of the fire barn.

No reports from the F&A Committee or the clerk.

Nehmer reported all delinquent taxes have been paid; one non-payment filed in small claims court ruled in our favor; tax bills are in. She has been notified by the county all township treasurers will be responsible for printing tax bills beginning in 2010. The best interest rates right now are at the LAFCU; would like permission to join the credit union for \$7.00 and deposit \$1.00 in an account in order to invest in CD's.

Nehmer questioned Owens about a letter he received from Dave Chase, B of R member, concerning the hours they put in. The clerk will send letters to the board members explaining the salary and payment.

Shirley Harmon gave the library board report stating the Maple Syrup Association made a donation to the library and the library will be closed July 4 and July 11; all employees and board members are attending a conference in Chicago.

Moore reported he is waiting for an insurance adjuster to evaluate the Opera House roof for possible storm damage. Nehmer asked Moore about changing the locks on the Opera House and he stated he talked with Ed Curth who offered to take the lock box to a lock smith for re-keying.

Nehmer stated she received a call from someone inquiring on renting the Opera House for a class reunion and asked about allowing alcohol. Nehmer contacted the MTA attorney and obtained information concerning Township Hall Rentals. She stated a township hall should not be rented to some and allowed to be used free of charge to others; including service organizations. She provided each board member with a copy and asked it be put on the July agenda. In the meantime, Owens will contact Jason Orton and provide him with the MTA information.

Motion by Nehmer, support by Miller to accept Miller's letter of resignation from the F&A Committee. All ayes. Carried. Replacement will be put on July agenda.

Joe Harvey commented the township does not collect tax money for roads, that there is a mis-conception as to what tax money is for. He reminded the board he once stated the opera house should not be rented to some and used for free by others.

Virginia Harvey reported on interest rates and drawing money out of CD's.

Shirley Harmon asked if a notice would be put in the paper concerning the dust control issue being discussed in July. Owens replied it would be reported by the Maple Valley News reporter and in the minutes that will be on the website.

Motion by Owens, support by Moore to adjourn. All ayes. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Sharon Stewart
Vermontville Township Clerk