

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 3rd, 2017

The Vanderbilt Village Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 3rd, 2017 at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Boone at 7 p.m. and was opened with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: C. Boone, R. Bush, T. Heintz, R. Cottrell, Posgate & R. Musall
McMillion (Excused).

Others Present: A. Deeter – Clerk, TBA– Treasurer, S. Boyd, D. Whitman, P. Liss, J. Yurack, T. Serino, D. Robinson & (Code Enf.)

MOTION by Boone supported by Musal to accept the minutes of the March 6th, 2017 mtg. as presented. All in Favor; Motion Carried.

No Additions or Deletions

Public Comment: T. Serino – Asked how a new medical marijuana provider could have a business operating within 1000ft of a church? He further stated it appears that the said business is operating less than 1000ft from a church; which is violation of the Village Ordinance. Previous VOV minutes were mentioned, noting that the last business had been allowed to operate at this location because it was in place prior to the completion of the VOV Med. Marj. Ordinance. The minutes further stated that any future business would not be allowed to operate at this location and would have to adhere to the rules stated in the Village Med. Marj. Ordinance. The clerk stated that the current renter/business was not adhering to the village laws. That the business was operating without a permit, had not provided the necessary documentation, nor had paid for or been approved to operate such a business at the location in question. According to the sheriff attending this mtg, he stated, if a business was selling marijuana, without a permit, zoning approval, authorized provider card then it would be selling drugs illegally.

The Clerk then shared recent phone call with the Village attorney who stated, “The Village has an ordinance for Med. Marj. Marj. so it is up to the board to enforce the ordinance.” After cont. discussion a motion was made by Cottrell by 2nd by Boone to have our Code Enf. Officers (C.E) enforce the Med. Marj. Ordinance; further noting if C.E. needed assistance with this matter the C.E. should contact the necessary law enforcement agencies (Sheriff's Dept., S.A.N.E or State Police Dept.) for assistance.

K. Heintz asked to address the board regarding a civil matter which took place in fall 2016 between her a village resident; the Village DPW worker. She stated that restitution had been paid as a result of incident. The board did recognize the Ms. Heintz concerns and further noted that the incident occurred after hours and Village property/vehicles were not involved in the said occurrence. The board agreed that this was a private matter and but had been reviewed and discussed in fall when the incident took place.

Ms. Heintz also noted issues relating to the drainage system at Main and Arthur which has caused ongoing issues and were a yearly issue. The Street Administrator noted he would check into the matter as try to get it resolved for Ms. Heintz.

Communications: The Village has received 6 resumes for the Treasurer Position. The Employment Committee will meeting in the near future to interview potential candidates and to provide a recommendation for the May 1, 2017 board mtg.

Commissioners Report – Comm. Liss gave and update the attendees on the upcoming Iron Bell Trail project (no construction bids until 2018); Library was working on sales agreements for their 3 properties; ‘Resolution in Opposition’ was passed by Otsego County not supporting new Med. Marj. law.

Presidents Report – Discussed resumes’ including placing an ad for the Zoning Appointee position. Motion by Boone supported by Cottrell to place an ad for a zoning appointee. All in Favor; Motion Passed.

Street Administrators – Will check into drainage issues. Major/local needs to purchase gravel and cold patch for street repair.

Code Enforcement: People were being very cooperative and compliant with code enf. issues. There has been some confusion over hobby cars or reference to such; which is not clearly stated in the Ordinance book. Such Ordinances will be reviewed by the planning committee for further discussion and clarification of rules relating to non-operating vehicles, hobby cars and unlicensed vehicles.

Additional note: There are some parking issues occurring throughout the Village, C.E and Street Adm. Will work together to address issues relating to such matters.

Parks & Rec – Would like to plant perennials in planters throughout the Village, by doing so Cottrell hopes this may save money. Cottrell also express interested in starting a community garden, would like to look into possible locations within the Village where it would be possible to create such a garden. Several board and audience members expressed positive interest in this project including volunteering to participate in the project.

Zoning Administrator – N/A.

Planning Liaison – Discuss T. Kellogg estimate for completion of master plan. Board reviewed with planning committee to have T. Kellogg complete master plan with the Planning Committee. Invoices for work completed should be submitted monthly (prior to meeting dates to be included in monthly warrant).

School Board Liaison – Reviewed minutes. Blarney Castle made a \$500.00 donation for the Vanderbilt School. Close session to review Superintendents annual review. School had 12 snow days this year; hoping to have 3 days waved.

Fireboard Update – Approved 2017-2018 Budget/Volunteers needed

Treasurers Report: Not Available (new treasurer to be appointed 5/1/17)

Due To's – Due to's completed at Settlement.

Reminder: Spring Clean-up for the Village has been scheduled for June 10th from 8- 2 pm.

Village Website: <http://www.otsegocountymi.gov/village-of-vanderbilt/>

Meeting adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 8:30pm

AnnaMarie Deeter
Clerk/Office Manager
Approved Minutes