

VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE
Minutes of Village Council Meeting
November 23, 2020

The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session on November 23, 2020 at 117 E. Walnut Street, Farmersville, Ohio. Mayor Nick Lamb called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by a roll call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Hadley, Mr. Roach, Mr. Craig, Mr. Holderman and Mr. Depew.

EMPLOYEES: Amy Schenck.

OTHER IN ATTENDANCE: Kirsten Knight.

Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Depew seconded to approve the minutes of November 9, 2020. Mayor Lamb asked that the sentence be corrected to "DP&L is looking to raise rates upon PUCO's approval." Mrs. Schenck will correct. Roll Call: Mr. Roach: yes; Mr. Craig: yes; Mr. Holderman: yes; Mr. Depew: yes; Mr. Cunningham: yes; Ms. Hadley: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Roach moved, Mr. Cunningham seconded to approve the bills for this payment period 252-255-2020 and 35364 – 35392 totaling \$23,632.60. Roll Call: Mr. Craig: yes; Mr. Holderman: yes; Mr. Depew: yes; Mr. Cunningham: yes; Ms. Hadley: yes; Mr. Roach: yes. MOTION PASSED.

VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: None.

LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS: None

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Schenck reported that the Finance Committee had met at 6:30p.m. and discussed the proposed Police contract and recommended its approval at the next meeting. The committee reviewed the 2021 budget information. They recommended only budgeting \$150,000 in income tax collection in 2021 due to Covid-19. Mr. Moragn proposed a \$1 per hour raise for Mr. Younce to be included in the 2021 budget; the Finance Committee concurred. Ms. Schenck reported that currently only Mr. Younce receives insurance benefits through the Village. Mr. Morgan receives his benefits through his wife's employer and the Village reimburses him the cost of the premiums up to 80% of the cost of the premium of the group coverage offered by the Village in that calendar year, as per the Employee Handbook. This saves the Village approximately \$1,100 a month. Three long-time employees have topped out on the salary schedule set by the Table of Organization. They are eligible to receive an un-pensionable annual bonus of up to 3% of their salary each year. The 3% bonus is included in the budget. We anticipate the retirement of Melodie Dill and Amy Schenck around April 2021. Mrs. Schenck reported that the Village is anticipating getting a grant for the Well #3 project and suggested that the salaries for the service department go back to being divided between the Street Fund 33%, Water Fund 33% and Sewer Fund 34%. The committee concurred. If the grant is not received then the salary allocation can be amended. The group discussed the extra permissive tax received for the Hemple Road project; that was actually the allocation for 2021; no more permissive tax is available until 2022. Mrs. Schenck will continue to work on the 2021 budget.

Mr. Roach moved, Mr. Holderman seconded to approve a \$1 an hour raise to Mr. Younce in 2021. Roll Call: Mr. Holderman: yes; Mr. Depew: yes; Mr. Cunningham: yes; Ms. Hadley: yes; Mr. Roach: yes; Mr. Craig: yes. MOTION PASSED.

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Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Depew seconded to approve the budgeted 3% bonus for Mr. Morgan, Mrs. Dill and Mrs. Schenck for 2020. Roll Call: Mr. Holderman: yes; Mr. Depew: yes; Mr. Cunningham: yes; Ms. Hadley: yes; Mr. Roach: yes; Mr. Craig: yes. MOTION PASSED.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Lamb reported that all of the Village's CARES Act money has been spent. The tech 1 position has been posted and that Mr. Morgan would be scheduling interviews. He suggested that the Personnel Committee review position descriptions – the last time that was done was 4 years ago. He discussed the November 16th JEDD meeting. One proposed plan of only 5 years does not tax teachers, only the construction workers. Mr. Roach did not feel that that was fair, and that teachers should pay the income tax like everyone else. The proposed long term plan includes teacher's salaries in the income tax collections. Mayor Lamb does not support the JEDD providing a school resource officer. He discussed the next steps in the process such as setting an end date and approving a proposal to go on the ballot. Mayor Lamb recently met with third graders from Valley View School and they wrote thank you notes, he shared them with Council.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Morgan reported that the service department had been busy with daily operations at the water treatment plant including weekly sampling and backwashing. They have been performing daily operations at the waste water treatment plant including sampling and wasting sludge. They had repaired a leak on effluent piping at the water plant and installed a new return sludge pump at the waste water treatment plant. The service department fabricated and installed a restraining mount for effluent flow meter at the water plant and exercised 103 water main valves in the distribution with help from Tim Ballard with Ohio Rural Water and performed OUPS locates. They repaired the street sweeper for the backhoe and added gravel and regraded the alley behind the Village office. Mr. Morgan submitted the completed asset metrics data to OEPA for the Village water system and the joint park water system. He also submitted the completed November EPA report for the waste water treatment plant. He has collected pricing and a materials list for 2021 project budget and prepped for the council meeting. Mr. Sears finalized the paperwork for Hemple Road and it is ready to be picked up from Choice one Engineering and submitted to Donna Kirkbride at OPWC. Mayor Lamb reported that there was an issue with the Hemple Road Project because a minority business is required to be used for at least 15% of the project and that wasn't done. They are working through remedying this issue.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: Mrs. Schenck discussed compiling important information for the Village Council and the new person.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Lamb stated that the Village needs to meet with the Jackson Township Board of Trustees to discuss the direction of the Park Board.

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.

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ADJOURN:

Moved by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Holderman to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:13 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham: yes; Ms. Hadley: yes; Mr. Roach: yes; Mr. Holderman yes; Mr. Craig; yes; Mr. Depew: yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:



Amy Schenck, Fiscal Officer



Nick Lamb, Mayor