## VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE Minutes of Village Council Meeting September 28, 2015

The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session on September 28, 2015 in the Village of Farmersville Council Chambers at 117 E. Walnut St. Mayor Jeff Morneault called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read an excerpt from Pope Francis' speech; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and was followed by a roll call.

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

EMPLOYEES: Amy Schenck, Tom Sears.

Others in attendance: Law Director, Ryan Brunk; Chief Wallace, Tim Pfaff and Joe Kelly.

Mr. Dowden moved, Ms. Gisewite seconded to approve the minutes of September 14, 2015 as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Holderman: yes, Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes. MOTION PASSED

Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Weller seconded to approve the bills for this period payment no. 32561-32584 totaling \$118,530.48. Roll Call: Mr. Weller: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes, Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Holderman. MOTION PASSED.

## **VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Joe Kelly, DP & L provided information about upcoming changes to the DP & L bill.

Tim Pfaff, 205 Hemple Road, questioned that since Council voted to remove sidewalks from Phase I of the Hemple Road Project would sidewalks be included or removed from Phase II of the project. Mr. Sears commented that right now they are included in Phase II. He expressed his concern about the grade of the approaches going down into the homes on Hemple Street from water from rain or snowmelt. Mr. Sears responded that the grade of the approaches were figured in by the project engineers and should be fine.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: None.

### FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS:

Chief Wallace asked Council to judge the annual Halloween children's costume contest after beggar's night. He reminded everyone that gun raffle tickets were available. He provided an update on the property at 330 N. Elm Street. The property is tied up in probate court and cannot be cleaned up until an owner is determined. This has been going on since July 9, 2015 and the fire is under investigation, no estate has been filed in court. Chief Wallace stated that he is continuing to work with the insurance company to get it resolved; there was some discussion about serving notice.

## LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Brunk reported that there were some substantial changes that must be adopted for the income tax. He is working with Ms. Dill on the legislation.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Schenck reported that the Finance Committee had met this evening and reviewed and approved the end of the month reports for August; each member of Council received the municipal income tax report. The committee also discussed putting the Village's financial statements online through the Ohio

Treasurer's Office. This service is being offered to local governments free of charge. Several neighboring communities have gone live with this service; she encouraged Council to go to the Treasurer's website and take a look at the information. A representative will be glad to come and demo the features of the website; Ms. Schenck will try to schedule that on October 26, 2015.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: The Mayor voiced his support for the Open Checkbook program.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Sears provided an update on the Hemple Road Project and stated that the milling was completed last Saturday; the millings will be reused on other projects. Wagner Paving should be coming next week to complete the asphalt work. After the Hemple Road Project is complete, Carolyn Drive will be milled and chip sealed. Mr. Sears discussed applying for an Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant for Elm Street to provide a walk path from Hemple into town. He announced that the Business Walk is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> and that they would be visiting all of the Farmersville businesses. He provided an update on the recent power outage issue at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; the outage caused \$2,500 in damage. He has contacted the insurance company, the Village has a \$1,000 deductible. He stated that the backup generator is an old and needs to be replaced, a new generator is in the 2016 budget. There was discussion about installing natural gas at the wastewater plant.

## FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

Ms. Schenck commented that there would be several important pieces of legislation coming before Council in the next two months including the income tax revisions, and the 2016 budget.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Gisewite reported that the Personnel Committee was reviewing the final draft of the personnel policy and discussed the process.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Schenck reminded everyone that Council will meet on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. instead of on Monday because of Columbus Day.

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. Holderman to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:30 pm. Roll Call: Ms. Neitman: yes, Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Holderman, Mr. Weller: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:

Amy Schenck

Jeffery Morneault, Mayor