

VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE
Minutes of Village Council Meeting
October 13, 2015

The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 in the Village of Farmersville Council Chambers at 117 E. Walnut Street. Mr. Weller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mrs. Schenck led the group in prayer; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and was followed by a roll call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Dowden, Ms. Neitman, Mr. Weller, Ms. Gisewite and Mr. Craig.

EMPLOYEES: Amy Schenck, Tom Sears.

Others in attendance: Randy Devilbiss, Dylan Hadley and Joe Kelly.

Ms. Gisewite moved, Mr. Dowden seconded to approve the minutes of September 28, 2015 as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes. MOTION PASSED

Mr. Dowden moved, Ms. Gisewite seconded to approve the bills for this period payment no. 32585-32617 totaling \$37,454.74. Roll Call: Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes, Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes. MOTION PASSED.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Joe Kelly, DP & L provided the quarterly brief from DP & L and provided information about grant opportunities.

Dylan Hadley presented his Eagle Scout Project Proposal. He would like to install mile markers every quarter of a mile from town to the park and paint lines to denote the walking path from the parking lot. Council expressed favor for the project. Mr. Dowden asked Dylan to provide specific details of the project so that the Village can maintain it in the future. There was discussion about Dylan using the Village's paint machine to mark the lines; Mr. Sears will work with him.

Ms. Gisewite moved, Mr. Dowden seconded to donate the paint and allow Dylan Hadley to use the Village's paint machine to mark the walk path. Roll Call: Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes, Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Weller: yes. MOTION PASSED.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: None.

FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS: None.

LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS: None.

PLANNING & SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Weller reported that the Planning and Service Committees met this evening and expressed their concerns about safety issues on Hemple Road. The committee is rethinking their decision to eliminate sidewalks from the project; there is a lot of cars and pedestrian traffic. The project is nearing completion. Mr. Dowden asked if it was too late to use the money from the project to install sidewalks on Hemple Road Phase I; Mr. Sears responded that it was too late for Phase I but that they could be included in Phase II; if it is approved. Mr. Dowden asked how much it would cost to install sidewalks on Hemple if the

project doesn't get the grant money; Mr. Sears wasn't sure, but can get an estimate. Mr. Dowden questioned what the downside was of installing sidewalks on Hemple Road; Ms. Schenck explained that some residents expressed concern about potential sidewalk maintenance costs in the future. There was discussion about locating the sidewalk on the north or the south side of Hemple; and Mr. Sears explained that installing them on the north side of Hemple was cost prohibitive because of gas lines, mailboxes and trees, so the sidewalks must be on the south side. Mr. Dowden commented that he lives on Center Street and recently his trees, in the right of way, were cut down, he really didn't want them cut down but that it was for the benefit of the Village. He stated that Council should represent smart choices for the Village. Discussion ensued and Mr. Weller explained that the Village invited all of those involved to a special meeting and they took a vote. Mr. Dowden stated that to not install the sidewalks when the project covered the cost and then returning that portion of the grant money to the state, and now to spend Village funds to install the sidewalks makes the Village look stupid. Mr. Dowden stated that sidewalks are needed wherever there are homes.

The Planning and Service Committees also discussed the recent Business First Walk Through on September 29th; the event was very successful and most businesses were very cordial. Mr. Dowden commented as a business owner he wants all Village business owners to know that Business First offers training and other services and that they are a good resource.

The Planning and Service Committees also discussed sidewalks on Elm Street; Mr. Sears will apply for a Clean Ohio grant; the grant will be awarded around the first of the year.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Sears reported that the Hemple Road Project was finished and that the Village was completing the dirt work. He reported that Carolyn Drive had been milled, chip sealed and paved with asphalt. The leaf vac is running. Mr. Dowden asked why the trees were cut down on Broadway Street; Mr. Sears responded that they were Ash trees and because of the Emerald Ash Borer tree crisis, they had to be cut down. Mr. Dowden asked that the stumps be ground down; Mr. Sears will take care of it.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

Ms. Schenck reminded everyone that the Marcy Longnecker from the Ohio Treasurers Office will be coming to give an overview of the Open Checkbook program at the next meeting.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Weller read Ordinance No. O2015-05, an ordinance to raise the refuse rate by the Village of Farmersville's residents for trash removal service, for the first time.

Mr. Dowden asked about the administrative costs associated with the refuse contract with regard to the proposed increase. Ms. Schenck responded that several years ago, the Finance Committee determined how much time was spent by each Village employee doing specific work and laid out a schedule for that employee to be paid out of each fund proportionately. She explained to the group that the water, sewer and refuse funds were enterprise funds and that it was important that the rate charged to residents would cover the costs of doing business, including the Village administrative costs.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Dowden reported that the Personnel Committee would be bringing the personnel policy to Council at the next meeting and that any questions or comments about the policy should be "replied to all" so that all of Council would be part of the dialog. He thanked Ms. Gisewite for all of the hard work she had put into preparing the policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Dowden asked which Council member represented the Village on the WRCG; Mr. Sears responded that he has been filling in since Ms. Morgan resigned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Sears announced that the Village applied for and received a refund from the salt collusion program and that the Village will be flushing fire hydrants.

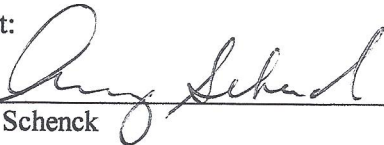
Mr. Dowden encouraged everyone to educate themselves on the election issues and provided some additional information.

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.

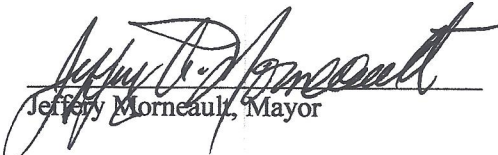
ADJOURN:

Moved by Ms. Gisewite and seconded by Mr. Dowden to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:00 pm. Roll Call: Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:



Amy Schenck



Jeffrey Morneau, Mayor