

VERMONTVILLE TOWNSHIP

VERMONTVILLE, MICHIGAN

Home of the Maple Syrup Festival

October 25, 1990

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter as strong support for a Commerce Department Grant, to further restore the Opera House in Vermontville, Michigan. The work from the first grant has generated considerable interest from the entire community, from the older residents who well remember it as a community focal point of yesteryear, to the younger generation who will enjoy its use for a wide variety of purposes. Many have contributed financially as well as volunteer support with cleaning, repair and many odd jobs. The initial effort is very much appreciated by the Vermontville community.

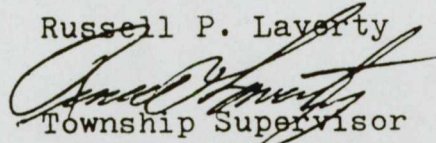
A second grant will be used for a new roof, heating and air conditioning equipment and other improvements. It has become apparent that in addition to many social and community events, numerous educational activities are also being suggested as potential uses for the Opera House. Some of those include drama classes, community band, community theatre, training seminars sponsored by civic organizations and private industry, school plays and many others. Educational activities, while considered as potential uses when the initial grant was submitted, have surged to the forefront as work on the building has progressed. I suspect that progress has played an important part in sparking initiative.

On behalf of the Vermontville Township Board, I strongly support this grant application and endorse its approval.

Should you have any questions or would like a tour of work completed thus far, please call me at 517-726-1115

Sincerely,

Russell P. Laverly



Township Supervisor

Vermontville, MI