

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 5th, 2018

The Vanderbilt Village Council held its regular meeting on **Monday, February 5th, 2018** at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President C. Boone at 7 p.m. and was opened with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: T. Heintz, E. Posgate, R. Cherwinski & R. Musall, C. Boone & R. Cottrell
Absent: Bush. **Others Present:** A. Deeter – Clerk, T. Cherwinski - Treasurer, J. Yurack – Zoning Admin., D. Whitman, P. Liss, S. Boyd, T. Serino, K. Powell, T. Kellogg, J. Evans, A. Musall, C. Morrow, W. Perkins, T. Goosman

MOTION by **E. Posgate** supported by **R. Cottrell** to accept the Regular Meeting minutes from the **January 5th, 2017** mtg. as presented. All in Favor; Motion Carried.

Communications: n/a

Public Comment: Note that the Parks Trailhead mtg. will be taking place on Feb. 7th at 3:00pm to review final drawings before presentation to the township residents and council members are encouraged to attend. T. Kellogg provided a copy of final drawings to the council for review. R. Cottrell is working on grant for Solar Lighting for the Parks.

Public Comments: Medical Marijuana Discussion - Jason Evans "I am a Lifelong resident and would urge the board to opt in on the Medical Marijuana Facilities Act because regardless of everyone's personal opinions, beliefs or feelings it's been voted on and passed, it's here." "It would be ridiculous to pass up the money." "The patients are here; the product is here." A. Musall referred to Chad Morrow as their group speaker for individuals in favor of opting and allowing Medical Marijuana Facilities in Village of Vanderbilt. Chad Morrow is a village resident, owner of Cloud 45 (A Primary Caregiver Provider who operated in the City of Gaylord). He began by reciting from the Medical Marijuana Facilities Act Emergency Rules. He explained that communities in Detroit which are opting in, while the Western Side of Michigan and Northern Michigan is holding off to 'Wait and see'. According to Morrow, Fredrick has opted in and has already taken in over 30 applications at \$5000.00 apiece. He stated that although Vanderbilt is not as large as Fredrick; there is a parcel next to the Rickard residence which could be available for an actual facility. Morrow suggested that the property is big enough to allow two licenses (a processing center and a provisioning center). R. Cottrell stated that these facilities will be monitored with security systems and must allow immediate access to the authorities when a request is made. Morrow further stated that if the clerk signs a form stating that an Ordinance was in place effective Dec. 15th, 2017 that could allow operations to begin immediately. According to Mr. Morrow, the board would not have to approve for this to take place, the clerk could just sign the form.

It should be noted that as of this date the Village of Vanderbilt did not adopt the ordinance required to be in place by Dec. 15th, 2017 in order to allow a facility to operate by the current law (Per the Village of Vanderbilt Clerk- A. Deeter).

Tom Goosman discussed Fredrick opting in last September. Fredrick has approved 17 applications. Companies have spent several million for the building operations, and plan to hire 25+ people to be hired for above average pay. He claimed that housing values would go up and tax revenues would go up for the township.

A. Musall “I just want to say it’s beneficial to the community.” She asked, “Has everyone been educated and have we met with investors?” A. Musal concluded by stating that she did not think the Village should vote on it tonight; regarding deciding to opt out.

R. Cottrell stated that “Community support matters.” “Support means a lot; a lot people will nay say.” “A lot of people will have coffee table talk but where it counts and when it counts is here in the public format.”

It should be noted that only individuals who supported “Opting In” to the Medical Marijuana Facilities Act came to this meeting and publicly stated their support for this Act; making it appear that the Village of Vanderbilt residents support having Marijuana Facilities in our community. If there was opposition; it was not stated.

T. Heintz – “The Village does not have the infrastructure to support our ordinances; the state is not going to enforce our ordinances; the county is not going to enforce our ordinances and we can not ask our Code Enforcement Officer to enforce an alcohol or anything else that has such regulations. We do not the infrastructure to have a police department. The City of Gaylord has a police department if they choose to legalize this they have the means to enforce any law they pass.” R. Cottrell – “We can’t afford another worker for Stan.” “We can’t afford bigger budgets for other departments.” “There’s money to be had to offset cost.” “You can’t use fiscal responsibility an excuse.”

C. Boone – “I guess my questions as a board member is were talking about all these things but where is the documentation showing that this is going to increase all these things in black and white? How it would impact a community the size of Vanderbilt. R. Musall stated he would like to see in black and white too; I would like to hear someone from the law and what they’re going to do and would like to see such information. A. Deeter commented, “How could anyone show this when the numbers are only forecast and businesses are not operating yet?” C. Morrow stated, “Would you be open to see things from Colorado and other states if he finds thing from these other cities and statistics based on square footage and similar populations.” A. Deeter stated, “showing such statics would not be accurate.” “Colorado is a recreational marijuana state; this is not the same as the Medical Marijuana law in Michigan.” **R. Cottrell Motion to defer our topic for further discussion E. Posgate 2nd the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.**

Commissioners Report – Relating to the Opioid Issues; the county has joined in a lawsuit against pharm. the opioid fight. Recycling mileage was renewed. Proposed mileage for to the University. Parks and rec. purchased 54,000 sq. parcel for of property for \$14,000.

Presidents Report – Letter of resignation from D. Robinson for Code Enf. Motion by Boone supported by Musal to accept the resignation. An ad will be place for a new Code Enf. Candidate; Motion by Cottrell support by Cherwinski to place the ad. Comments: She was doing a great job, she will be missed. Many comments from board members expressing what a great job she had done. On a further note: C. Boone did speak with resident regarding parking issues and did communicate that they would be able to park 3 cars parallel in front of the home to assist with the individual handicap needs; however according to our ordinance the rest of the cars will need to be parked so that not in the right of way. Other residents with similar issues were schedule to be towed earlier this week for similar violation (according to our Village Ordinance rules) but later complied; issue was resolved.

Clerks Report – Discuss the need to enact a FOIA policy for the VOV. Motion by Cottrell supported by Posgate to enact the FOIA policy provide. Copies of the policy will be available in the office and online. Trailhead plans will be up for final review on Feb. 7th at 3pm and will be presented at the township for approval that same evening.

Street Administrators – No Street Report

Code Enforcement: N/A

Parks & Rec – NWM Health Department is providing grants for green space lighting. R. Cottrell will be applying for this grant. Cottrell has a quote from Home Depot for the Memorial Park restoration. R. Spreeman will provide stone at very affordable price for project.

Zoning Administrator – Report provided. Working on Master Plan. Next year’s focus will be updating outdated ordinances.

Planning Liaison – Working on completing Master Plan, they are in our final phase. Moving forward on Section 5 of our Zoning Book.

School Board Liaison – School board elected new board member. Vanderbilt schools will have a summer school this summer. Discussion of going to a 5-member board perhaps in 2020.

Fireboard Update – No meeting but new application has arrived.

Treasurer’s Report:

Total of all Checking Accounts	\$660,693.84
Total of all Revenue	\$33,375.69
Total of all CD’s	\$85,507.91
Total of all Accounts	\$746,201.75

Motion by Boone supported by Musal to acknowledge the treasurer’s report as written. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Old Business -N/A

Payment of Bills -MOTION by Cottrell supported by Boone to pay bills in the amount of **\$9951.48**; All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 8:47pm

AnnaMarie Deeter

Clerk/Office Manager

Approved Minutes