

**VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE**  
**Minutes of Village Council Meeting**  
**September 26, 2011**

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The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session on September 26, 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; Ms. Walton led the group in prayer; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by a roll call.

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

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

Others in attendance: Law Director, Ryan Brunk; Joe Kelly; Chief Wallace; Steve Johnson.

Ms. Morgan moved, Mr. Scarberry seconded to approve the minutes of September 12, 2011 as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Cottman: yes, Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Scarberry: yes, Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Walton: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Scarberry moved, Ms. Gisewite seconded to approve the bills for this period for a total of \$21, 633.22 warrant numbers 29741-29765; the Fiscal Officer clarified the warrant for J& J Sales was for paper towels and toilet paper for the office, water and sewer plants. Roll Call: Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Walton: yes, Mr. Cottman: yes, Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Scarberry: yes. MOTION PASSED.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Steve Johnson, 401 W. Center Street, explained to Council that he has an opportunity to purchase some property and asked Council to vacate the alley between the properties. He provided maps and additional information and explained that this additional property was not accessible except from the alley. There was a lengthy discussion about the neighbor's concern over accessibility in the future, lot sizes and lines, variances for a potential driveway, utility easements and other issues. There was additional discussion about whether the "alley" being discussed was actually an alley or a utility easement; Mr. Brunk was going to research the legal descriptions. The Mayor stated that through the discussion he didn't think that Council was opposed to the idea but needed additional information to move forward. Mr. Sears is going to meet with Mr. Johnson and look at and walk the properties.

Joe Kelly, representing D.P. & L. reported that the shareholders had approved the D.P. & L. and A.E.S. merger. He expected the actual merger to take place early in 2012.

**FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS:**

Chief Wallace asked for volunteers to judge the Halloween costume contest. Ms. Walton, Mayor Morneault and Ms. Morgan all said they would try to help. He reminded Council that trick or treat would be Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-7:30pm and the costume contest would begin at 7:45 at the fire house. He reminded Council that hydrant flushing would begin tomorrow and that the water may be discolored as a result of that. He reported that he had met with the Mayor and Mr. Brunk to discuss the fire contract. He reported that he was working with the County to identify addresses and apartment numbers in the area and that the County would provide the department with updated maps with information about hydrant locations and flow. Mr. Sears commented with all of the heavy rain the hydrant flushing may be pushed back.

## LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

Ryan Brunk reported that the deed for the 38 N. Main Street property was at the Recorder's office. He reported that he recently met with Chief Wallace, Mayor Morneault and Mr. Izor to discuss the fire contract. He reported that he had been working through a zoning issue on a property on Main Street; it is currently zoned commercial and they were requesting residential; not permissible according to the Village zoning code. He stated that he is waiting on one remaining answer on the Depot property.

## COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

### Finance Committee

Ms. Schenck reported that the finance committee had met at 6:30pm. She reported that the committee had reviewed and approved the following:

- August 2011 end of the month and end of the year reports; and
- August 2011 municipal income tax report; and
- August 2011 bank reconciliation.

She reported that the committee discussed the impact of the resolution accepting the amounts and rates. She reported that these figures represent a decrease of an average of 7.5 % across the board from last year's property tax revenues resulting in a loss of approximately \$12,300.00 in 2012. Ms. Schenck reported that Local Government funds have been cut by 33% resulting in an estimated loss of \$7,374.00.

Total loss of revenue for General funds= \$14,539.00

Total loss of revenue for Street= \$1,723.00

Total loss of revenue for Police = \$3,411.00

Total impact to the General Fund is \$19,674.00 because the General Fund subsidizes the Street Fund and pays the balance of the Police contract.

She also reported that the committee discussed the Water/ Sewer Rate Increase effective Sept. 1st- will be reflected in this month's billing; this is the fifth year of the five year increase schedule.

Ms. Schenck reported that committee would like to have a work session in November with the Planning and Service Committee's to discuss the 2012 budget. There are several factors to consider including:

- the General Fund levy is set to expire in December 2012; need to determine millage and revenue generated.
- Water/ sewer rate; need to determine success of the current five year rate increase schedule and determine what increases are necessary in the future.
- Development of a five year plan; determining what the Village wants to accomplish and project expenditures and revenues long term.

Ms. Schenck reported that the third quarter Council payroll had been prepared.

Mr. Weller asked if there was a way to factor in potential growth and development and expressed concern about increasing property taxes and water and sewer rates for the residents; there was some discussion. He commented that it is often difficult to get residents to attend public meetings and that he felt it was necessary to get good information out to residents about the grant money used for the infrastructure projects in the Village, before asking for any levy money; there was additional discussion.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Morneault announced that he and Mr. Brunk had a meeting with Chief Wallace and the Fire Association's attorney, Mr. Izor, to discuss the fire contract. He stated that all of the issues had been worked out and that the resolution would be brought back for Council's consideration. Mr. Brunk asked if the Fire Association had approved the contract; Mayor Morneault will forward the final draft to them for their approval; and then Mr. Brunk will prepare the legislation for Council.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Mr. Sears reported that he had talked to Dr. Ratcliff about the Medical Center and that unfortunately everything was on hold; the funding from the hospital had been pulled back and that he didn’t have the resources on his own to facilitate the move/expansion. Mr. Sears reported that the Maple, Vine, California Street Project was waiting on D. P. & L. to move the poles. He had made some phone calls and hoped to get the poles moved by next week and then the project can be finished. He reported that the Business Walk had been rescheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> and that the Think Twice/ Buy Local promotion would probably be pushed back until after the first of the year. There was some discussion about the progress of the Village Inn.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:**

Ms. Schenck reported that she would be out of town for a week attending training in October; that the Council packet for the second meeting in October would be out late as a result of the travel. She thanked Council for their understanding.

**ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Morneault read Resolution R2011-12, a resolution accepting the Amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and declaring an emergency. Mr. Scarberry moved, Ms. Morgan seconded to approve Resolution R2011-12, a resolution accepting the Amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and declaring an emergency. Roll Call: Ms. Walton: yes, Mr. Cottman: yes, Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Scarberry: yes, Mr. Weller: yes. MOTION PASSED.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Strategic Plan Process: Mr. Scarberry asked about the website; Mayor Morneault reported that the updated history content was being worked on but that the site was close to going live.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**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 Ms. Walton and seconded by Ms. Morgan to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:55 pm. Roll Call: Mr. Cottman: yes, Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Scarberry: yes, Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Walton: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:

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Amy Schenck, Fiscal Officer

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Jeffery Morneault, Mayor