

**VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE**  
**Minutes of Village Council Meeting**  
**December 9, 2019**

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The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2019 in the Village of Farmersville Council Chambers at 117 E. Walnut St. Mayor Daryl Weller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; Mayor Weller led the group in prayer; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by a roll call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Craig, Mr. Dowden, Mr. Holderman and Mr. Lamb.

EMPLOYEES: Chris Edds and Amy Schenck.

OTHER IN ATTENDANCE: Kirsten Knight, LLC; Rodney Creech, Chief Schade, Chief Erisman.

Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Lamb seconded to approve the bills for this payment period 270-279-2019 and warrants 34882-34890 totaling \$17,680.50. Roll Call: Mr. Craig: no; Mr. Holderman: yes; Mr. Dowden: yes; Mr. Lamb: yes.  
MOTION PASSED

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Current Preble County Commissioner Rodney Creech asked for support for his campaign for State Representative of the 43rd District on Monday, May 6. He will be running against current Representative J. Todd Smith. Mr. Creech spoke about his political career thus far and discussed the influence his grandfather had on him growing up. He commented that “Twelve years ago I got into politics. I don’t like politics — I like to be called a public servant, as many of you know. I’ve been doing this for 12 years and it has been great and I’ve enjoyed every minute of it.” He said that his grandpa was a Twin Township Trustee and that he absolutely loved going out with grandpa to take a tree off the road after a storm, help with a funeral, or just help deal with people’s issues. As I was growing up, I watched grandpa and I always wanted to be like him. He was an honest, hardworking farmer and everyone trusted and respected him. I wanted to be just like him. Let’s fast forward 20 years, I decided it was time for me to run my business full time. At that time, I thought I was going to have a flexible enough schedule and I would be able to be a dedicated township trustee. I ran for township trustee in 2007 and I was able to win the election. I was one step closer to being like grandpa. I always thought I was going to be a trustee [for life]. The only way you’re not a trustee for life is if you screw it up or don’t work hard. I thought I could be there forever. After my first term as township trustee I was excited to run again as I wanted to continue to serve. I was able to run another successful campaign and win the election, but this time it was different. I was able to be more involved in the community because of my first terms experiences, so I started getting more involved in the county and I started to pay close attention to what was going on, meeting with people, and listening. Into my second term as a township trustee I started to feel like I could do more. I loved serving the township and wanted to serve there forever, but I started to attend county commissioner meetings, I started to attend economic development meetings, and I got more involved in the community. That is when I knew I wanted to do more. I felt like I could serve, take care of, and represent even more people, so I decided to run for county commissioner. In 2014, I was able to win the election. After serving seven years as a Twin Township Trustee, I traded my township keys in for courthouse keys. It was a great feeling, I was able to serve an entire county. I was so excited and up for the challenge, I continued to be very active and learn everything I could about Preble County and I attended a lot of meetings — and I also invited myself to a lot of meetings. I found that one of my favorite things to do is help people and serve our community. Many of you have heard me say, this is the best job I have ever had, and I mean it. As I grew into my job as county commissioner, I also found that there was a lot more to the job than I knew. There were more moving parts, more people, different ideas, and politics. I didn’t know there was politics in local government, but there is. The more I get involved, the more I wanted to learn, the more I learned, the more I wanted to get involved. It is very fulfilling to me. After my first term as county commissioner, I was excited to run again and I wanted to continue to serve our great county and I am proud to be serving on my second term thanks to you. I wanted to serve past my township role so I ran for county commissioner. Now, I’m wanting to serve past my county role. I would like to represent Preble County and our district at the state level. Being a fourth generation farmer, a local business owner, and knowing how our district works. I believe in order to have someone representing us, they need to know who we are and they need to understand us.

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I want to take our 43rd District to Columbus and not represent Columbus to our great district. I will watch out for our tax dollars and be the conservative I was raised to be. Keep in mind that being conservative is not always saying ‘no’ to services. With my business background, I understand that there are some areas that we can’t cut and that is where my management skills are important. My strengths are working with people and making tough decisions. I think we need a hardworking, common sense, conservative farmer that understands the importance of regulations, budgeting, making payroll, and understands the risks that Ohioans handle daily. I will do all I can to give our police what they need, keep them safe, so they can keep us safe. I want to work for you and with you. Our voters deserve representation by someone who tells it how it is. I’m asking for your support. Preble County has not had leadership for 20 years at the state level. With your help, I can exchange my courthouse keys for those at the State House.”

**POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

Chief Schade announced that the Police Department will be asking for a new 2.5 mil 5 year levy. He suggested that the Village run a companion levy. He explained that the new levy is necessary to increase wages to keep employees. Ms. Schenck reminded Council that the current Police levy covers less than half of the current police contract costs.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

Chief Erisman announced that the annual lunch with Santa would be December 14<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS:** None

Mr. Roach arrived at the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**PLANNING & SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Edds reported that the Hemple Road Project Phase III was over budget, he will be meeting with Choice One. The undercut on the south side of the road added an additional \$30,000 to the project. Mr. Edds stated that they were supposed to send invoices throughout the project but they didn’t and that the overage is more than the 10% contingency. He reported that the Center Street Project Phase IV was awarded a \$320,050 grant and will start in spring 2021.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

Mayor Weller commented he recently received an award from the fire department.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Mr. Edds provided the following report for the period of 11/25/2019 – 12/09/2019

- Zoning.
- Permits.
- Work on pumps at WWTP.
- Daily checks at WWTP and WTP.
- Work on ball diamond water project.
- Work on Elm St Lift Station- Meeting with Barmesa Rep. on Tuesday to make sure appropriate pump will be ordered.
- Hemple Rd Phase 3 mailbox and sign installation.
- Removal of detour and road closed signage on Hemple Rd.
- Repair of Backhoe.
- Complete leaf pickup program.
- Prep Christmas décor to be put up.
- Replace several transformers at shop due to possible power surge.
- Complete OPWC Paperwork and begin review of invoice for Hemple Rd Phase 3.
- Sludge sampling for land application.

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- Temporarily repair heater at WTP.
- Part ordered and picked up for WTP heater.
- Repair leaf machine.
- Replace battery in Ford F150
- New ad to be placed for Part-time laborer position.
- Complete EPA document for waterline to ball field.
- Backwash WTP.
- Sampling for WWTP and WTP.
- Pump issues at WWTP/repared.
- Contact Kramer and Assoc. for Center St phase 4. The Village of Farmersville has received Grant approval and will be slated to start in early spring of 2021.
- Cleaning and rehab of West Well has been completed and has been placed back online.
- Remove American Flags
- Read meters.
- Remove leaf box and leaf machine. Dump truck will be receiving new tires due to excessive wear.
- Backwash WTP.
- Prep for council meeting.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:**

Ms. Schenck reported that she had been busy pulling together the bills from the Hemple Road Project Phase III for submission to OPWC. She completed the insurance renewal form for the property insurance company PEP. She paid the 2020 Bureau of Workers Compensation premiums in full which earns a 2% rebate. She researched and provided the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan for Council's consideration and is working on the 2020 budget.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Weller read Resolution No. R2019-03, a resolution to continue participation in a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management.

Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Lamb seconded to waive the second and third readings and to declare Resolution No. R2019-03 and emergency measure to be read one time only. Roll Call: Mr. Craig: yes; Mr. Holderman: yes; Mr. Dowden: yes. Mr. Lamb: yes; Mr. Roach: yes. MOTION PASSED

Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Lamb seconded to approve read Resolution No. R2019-03, a resolution to continue participation in a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management. Roll Call: Mr. Holderman: yes; Mr. Dowden: yes. Mr. Lamb: yes; Mr. Roach: yes; Mr. Craig: yes. MOTION PASSED

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:38 p.m. Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Lamb seconded to enter into executive session under the authority of O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. All of Council, Mr. Edds and Ms. Schenck were present for the executive session. Roll Call: Mr. Roach: yes; Mr. Craig: yes; Mr. Holderman: yes; Mr. Dowden: yes; Mr. Lamb: yes. MOTION PASSED

At 8:15 p.m. Council returned to regular session.

All formal actions of the Council and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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ADJOURN:

Moved by Mr. Holderman and seconded by Mr. Lamb to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Roach: yes; Mr. Craig yes; Mr. Dowden: yes; Mr. Lamb: yes; Mr. Holderman: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:

  
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Amy Schenck, Fiscal Officer

  
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Daryl Weller, Mayor