

VERMONTVILLE TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 28, 2008
MINUTES

The Vermontville Township Board met in regular session on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Opera House.

Present: R Lavery, B Moore, J Nehmer and S Stewart. Absent: J Owens Public present: Joe and Virginia Harvey, Dean Monroe, Herb Kirchhoff, Monte O'Dell, Carla Rumsey, Marcia Grant, Amy Parrish, Blair Miller, Shirley Harmon, Sheri Reynolds, Kim and Duane Eldred, Emily Eldred and Dave Chase.

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

Pledge to the flag.

Additions to the agenda: Internal Control Issues and Ambulance Medical Bills

Deputy Brian Peacock, Eaton County Sheriff's Dept, reported there were 44 calls for service in the township during July and 29 calls in the village.

Fire Chief O'Dell reported the department has been training with other departments (waterball) and he is getting bids to have the fire station painted. The "capacity" signs have been posted in the Opera House.

Lavery will speak with Jeff Winans, Assessor, pertaining to his request for a part-time employee to do filing.

Herb Kirchhoff, Township Resident, reported his family has reason to believe they are in the final running for selection by the "Extreme Make-Over (Home Edition) Show. He asked that anyone that could donate time, skills or materials, to please contact the show. If their home is selected for the make-over, they have named the Opera House as the community project for a free make-over.

Blair Miller stated Landmark Appraisal will be finished with their reassessments in September (due to the timeline given them) and the problem is, no property values can be determined until December. Lavery replied Jane McCloud and Lewis Rogers from the State Tax Commission, set September as the deadline for completing the reassessments. Lavery will contact McCloud.

Dave Chase stated he was hoping he would not have to wait until next March for his new assessment, but if what Miller says is true, it looks like he will have to.

Motion by Lavery, support by Nehmer to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Lavery, support by Moore to sign a letter of approval with AT&T concerning the extension of the Metro Act; due to expire in November. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Lavery to approve Joshua Norton for membership on the fire department, retroactive to April 2008, support by Moore. All ayes. Carried.

Laverty reported Brad and Dale Laverty have completed the refinishing of the Opera House doors. Joe Harvey offered to purchase kick plates for the doors. Laverty will get the kick plates.

Laverty presented, for approval, the Eaton County Hazard Mitigation Plan. It has been in place since 2004, but at the time Vermontville Township had its own zoning, so they were not included in the initial approval. The County is not eligible to apply for FEMA grants until all units of government have adopted the agreement. Motion by Laverty to adopt the Mitigation Plan, support by Nehmer. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Stewart, support by Moore to accept the service agreement with Castleton-Maple Grove-Nashville Ambulance Service. All ayes. Carried.

Laverty reported he and Dan Sowles, Ambulance Director, will be meeting after Labor Day to begin the ambulance grant process.

The Open Burn Ordinance was tabled until September meeting.

Laverty stated he has volunteers to paint the Opera House; he will get the paint at the hardware.

Laverty reported it is a requirement of our insurance carrier and recommended by MTA to require any contractor hired by the township to carry liability insurance.

There was discussion concerning whether or not the ambulance director was hired for training purposes. Shirley Harmon stated there was a job description drawn, but never signed. Laverty stated he works for the Fire Chief.

Laverty reported he spoke with some of the ambulance personnel, and with Dan Sowles, Director, and it was decided our department needs to take the ALS runs; and the only time our department does not transport is when ALS arrives first and the patient is already in their rig.

Nehmer questioned whether Sowles is going to do anything to help the two people, who completed EMT school more than a year ago, get licensed. It was decided the township will not pay for any school until Laverty has a chance to speak with Sowles.

Nehmer reported there have been a lot of homesteads lost; she has sent taxpayers to Winans. She and Vandermark, County Equalization Dept, have decided future tax bills will break down the millage; allocated, fire and library.

Carla Rumsey reported the library millage passed in August.

Moore gave a report on the Opera House repairs. He stated one bid was received for installation of emergency exit lights and the remainder of bids are due by August 29th.

The electrical bid from Hale was for \$916.00; to purchase and install exit egress lighting for the west wall and back stage. Motion by Laverty to accept bid, support by Moore. 3 ayes, 1 absent (Owens) and 1 nay (Nehmer).

Stewart reported on the auditor's recommendations and what she had done to comply. Rumsey reported on the library recommendations and what they have done to comply.

Stewart presented medical bills from Shirley Harmon, EMT who contacted poison ivy while working an accident. Motion by Lavery, support by Nehmer to pay. All ayes. Carried.

Duane Eldred, Eaton County Road Commission Board, reported the seal coating on some roads is being completed and the commission is waiting on FEMA money to be able to repair some roads damaged by the storms.

Lavery reported the second layer of dust control is being completed.

Blair Miller suggested keeping computer backups for a few months before reusing disks and stated the board will need to hold a public hearing before adopting the Open Burn Ordinance.

Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 8:00 am at the Opera House was set for the special meeting.

Virginia Harvey asked about the Ambulance Service Contract with Kalamo. The board replied it has not been returned yet.

Shirley Harmon reported the Homecoming Parade will be held in Vermontville on October 10th.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sharon Stewart
Vermontville Township Clerk