



Vermilion County Mayors Council

Subject: April 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Mayors' Council was held on April 22, 2010 in the Vermilion Advantage First Floor Conference Room.

Council Attendees: Mayor Sharon Simmons (Ridge Farm), Mayor Dave Ferber (Fairmount), Mayor Eleanor White (Bismarck), Mayor Bob Parr (Oakwood), Todd Lee (Vermilion Advantage).

Guests: Ed Cheuvront (Trustee-Fairmount), Gary Simmons (Police Chief-Fairmount), Doit Roberts (Trustee-Oakwood), Steven Spurlock (Trustee-Ridge Farm), Ben White (Bismarck), Shari Lannon (USDA), Nancy Bitto(USDA), Jeanne Mulvaney (United Way), Paul Sermersheim (Peer Court)

The Quarterly meeting was called to order by Todd Lee at 6 PM.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved unanimously. Moved by Mayor Ferber, seconded by Mayor Simmons

Todd Lee spoke about Vermilion Advantage's team approach effort providing information to Newcomers into the community. The information will be on the VA website and in a general booklet. The municipalities are being requested to submit information pertaining to 1) Garbage / yard waste schedule, cost, process/ recycling options, if any. 2) Making home improvements – what people need to know- where they find it. 3) Bringing a pet with you to the city – how to license, leash laws, etc. 4) Neighborhood Associations – where are they, who is in charge. 5) Neighborhoods that have covenants – does the municipality have record of this? 6) Utilities-sewer, water – how does local process, sign up work – contact folks, etc., who are the cable/internet providers for the municipalities. 7) What taxes are exclusive to the municipality? 8) If newcomers have children-teens – what are curfew laws, etc.? 9) Other items – things to give newcomers – complimentary packet of yard waste bags, etc.

Jeanne Mulvaney gave a presentation on the United Way and the programs and services the organization supports.

Paul Sermersheim provided a report on Peer Court. The report included the number of children served, recidivism rate and public service opportunities available to municipalities.

Shari Lannon and Nancy Bitto presented an overview of USDA Rural Development Programs. The report included the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program, Community Facility Loan Program, Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program and the Home Repair Program

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

The next Mayors' Council is scheduled for July 22, 2010. The Mayors are encouraged to bring trustees and key employees as guests. Mayors' Council minutes will be posted on Vermilion Advantage's webpage. The link for the webpage is <http://www.vermilionadvantage.com/MayorCouncil/>.

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