

**VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE**  
**Minutes of Village Council Meeting**  
**April 11, 2016**

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The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2016 in the Village of Farmersville Council Chambers at 117 E. Walnut Street. 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 was followed by a roll call.

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

**EMPLOYEES:** Amy Schenck, Tom Sears

Others in attendance: Chief Schade, Chief Wallace, Randy Devilbiss, Mr. Moyer, Greg Gillman, Joe Kelly.

Ms. Gisewite moved, Mr. Holderman seconded to approve the minutes of March 28, 2016 as presented. Mr. Craig asked why the minutes stated the time he arrived at the last meeting; Ms. Schenck explained that when a council member is not present for the roll call, the minutes must reflect when they arrive at the meeting. Roll Call: Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Holderman: yes, Ms. Neitman: abstain. **MOTION PASSED.**

Mr. Dowden moved, Ms. Gisewite seconded to approve the bills for this period payment no. 32888-32910 totaling \$28,298.21. Roll Call: Ms. Neitman: yes, Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisewite: yes, Mr. Holderman: yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

Chief Schade discussed the possibility of a school resource officer being added especially if the district decides to build new buildings. He reported that meth had made a comeback in the area. He stated that there had been an aggravated burglary in the area by a meth addict; the homeowners were home at the time of the break-in. He commented that meth makes the user extremely paranoid. There was additional discussion about bringing back a school resource officer to help identify potential problems.

Mr. Dowden stated that there had been high praise for Chief Schade at the Valley View Community Drug-Free Coalition meeting for the way the department was addressing the drug problem.

**FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS:**

Chief Wallace reminded everyone that the circus was coming to town on May 4. He stated that there was an upcoming meeting with the Montgomery County EMA representatives and the county's purchasing agent to review and discuss the features and the costs of the weather sirens. He commented that the county will purchase the sirens and the entities will pay the county.

**LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brunk reported that he had researched the Park Board member positions and the bylaws at Mr. Dowden's request.

**PLANNING AND SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mayor Weller reported that the Planning and Service Committees had met this evening and that Jerry Brooks had proposed options to replace the streetlights with new decorative poles. The new poles would be located downtown from Broadway to Taylor Street. The cost estimate for the upgrade is approximately \$40,000; Mr. Sears is exploring grant opportunities.



MAYOR'S COMMENTS:  
Mayor Weller reported that he and Jackson Township Trustee Moyer had attended a community meeting to discuss building a new school building. He stated that the committee is trying to get the tax levy for the new building on and one in Germantown. He stated that the committee is trying to get the tax levy for the new building on the November ballot. Mayor Weller reported that he and Mr. Dowden had attended a Valley View Community Drug-Free Coalition meeting; this group is trying to stop the drug epidemic. They are having a "Be the Change" candlelight vigil at the football field on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

Ms. Schenck reported that the retroactive pay raises for employees had been processed; only three employees were eligible for an increase, the other employees will receive their lump sum payment in November. She is still waiting to hear back from the Ohio Treasurer's Office about when the Village's information will be available on the [Opencheckbook.gov](http://Opencheckbook.gov) website.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Dowden reported that the WRCG finalized the bid specs and stated that they will be properly advertised. He asked Mr. Brunk to review the changes to the contract and commented that only two service providers had attended the meetings; Republic had attended one meeting and Rumpke had attended every meeting.

Mr. Dowden stated that the WRCG had discussed the County's proposed reorganization and developed a resolution speaking against moving the courts. He commented that the lease on the Huber Heights court is up in 2017 and if that court is moved, all of the area courts would be moved as well. He will submit the resolution for consideration by Council at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

WORK SESSION WITH JACKSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:

Jackson Township Trustee Devilbiss asked why the Park Board members were not invited to be part of the work session; it was explained that the goal of the work session was for the two legislative, appointing bodies to iron out any issues and then present them to the Park Board.

Mr. Dowden commented that he wanted to address the current issues and stated that the pool manager position was not openly posted or advertised and that people have already been hired.

Trustee Devilbiss stated that it was too late to do anything about it this year and commented that he presented issue of the bylaws to the Village Council two years ago and received the message that if it ain't broke don't fix it.

Mr. Brunk explained that the resolution established the Park Board and that the bylaws determine the processes of the Park Board.

The question was raised, "how do you enforce the bylaws when they haven't been enforced for years?" The statement was made, "You can't just show up and enforce the bylaws."

Mr. Dowden stated that the resolution and the bylaws are the same.  
Mayor Weller disagreed and read from the resolution.

Mr. Brunk stated that the resolution mandates what the Park Board shall do. He commented that the resolution was passed in 1992 and until it is superseded, it remains in effect.



Mr. Weller stated that the Village and Township need to step up and present the current bylaws to the Park Board and let them know that they need to follow them.

Mr. Moyer stated that the Park Board thought that they were doing the right thing; there was additional discussion.

There was discussion about the hiring of the pool manager. Discussion included possibly opening the position back up and posting the job publicly. The members also discussed the fact that the pool manager had already been hired and was already working.

Ms. Gisevite stated that it is important to avoid the appearance of inappropriate hiring practices. She asked if the bylaws stated that seasonal employee positions must be advertised; Mr. Brunk answered and said that the bylaws didn't address that issue and neither did the ORC. There was additional discussion.

Mr. Holderman stated that the Park Board members should be in lock step with the wishes of the Village and Jackson Township.

There was a suggestion that the governing boards work to establish new relationships with the Park Board while they work on establishing new bylaws.

Mr. Dowden stated that he wanted the job done right and suggested everyone work on the bylaws and move forward.

There was discussion about the pool being closed too much; if it rains early in the day but the weather improves later that day, the pool should reopen.

There was discussion about the certifications of the pool staff members; Mr. Moyer stated that the certifications are verified and staff members are sent to trainings.

There was discussion about the insurance coverage of the lawn mowers and roller; more research was going to be done to make sure that all of the equipment was insured properly. The group determined that an inventory of all equipment used at the park was needed.

The group was going to review the suggestions that Mr. Harding had drafted.

Ms. Gisevite moved, Ms. Neitman seconded to meet again on May 9<sup>th</sup> for another work session at 7:30 p.m. Council Member and Trustees should review the Park Board bylaws and forward any revisions they have to Mr. Dowden before May 2. Roll Call: Ms. Neitman: yes, Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisevite: yes, Mr. Holderman: yes. MOTION PASSED.

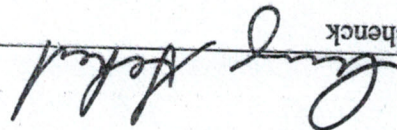
All formal actions of the Council and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Ms. Gisevite and seconded by Mr. Holderman to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:49 pm. Roll Call: Mr. Craig: yes, Mr. Dowden: yes, Ms. Gisevite: yes, Mr. Holderman: yes, Ms. Neitman: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:

Amy Schenck



Daryl Weller, Mayor

