



April 24, 2008

To: Vermilion County Mayors

Subject: April Meeting Minutes

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Jim Ohl	Agriculture Representative
Ted Osborn	Central States Distribution Services
P. B. Patel	Holiday Inn Express
Judd Peck	Danville Metal Stamping Co., Inc.
Rick Peers	AmerenIP
David Phillips	Mayor, Village of Tilton
Terry Prillaman	Vermilion County Mayors' Council
John Quinn	AT&T Illinois
Bob Rice	Schlarman High School
Jerry Rice	McLane Midwest Co., Inc.
Dr. George Richards	Danville Foundation for Industrial Growth
Don Ritter	Danville Bldg. & Constr. Trades Council
Rick Rotramel	Country Insurance & Financial Services
Daniel Shencel	Viscofan USA, Inc.
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James Snider	Carle Clinic Association
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Jeff Summers	Media One Visual Arts
James Walter, II	Walter Danville/ Henning Machine
Kerry Wienke	Vermilion County Farm Bureau
Rickey Williams, Jr.	Boys & Girls Club of Danville

Mayors' Council was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Vermilion Advantage. Attendees: Mayor Vallangeon (Belgium), Mayor Ferber (Fairmount), Mayor Cook (Oakwood), Mayor Prillaman (Rossville), Chairman McMahon (Vermilion County Board), Harriet Nelk (Clerk-Belgium), Karol Volpert (Trustee-Bismarck), Sheriff Pat Hartshorn, States Attorney Frank Young, Larry Thomason (Danville Director of Public Safety) and Todd Lee from Vermilion Advantage.

The topic was crime trends and preventions. Mayor Prillaman opened the meeting. Frank Young gave an overview of crime trend statistics in the County. Mr. Young believes the amount of crime in the County has leveled off. He believes an overhaul of how cases go through the court system is needed. The system currently takes one year from arrest before a case goes to trial. He does not believe this means adding a new judge to the system. He feels this overhaul can take place within the existing system. Mr. Young offered legal advice to the Mayor's law enforcement officials, village police officers can call his office and his staff will help them with any questions they have.

Sheriff Hartshorn spoke about meth labs. New laws that went into effect in January of '07 have had a positive effect in deterring meth activities. He expects to see an increase in ammonia anhydrous theft during planting season because of the decrease in security with the anhydrous tanks being used in the fields. He also spoke about Zero Tolerance Enforcement Program villages may want to consider.

Larry Thomason gave a report on Section 8 Housing. Law enforcement can trace a significant percentage of crime occurrences in the County to Section 8 tenants or the people who hang around the Section 8 tenants. A lengthy discussion about Section 8 occurred. The Villages plan to contact Vermilion Housing Authority Director Tony Hasbargen to learn more about Section 8 Housing in their communities.

Chairman Jim McMahon gave a report supplied by CRIS Director Amy Henkelman regarding senior abuse.

The next Mayors' Council is scheduled for August 28th. You are always welcome to bring guests to the Mayors' Council meeting or send your village officials in your place, if you are unable to attend. The topic for the August meeting will be legislative updates. Congressman Johnson, Sen. Frerichs, Sen. Rutherford, Rep. Black & Rep. Cultra will be invited to attend. Invitations will also be extended to Sen. Durbin and Sen. Obama's office. Please plan to attend.

*Todd Lee*

Mayors' Council minutes will be posted on Vermilion Advantage's webpage. The link for the webpage is <http://www.vermilionadvantage.com/MayorCouncil/>.