

VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE
Minutes of Village Council Meeting
February 25, 2013

The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2013 in the Village of Farmersville Council Chambers at 117 E. Walnut St. Mayor Morneault called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Mr. Weller led the group in prayer; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by a roll call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Miller, Mr. Cottman, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Gisewite, and Mr. Weller.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Attaway.

EMPLOYEES: Tom Sears and Amy Schenck.

Others in attendance: Ryan Brunk, Bob Stallman, Joe Kelly, Pat Knox, Charlie Wilder.

Mr. Cottman moved, Ms. Gisewite seconded to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013 as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Cottman: yes, Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Weller: yes, Mr. Miller: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Morgan moved, Mr. Cottman seconded to approve the bills for this period payment no warrant no 1-2013- 25-2013 and warrant no 30711-30872 totaling \$72,334.34. Ms. Schenck explained that this report does not have the warrant purposes listed but that future reports will have that information displayed. Roll Call: Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Weller: yes, Mr. Miller: yes, Mr. Cottman: yes. MOTION PASSED.

VISTOR COMMENTS:

Charles Wilder and Patricia Knox, 11 W. Center Street, informed Council that they planned to apply for liquor licenses (D1, D2 and D3) for the old auction house. Mr. Wilder explained that he wanted to make contact with Council and get their feedback before applying for the license; he expected it to be a quiet little place, and shared pictures of the work that he had done inside the building. Mr. Brunk provided information about the liquor licenses and the process of applying for them; there was some discussion about the history and former condition of the building and the zoning of the location.

Bob Stallman, DP & L Energy provided information about energy aggregation and the community choice program. He discussed the process for government entities to become a licensed aggregate including developing a plan of operations, holding public meetings and then residents would be switched to DP & L Energy, unless they opted out of the program. With this aggregation, residents would receive a substantial discount on the generation portion of their electric bill, saving an average of \$250-\$275 annually. Mr. Stallman pledged to assist the Village with the plan of operations and answering residents' questions at the public meetings if they were interested in aggregation. Mr. Stallman discussed the Community Choice Program that did not require the Village to become licensed as an aggregate or to hold public hearings but residents would receive letters with the Village logo and the DP & L Energy logo, identifying DP & L as the preferred energy generation provider and then residents could contact DP & L Energy to become part of the program. The Community Choices Program could be implemented quickly and residents would receive a discount on the generation portion of their electric bill, saving an average of \$200-\$225 annually. There was some discussion and Mayor Morneault asked that the Planning and Service Committee to review both options and to bring a recommendation back to Council.

LAW DIRECTOR:

Mr. Brunk reported that he had filed the zoning violation with the court and that the tax exemption paperwork for the Depot property and 38 N. Main Street was ready to be filed. He had not heard anything from the Pope sewer backup and advised Council that they would have to make a decision in the future about whether or not to pursue repayment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ms. Schenck reported that the Finance Committee had met this evening at 6:30pm. and discussed the proposed utility rate increases; after reviewing past utility revenues and expenditures, the committee recommends a rate increase similar to the one approved five years ago of 8% for sewer rates and 4% for water rates. Ms. Schenck reported that the higher rate in sewer is necessary because the debt associated with the sewer lining project was almost \$9,000 annually. Ms. Schenck reported that the Finance Committee members had received the end of the month reports for

January but did not review them as a committee. She reminded Council that Mr. Brunk's contract was due to be renewed in March 2013. Mr. Miller asked questions about the bulk water rate; Ms. Schenck responded that the bulk water rate was scheduled to increase too, but that no set figure had been decided. There was discussion about charging according to the number of gallons instead of a flat fee for any load up to 2,000.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Sears provided the following report:

- WWTP Wastewater Treatment Plant- Finished Hauling Sludge 23 loads approx 126,500 gals.
- Strategic Plan (Senior Housing)- Met w/4 students from Miami University Farmers School of Business, they're strategy is writing a business plan, talking w/potential developers –investors and scoping out possible building sites. Mr. Sears expects that they will come and give a report in March or April.
- DP&L Energy- Bob Stallman from DP&L will be at meeting to discuss Community Savings Plan w/council.
- Northeast Waterline Phase IV- Plans finished, going out for bids next several weeks.
- Elm Street Improvements- Doing TOPO work.
- Administration Building Generator- Working w/Vectren on natural gas hook up, plumber and electrician to install 20 KW Generator for backup power.

He also reported that Ms. Dill had updated the website to include Mr. Miller. Mr. Sears was continuing to research information about Code Red, the emergency notification system. He was working on developing a list of upcoming capital improvements/expenditures for the water plant, sewer plant and lift stations.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Morgan discussed the WRCG trash bid and reported that a one year extension of the current contract was available at the current rate. She reported that Earhart Petroleum may have some cooperative buying opportunities for WRCG in the future; she will provide more information as it becomes available.

Ms. Morgan moved, Mr. Miller seconded to approve a one year extension of the current refuse contract with Rumpke at the current rate. Roll Call: Mr. Miller: yes, Mr. Cottman: yes, Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Weller: yes. MOTION PASSED.

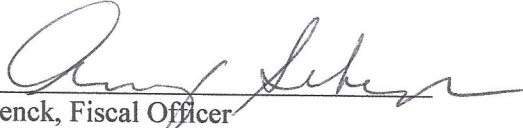
All formal actions of the Council and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

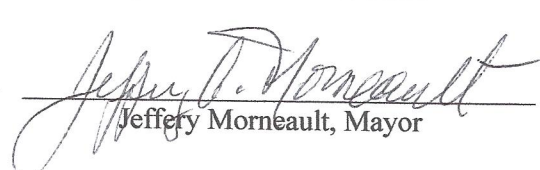
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN:

Mr. Cottman moved, Mr. Miller seconded to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:18pm. Roll Call: Mr. Cottman: yes, Ms. Morgan: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Weller: yes, Mr. Miller: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:


Amy Schenck, Fiscal Officer


Jeffery Morneault, Mayor