

**VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE**  
**Minutes of Village Council Meeting**  
**April 24, 2017**

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The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session on April 24, 2017 in the Village of Farmersville Council Chambers at 117 E. Walnut St. Mayor Weller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the group in prayer; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by a roll call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Gisewite, Mr. Holderman, Mr. Craig, Ms. Neitman, Ms. Gisewite, Mr. Roach.

EMPLOYEES: Tom Sears and Amy Schenck

Others in attendance: Ryan Brunk, Pastor Jon Kibler, Michael Dornbusch, Tom Izor, Michele Hodson, and Courtney Griffith.

Mr. Roach moved, Ms. Neitman seconded to approve the minutes of March 27, 2017. Roll Call: Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Holderman: yes, Mr. Roach: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Gisewite moved, Ms. Neitman seconded to approve the bills for this period payment no. 71-87-2017 and 33457 – 33489 totaling \$50,643.11. Roll Call: Mr. Roach: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes, Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Holderman: yes. MOTION PASSED.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Pastor Kibler thanked the Farmersville Area Business Association for sponsoring the community Easter egg hunt and thanked everyone in the community who attended it and the Easter Sunrise Service.

Park Board Member Michele Hodson provided the following report from the Park Board:

- The Community Center had been renovated with new ceiling fans, ceiling tiles and fresh paint.
- Chris Chalmers had been hired to clean the Community Center through the end of the year.
- Currently there are 9 ball teams utilizing the park.
- The pool is set to open Memorial Day and Jacob Moore has been hired to be the pool manager.

She urged a member of Village Council to attend the Park Board meetings and stated that the Township is very well represented. There are a lot of big decisions coming up that the Village may be very interested in. The fire hydrants will need to be replaced; the Park Board is looking for grants to pave the walking path and the parking lot. The Park Board is considering building a new shelter. Mr. Dowden asked why the Park Board hired someone to write CDBG and Nature Works grants when Mr. Sears has been writing them for free. Ms. Hodson explained that Jackson Township had passed a resolution to hire Ms. Laux to apply for these grants. Mr. Dowden thanked the Park Board members for their work. Mr. Dowden expressed his concern about the pool being closed and explained that if it rains in the morning, and the pool is closed; but clears up in the afternoon, the pool should be opened, not closed for the whole day. Mr. Izor discussed some of the bills and the pros and cons of heating the pool. Constructing solar panels over the parking lot, like the Cincinnati Zoo did, was suggested.

YWCA Representative Courtney Griffith provided information about the services available for women who are victims of domestic violence including emergency shelter, transportation, housing programs, youth services, after school programs and camps designed to keep them safe and get them back on their feet.



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**POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

Ms. Gisewite provided the following statement from Chief Schade concerning placing injurious materials in the roadway. "The Police Department has received numerous complaints regarding grass clippings and debris being blown onto local roadways. This creates a hazard to all motorists and pedestrians. Placing hazardous materials in or on the roadway could result in criminal charges and expose you to civil liability. Please do your part in keeping our roadways as safe as possible. Questions or concerns can be directed to the Police Department at 937-696-2522."

**FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS:**

Ms. Gisewite provided a report from Chief Wallace. Chief Wallace reported that they were making progress on the emergency warning sirens. Some of the entities have dropped out, so there will be some additional funding available.

**LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brunk discussed the EEOC complaint against the Park Board and stated that he sent a statement to the EEOC electronically which basically stated that the Village had nothing to do with the hiring, firing, or resignation of any park employees. There was discussion about prevailing wage and how difficult it is to keep track of and how it may change during the course of a project.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Weller stated that he had received a letter from Ohio Senator Peggy Lehner regarding centralized collection. He discussed the need for a Village council member to attend the Park Board meeting and reminded everyone that it was included in the by-laws that the Village recently approved. There was discussion about setting a schedule for council members to attend the Park Board meetings.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Sears provided information about the CDBG Grant and stated that it could be used for sidewalks and to improve handicap accessibility in the Village. He discussed possibly demolishing the "Chicken House" on Elm Street. He reported that the International dump truck bed was being sandblasted and repainted. He announced that the EPA inspection of the Waste Water Treatment Plant produced an "A" rating. He asked for an executive session at the end of the meeting.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:**

Ms. Schenck provided the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Finance Report. She explained that municipal income tax collection was down 16% from the same time last year. She explained that this may be due to pay period ending dates and stated that the numbers at the end of April would provide a clearer picture of this revenue. She will continue to monitor and make adjustments as necessary. The first half real estate tax collection was strong and water, sewer and refuse revenues and expenditures were as anticipated and on target with budgeted projections. Water and Sewer rates will increase May 1<sup>st</sup>; this is the final year of the five year plan to increase water and sewer rate. Ms. Schenck announced that she had earned her Master Municipal Clerk designation.

**ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Weller read Resolution No. R2017-06, a resolution authorizing and directing Village Administrator, Tom Sears, to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance. The Village of Farmersville agrees to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily

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complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the Nature Works Grant Program. Mr. Sears explained that this resolution is no longer necessary.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Dowden moved, Mr. Craig seconded to adjourn to executive session under the authority of Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Roll Call: Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Holderman: yes, Mr. Roach: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes. MOTION PASSED.

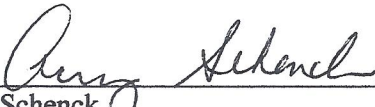
Council returned to executive session at 7:45 p.m.

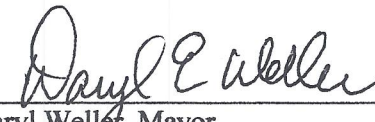
All formal actions of the Council and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**ADJOURN:**

Ms. Neitman moved, Mr. Roach seconded to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:55 pm. Roll Call: Mr. Holderman: yes, Mr. Roach yes, Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes and Ms. Gisewite: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:

  
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Amy Schenck

  
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Daryl Weller, Mayor