

VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE
Minutes of Village Council Meeting
December 12, 2011

The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session on December 12, 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, Mr. Scarberry, Mr. Weller.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Gisewite.

EMPLOYEES: Tom Sears, Amy Schenck, Melodie Dill.

Others in attendance: Chief Wallace; Chief Schade; Joe Kelly; Bob Shears; Jeff Cole; Bobby Hull; Duane DeGroat; Lindsey Collins; Mike Kurtz; Robert Lovell; Rick Moore; Jeff Erisman; Pam Morneault; Christy Smith; Amber Lewis; Cynthia Pryor; Nathaniel Conley; Kelsey Falldorf; and Jarrod Erisman.

Mr. Cottman moved, Ms. Walton seconded to approve the minutes of November 28, 2011, as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Cottman: yes, Ms. Morgan: yes, Mr. Scarberry: abstain, Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Walton: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Scarberry moved, Mr. Cottman seconded to approve the bills for this period for a total of \$13, 851.21 warrant number 29912-29926. Roll Call: Mr. Weller: no, Ms. Walton: yes, Mr. Cottman: yes, Ms. Morgan: yes, Mr. Scarberry: yes. MOTION PASSED.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Joe Kelly made a brief presentation on the mandate in Senate Bill 221 to have 12.5% of electric generation come from renewable energy technologies by 2025 with .5 specifically from solar. He provided some background information and some data from two local solar facilities. Mr. Kelly provided a cost effectiveness comparison between solar generation versus energy efficiency for the Council and stated the most cost effective mega watt is the mega watt you don't use. Mayor Morneault thanked him for the presentation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Chief Schade reported that the calls to the Valley View Jr. High had increased over the past month; the department is primarily dealing with unruly issues and narcotics. He reported that there was an injury O.V. I. crash on Clayton near Dayton- Farmersville on December 10th; female driver has been charged. Chief Schade reported that the Carl Delegato case went before the grand jury today; it is expected that he will be indicted but found not guilty by reason of insanity; he will most likely remain in a long term mental health facility. Chief Schade reported that his 2012 budget was nearly complete. He provided a brief report about the recent break-ins and that two suspects had been apprehended. Mayor Morneault thanked the Chief for his report and congratulated Mary Schade on her stage debut as a mouse in the Nutcracker performance at the Schuster Center this weekend.

FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS:

Chief Wallace addressed the Council and asked where do we go from here? (In reference to Ordinance O2011-05, an ordinance authorizing the Village of Farmersville to enter into a two year contract with the Farmersville Fire Association, Inc. Farmersville, Ohio, for fire, EMS, EOC and incidental services; which failed to pass.) Mayor Morneault responded that another ordinance could be created and it would have to go through the same process. Chief Wallace asked what the issue was that caused the measure to fail. Mr. Scarberry provided some background information and explained why the contract for services had been a developed. There was

additional discussion and Mr. Brunk addressed some of the concern about the liability issues. Mr. Cottman explained that he did not like the contract but was not opposed to the donation. Mr. Brunk discussed some of the concerns that Ms. Gisewite had raised in her email; including some of the liability concerns and the Village's exposure to risk. There was additional discussion about how the contract was developed. Ms. Morgan commented that she had great respect for the Fire Association and that the Village had provided money and services to the Fire Association. She discussed the property that the fire department was given to build their building; the utilities that the department receives free each month. There was additional discussion. Ms. Walton commented that she had voted for the incidental services contract and that she appreciates the volunteers but that maybe the amount needs to be discussed further. Chief Wallace expressed frustration that the concerns the Council had with the contract were not discussed, before the Council voted. Mr. Sears commented that he had tried to talk to Chief Wallace about some of these things in the past but that the Chief had walked away. Chief Wallace disagreed and commented that things are not going the way that they should. There was additional discussion. Mayor Morneau suggested that they set aside some time for a work session to discuss the fire contract; there was discussion about having the meeting on a non Council Monday evening at 6pm after the first of the year.

LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Brunk reported that the 38 N. Main Street property deed had been recorded; there was some question about the title being clear and Mr. Brunk responded that the title was subject to any liens but that the structure would soon be demolished to alleviate a public nuisance; there was some additional discussion. He reported that the Depot property litigation was moving forward.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Sears reported that the Planning and Service Committees did not meet this evening.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Sears provided the following written report:

- Northeast Waterline Project Ph 1 & 2- All work is completed for this winter, in spring we will finish dirt work seed and straw.
- Natural Gas Service- (WTP) Water Treatment Plant waiting for final inspection. Maple St Shop final inspection passed waiting for Vectren to set meter. Hemple Rd lift station inspection passed waiting for installation of gas line and meter.
- Hemple Rd and N. Elm Street Intersection- All work completed.
- 38 N. Main Street Property and Depot- Asbestos Inspections were completed with both structured having asbestos. I'm in the process of getting quotes for asbestos removal and getting quotes for Demolition of both properties.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

Ms. Schenck discussed the need to raise refuse rates in the Village. She provided Council with information that the current rate residents are being charged is not enough to cover the cost of doing business. She asked Council for input so that Mr. Brunk could prepare legislation for the next meeting; the Council discussed emergency and non emergency legislation and rate increases.

Mr. Weller moved, Ms. Morgan seconded to have Mr. Brunk prepare the necessary legislation to increase the monthly trash rate per household from \$13.50 to \$14 effective January 1st, 2012 as an emergency measure; there was additional discussion including the benefits of having the legislation being prepared and read three times and move through the normal process, and being effective February 1st, 2012. Roll Call: Mr. Cottman: no, Ms. Morgan: yes, Mr. Scarberry: no, Mr. Weller: no, Ms. Walton: no. MOTION FAILED TO PASS. Mayor Morneau asked Mr. Brunk to prepare the legislation as a non emergency for the next meeting.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Morneault reminded Council that the strategic plan involved developing additional senior housing and he reported that he been in contact with two property owners about this long term Village plan.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION:

Mayor Morneault presented a Certificate of Recognition to Blane Scarberry for his dedicated service to the Village and presented him with a paperweight. Mr. Scarberry stated that when he began on Council seven years ago it was a difficult time in the Village and he was pleased that the Village had made so much progress. He thanked Mr. Sears for his tireless work as the Administrator, Ms. Dill for keeping things running smoothly, and Ms. Schenck for providing clarity and stability in the Village finances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Schenck reminded Council that Mr. Scarberry and Ms. Gisewite were not expected to be at the December 27th meeting and if any other members of Council could not attend there would not be a quorum and a special meeting may have to be called. She asked that if anyone knew of a conflict to please let her know so that arrangements could be made.

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 Mr. Cottman to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:07pm. Call: Ms. Morgan: yes, Mr. Scarberry: yes, Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Walton: yes, Mr. Cottman: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:

Amy Schenck, Fiscal Officer

Jeffery Morneault, Mayor