

Village of Point Venture  
Village Council Meeting  
Monday, May 2, 2006 7:30 P.M.  
Venture Room at Point Venture  
549 Venture Boulevard S.  
Point Venture, Texas

**MINUTES**

- A. Call to Order – Mayor Sheffer called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- B. Roll Call – Council Members Leather, Andrews, Mayor Sheffer, Hawkins, Hruby and Stuart were present.
- C. Consent Agenda
1. Approval of April 3, 2006 Minutes – Stuart made a motion to approve the minutes, Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 – 0.
- D. Administrative Reports
1. Treasurer’s Report – Hruby reported the total assets as being \$300,560 and that there were two CD’s. One CD was \$101,546 and the other was \$100,000. Hruby stated that there was \$87,103 in the MM account and \$11,912 in the operating account. He also stated that donations for the fire station amounted to \$2,460. Hruby reported that the cost of the fire station is \$19,623.50. There will be another bill of \$1100 for the asphalt. The official date to be finished is sometime in June.
  2. Animal Control Report – Stuart expressed his appreciation for the donations of time and money to the fire station fund. Stuart also reported a serious animal bite. A dangerous dog complaint was filed and a warrant to seize the dog was issued. The owner fled with the dog and Stuart explained that all that could be done has been done until the dog returns, if the dog returns. Stuart reported going to a Texas Animal Control Seminar in Tyler and receiving his re-certification and stated that it was an informative and enjoyable seminar. Stuart reported that court was held for an ordinance violation and the person did not show up. Stuart reported two raccoons displaying aggressive behavior around Peckham and Lakefront Dr. and both had to be destroyed. Stuart reported that there has been one case of rabies in Houston. He reported that there had been 10 incidents in April and that he had caught the little brown dog that had been so elusive. Mayor Sheffer thanked Stuart for his hard work on animal control and also the fire station.
  3. BC Report - Hruby read an email from a resident about her issue with all of her neighbors vehicles and litter. Hruby explained that they had done all they could do other than take him to court. His question was; what can be done about junk vehicles. Mel Kurth of 509 Venture Blvd. S. stated that the city did not have to hide behind an ordinance, that there were other avenues to pursue. Discussion followed and determined that proper procedures are being taken.
  4. Floodplain Administrator’s Report – Leathers reported attending two meetings, one in Lago Vista that included floodplain administrators from several

communities. Timelines were set out for them and one of them was to review our ordinance. After a quick review it looks fine but before the maps are finalized we may want to have our attorney or three or four of the council members check it more thoroughly. Another thing that was brought up was that there are 41 flood insurance policies in Point Venture. Colleen Hickman stated that a draft letter was being written to all floodplain residents in the area. The second meeting was the annual meeting of the TRSTC. There were not enough people attending that they could get a quorum. Leathers stated that we have two votes and should have encouraged Sheffer to go. Leathers commented that every seminar he has attended has been excellent. Robertson has sent him a site address put together by the City of Austin whereby you enter your address or lot number and it will come up on screen and show where the 723 level is on your lot. It is not accurate in our area. Leathers stated that the FEMA maps will be accepted. Leathers suggested a Town Hall meeting in June to disseminate all the information he has learned.

5. Emergency Management Report – Robertson stated his appreciation for having information of the weather radios on the website and mentioned that they were for sale at H.E.B. until mid June. Robertson encouraged everyone to have one in their homes. Robertson inquired if the finalized regional response plan had been received by the village. Robertson reported attending an LCRA meeting at Lake Buchanan recently. He stated that it was a very informative meeting. They reprogrammed the 900 MHZ radio that he has and it can be used if all other means of communication is lost out here. Robertson reported seeing the emergency response unit the LCRA has that can be hauled to any sight and can communicate with areas all the way from San Saba to the coast. This unit could be used in Point Venture should all means of communication be down. LCRA state that anyone could get on their telephone list to be forewarned when lake levels are rising. The warning siren idea has been put on hold. As it turns out, Lakeway does not have a warning system as it was once believed. Robertson reported that an issue had come up where NIMS require that elected officials receive training. This training could be accomplished via internet or Stuart indicated that classes could be formed here through ESD. It would be beneficial to all councilmen to receive training to understand how the command system works. Chief Tennison suggested that it would be desirable to get a large class together in Jonestown. Hruby suggested reimbursing Robertson for the gas going to classes and seminars. Robertson talked about the reverse 911 system (ENS). Robertson stated that the village can join the system through the Sheriff's Department so the citizens with hard wire, cell phones, or email can be notified of any impending emergency. Robertson requested that on the June agenda a resolution be adopted requesting the sheriff to allow the village to join the ENS and naming four individuals that will be authorized to call the sheriff's office and request that notification be sent out to the citizens in a given area. The four people named are the Mayor, Robertson, Stuart and Solpietro. Stuart showed pictures of the plastic barrier barrels and explained that they would be filled with water to stabilize.

6. Road Report – Andrews thanked the lions club for the street cleaning and the spraying of the weeds. Andrews reported that there was a second mowing before Easter. Another mowing will be scheduled within the next 2 weeks. Andrews state that with the recent rains there are some drainage issues and will try to address this fall when they do the right-of-way cleaning. Andrews stated that the easements would be tampered with during this cleaning and not to plant or put anything in the easements. Andrews asked if any problems have come about because of recent rains to call the office and talk to either Courtney or him. There are still plans to reseal some of the roads this fall and will start with the oldest roads. Courtney is working on ordering the street signs. He's working with our interlocal agreement with the County. Andrews reported receiving a letter from the Mayor from TXDOT about a program they have set up for small communities to assist with hazardous intersections in the planning and costs to correct a hazardous intersection. Andrews stated that he would be looking into that program.

7. Mayor's Report – Sheffer reported that he and the council had been in place for six months and it was time to address where they are and what has been accomplished so far. He thanked Stuart for his work on the fire station and participation of the community and the donations and the support of ESD#7, the participation of the water district, the POA, and the Townhouse Assoc. Sheffer mentioned the municipal court system was in place. Sheffer thanked Robertson and his committee for the travel and time and addressing the issues of preparedness. Sheffer stated that Andrews and Courtney had their arms around the road situation and by the end of this year should have a five year plan in place. Sheffer stated that most of the Interlocals were in place now. The interlocals will have the sheriff's presence beefed up in the coming months. The road study is making progress. Sheffer thanked Leathers for his communication effort. Sheffer read a letter from the Transportation and Natural Resources of Department of Travis County Enforcement Group sent to the developer regarding utility cuts across Lohman's Road. The letter stated what needed to be done to return the road to its original state. Sheffer stated that it was his understanding that the completion date would be sometime in August.

8. PAWS Report – Andrea Phillips was not able to attend

9. Presentations – Sheffer introduced Fire Marshall Broussard and Chief Raymond Tennison. Chief Tennison made a presentation on becoming ISO certified. This has to do with lowering the village's insurance rate. Chief Tennison stated that Point Venture should receive a much better rating, he thinks, a six with the addition of personnel and equipment. This will lower the citizens insurance costs. He recommended the council's approval of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to adopt the fire code and the use of the Fire Marshall to enforce the fire code. General discussion followed.

Sheffer presented a plaque to Colleen Hickman recognizing her service as Floodplain Administrator. He also presented Terry Hickman a gavel in recognition of his service as Mayor from 2000 to 2003 as well as a gavel to Bill Ratfield for his service as Mayor from 2003 until 2005.

E. Citizens Inquiry – Tera Laird had a question to do with the road study. Her question will be addressed in an agenda item and had been discussed in the road report.

#### F. General Business and Action Items

##### New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Transfer for Funds to a Certificate of Deposit – Hruby had already discussed this in his report.

b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Village Construction Beginning and Ending Time – Hruby read a complaint letter from a citizen in regards to the hour construction workers started and how late they worked. Leathers suggested creating guidelines. Hruby suggested making the guidelines from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is not the first complaint. Hruby stated that it would be added to the ACC guidelines.

c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Administering Fees to Residents Requiring FEMA Surveys and Certifications – Hruby stated that the village is out about \$3500 in a seven month period issuing surveys and certifications and that he thought a fee should be charged for these services. Mel Kurth of 509 Venture Blvd. S. suggested the fee should be time based plus an administrative fee. Leathers suggested a fee schedule. It was decided that the ACC will work on this and get back to the council at the next meeting.

d. Hruby made a motion to appoint Bob Adolph to the ACC, Leathers seconded. The motion carried 5 – 0.

#### Old Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Fire Station Expansion – Stuart displayed pictures of the new fire station and equipment. He stated the asphalt still needed to be done and should be completed soon. Stuart stated that he would like to have an open house to show the fire station. Sheffer asked Hruby to look into the cost and if it would be possible. Sheffer suggested having a formal dedication sometime after the 10<sup>th</sup> of June and some sort of celebration. Stuart reported the lease papers between the water company and the fire department have been approved by the water company and are in the hands of the fire commissioner. The fire commissioner decided that final approval would come after a commissioners meeting. The same is true for the lease between the fire department, the P.O.A. and the village. General discussion followed.

b. Hawkins reported placing the detection equipment at a new location this past weekend. He stated that some had told him it wasn't the citizens speeding, but all the quests. Hawkins stated that he and Dan Gossack did actually clock one individual going 73 mph. They are looking for suggestion for a third location to place the equipment. Hawkins thanked Dan and Tina Gossack again for providing the detection equipment. General discussion followed. Sheffer asked where the study will go after this study is complete. Hawkins stated that the council will have to decide what to do as far as signage, speed humps, and speed is concerned. Andrews stated that he and Courtney were investigating speed humps, speeding devices, signs, etc. Discussion followed. Sheffer asked that after the study is complete that the next step is taken and decided what must be done to slow down the people in Point Venture before somebody gets killed. Hawkins gave his email address so that people can contact him with suggestions as to where to place the third speed detector. General discussion followed.

Adjourn – Hruby made a motion to adjourn, Andrews seconded, the motion carried 5 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Kevin Sheffer, Mayor, Point Venture, Texas

#### **ATTEST:**

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Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary