

**VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE**  
**Minutes of Village Council Meeting**  
**May 23, 2011**

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The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session on May 23, 2011 in the Village of Farmersville Council Chambers at 117 E. Walnut St. Mayor Jeffery Morneault called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; Daryl Weller led the group in prayer; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by a roll call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Morgan, Ms. Gisewite, Mr. Scarberry, Mr. Weller.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Walton, Mr. Cottman.

EMPLOYEES: Tom Sears, Administrator, Amy Schenck, Fiscal Officer.

Others in attendance: Law Director, Ryan Brunk; Chief Wallace, Bob Thomas, Bob Ruzinsky and Joe Kelly.

Mr. Scarberry moved, Ms. Gisewite seconded to approve the May 10, 2011 minutes as presented. Roll Call: Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Scarberry: yes, Mr. Weller: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Gisewite moved, Mr. Scarberry seconded to approve the bills for this period for a total of \$12,419.75 warrant number 29488- 29501. There was a question about warrant # 29488; the fiscal officer clarified that this payment was for the registration fees to attend the recent International Institute of Municipal Clerks annual conference. Roll Call: Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Scarberry: yes. MOTION PASSED.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Bob Thomas, a representative from RTA presented a community conversation; he provided statistics and information about the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority. He went on to outline the current economic impact, safety standards, service quality and the future needs of RTA.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: None.

**FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS:**

Chief Wallace spoke briefly about the recent activity of the EMA Advisory committee and reminded Council that the Fire Association will be participating in the June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> community garage sale.

**LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brunk reported that the lawsuit on the Depot property is moving slowly. He discussed nuisance abatement procedures and reported that there are two options including court action or village abatement/ property tax assessment. He briefly discussed the CDBG funded demolition of 38 N. Main Street. There was some discussion about the progress of the fire association contract; Mr. Brunk will set up a meeting with Mr. Izor to discuss.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

**Finance**

Ms. Schenck reported that the Finance Committee had met this evening at 6:30pm and reviewed the monthly reports and signed the bank reconciliation.

## Website Development

Mayor Morneault reported that the committee met with Mr. Dowden and reviewed the preliminary design and provided input. The committee also discussed developing an updated village logo. The committee will meet again on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

The Mayor and Ms. Dill attended the Dayton Area Tax Administrators Special Meeting on May 23, 2011 and he provided the following written report:

### *Potential Financial Implications of Ohio Centralized Income Tax Collection*

*The Village of Farmersville has historically outsourced the collection of the village income tax to other municipalities. The City of Dayton was contracted at the time of initiation through 2000. The Village of Germantown was utilized for the period 2001 through 2007. Historical data for the period that Dayton collected taxes is not available at this time. The contract with Germantown indicates a 5% fee on income taxes collected.*

*In 2008, the Village of Farmersville assumed the responsibility of income tax administration and collection. This was done for the following reasons:*

- *Overall dissatisfaction with the collection/administration process*
- *Cost of the contract*
- *Lack of control over the collection process*
- *Lack of follow-up on delinquent tax payers*

*A high level review of the data and impact provides the following key points:*

- *Average out sourced annual collection for the 3 year period 2005–2007 - \$139,226*
- *Average in house annual collection for the period 2008-2010 - \$163,394*
- *15% annual increase of income tax collection after bringing back in house.*
- *Projected overall uncollected income tax - \$113,365, including fee - \$151,153, (20% of the collected revenue 2001-2007)*

*Key factors in the increased income tax collections:*

- *Staff knowledgeable of the collection process.*
- *Face to face communication/interaction with Village residents when visiting offices to pay water bills, etc.*
- *Insuring all residents are on the income tax mailing list through internal billing verification (water/sewer/trash, etc).*
- *Focused process of record review/identification of delinquent tax records/filings.*
- *Establishment of payment plans for delinquent tax payers.*

*Impact to the Village of Farmersville on Proposed Centralized Ohio Tax Collection*

- *Decreased income tax revenue – this could exceed 10-15% based on historical performance of outsourcing.*
- *Loss of oversight and control of the tax collection process.*
- *Increased expenses.*

*Recommendation*

- *Participation in a centralized tax collection process should be voluntary.*

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Sears provided the following report:

- OPWC Issue II Funding-application for California and maybe Broadway.
- CDBG Funding-Northeast Waterline Project, 38 N. Main and 106 W. Washington.
- Park update- lots of activity at the park with baseball and the pool is getting ready for opening day; passes are on sale now; the village is still working at the park as time allows.
- Reminder to work your assigned recycling month.
- Update on the structural integrity of the old Ford garage.
- East Center Street Project is nearing completion; hope to have dirt work finished, seeded and straw down if weather permits.
- EDGE funding- the spring applications will all be funded.

#### FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

Ms. Schenck thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the recent International Institute of Municipal Clerks annual conference.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Morneault read Resolution R2011- 05, a resolution authorizing a submittal of a grant application for funds to approve the Farmersville 38 North Main Street and 106 West Washington Street Demolition Project in the Village of Farmersville and declaring an emergency. Ms. Gisewite moved, Ms. Morgan seconded to approve as Resolution R2011-05 presented. Roll Call: Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Scarberry: yes, Mr. Weller: yes. MOTION PASSED.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan Process:

Mayor Morneault informed the Council that they could take a look at the new website by going to [beta.farmersville.us](http://beta.farmersville.us).

Mr. Sears reported that he was still working on a date for a joint meeting with the Jackson Township Trustees and the Village Council.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

June 3 & 4 will be the annual community garage sale; residents should call into the office to get their addresses on the list.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

#### ADJOURN:

Moved by Mr. Scarberry and seconded by Ms. Morgan to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:43 pm. Roll Call: Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Scarberry: yes, Mr. Weller: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:

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Amy Schenck, Fiscal Officer

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Jeffery Morneault, Mayor