### VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE

# **Minutes of Village Council Meeting**

# September 11th, 2023

On Monday, September 11th, 2023, The Farmersville Village Council met in regular session. Mayor Nick Lamb called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by roll call.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Holderman, Ms. Hadley, Mr. Depew, Mr. Craig, Mr. Lewis.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Derek Shell, Kelly Marascio.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kirsten Knight, Chief Erisman, Sergeant Bruner, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Moore, Mr. Ricky Cornett, and Mr. Jay Mikesell.

Mr. Depew moved, Mr. Holderman seconded to approve the meeting minutes of August 14th, 2023. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Cunningham moved, Mr. Depew seconded to approve the bills for this period 166-182-2023 and warrants 36917-36955 totaling \$83,411.48. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** Mr. Moore resides at 227 Center St. Mr. Moore requested for the property at 53 California to be boarded up. Mr. Moore reports there are several critters living in the house. Mayor Lamb reports a zoning letter has been issued to the owner more than once. The owner said he was going to start repairs this past spring. Mr. Moore nothing has been done. Mrs. Moore asked about the alleyway between 55 California and the log home. She reports the alleyway is littered with toys, which makes it difficult to get through. Mr. Shell reports this is an ongoing issue and the Jackson Township Police have asked the resident to clean it up on several occasions. Mr. Jay Mikesell asked if the alleyway between 105 and 107 Walnut St is public or private. Mayor Lamb reports it is private and has been for about two years. Mr. Mikesell asked if the chip seal on Autumn Ridge, Ashbrook Tr., and California St is the finished product. Mr. Shell reports that he is looking into funding to asphalt these streets. Mr. Shell reports the street levy brings in approximately \$20,000 a year and these streets are not subject to grant money. Mr. Ricky Cornett purchased the property located at 18 W. Center St. He plans on having a coffee shop on this property. Mr. Cornett requested the alleyway between 18 W. Center and Sears' Hardware be a one-way alley, running south to north. Mr. Cornett spoke with Tom Sears; the owner of Sears' Hardware and Mr. Sears agrees with the alley being one-way. Mr. Cornett reports there are drainage issues with the alley that need to be repaired. Mr. Cornett reported that he would like to use the front of his property as a public parking lot and he would like The Village of Farmersville to pay half of the cost for the construction of the parking lot. If the village pays half, then the parking would be public. Mr. Cornett reports if the village does not pay half, then the parking lot would be private for patrons of the coffee shop. Mayor Lamb would like to look into legal and costs of the parking lot. Ms. Knight suggests the village fix the drainage issues and repair the alley, since the alley is already owned

by the village. Ms. Knight reports she has concerns with the public parking lot because of insurance and policing the lot.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** Sergeant Bruner reports the car that was stolen off Main St last month, has been recovered. He reports there were some calls about ding done ditchers on Dean Dr., but this has slowed down since school started back. Sergeant Bruner thanked the village for the concrete place at the shooting range. Sergeant Bruner reports he would like to place a 12x20 yard barn at the shooting range, the Jackson Township will cover costs.

**FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS:** Chief Erisman reports Farm Days was successful. He appreciated seeing members of council in attendance. Mayor Lamb Chief Erisman reports the fire association got the medic back, so they have two medics again.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Lamb thanked the Fire Association for organizing another successful Farm Days and would like to see Farm Days continue. Mayor Lamb reports he contacted the park coordinator about a long-term fix for the pool. Mayor Lamb asked Mr. Shell to assist the coordinator to get the ball rolling on this. Mayor Lamb suggest looking into having an amphitheater at the park. This would be beneficial to Farm Days and Octoberfest. Since, the Elm St. sidewalk project has been postponed, Mayor Lamb suggests reallocating funds to asphalt Ashbrook Tr. and Autumn Ridge. Mayor Lamb suggests waiting to asphalt California St until the school closes and the buses are no longer using California St daily. Mayor Lamb asked Mr. Shell to focus more on zoning issues in the village. Mayor Lamb also asked about phase II of the trees on Center St.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Mr. Shell reports aeration basin 1 has been totally rehabbed. Basin 2 has been taken out of service and repairs made to broken diffusers. Mr. Shell reports he pulled the mechanical mixer and M&R Electric will be repairing. Mr. Shell reports the old screen has been removed from the micro strainer and a new one will be installed. Mr. Shell reports filter bed 4 has been loaded with media and is disinfecting now. He is waiting on the final invoice to apply for the grant reimbursement. Mr. Shell met with Chief Erisman and the fire Chief of Germantown to perform a water flow test at the Valley View High School, the range was 450-500gpm. Mr. Shell reports he created a GovDeals account and listed the enclosed trailer. Mr. Shell also purchased software and concluded training from Iworq to help with zoning issues in the village.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT: Ms. Marascio announced she will be starting to work on the 2024 budget. She asked Mr. Shell for a list of his projected 2024 projects and the associated costs. Ms. Marascio asked personnel committee for 2024 employee pay rate. Ms. Marascio reports she anticipates receiving 2024 health insurance premium rates by the beginning of October. Ms. Marascio announced there is a resolution on the agenda to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

#### **LEGISLATION:**

Mayor Lamb read O2023-12-An ordinance to allow the village administrator to auction items owned by The Village of Farmersville up to the value of \$10,000 on GovDeals and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Holderman moved, Ms. Hadley seconded to approve O2023-12. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes, Mr. Craig; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Lamb read R2023-03-A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Cunningham seconded to approve resolution R2023-03 followed by roll call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Lamb reports he will reach out to Tom Sears for zoning guidance. Mr. Sears has prior experience and is knowledgeable about zoning for The Village of Farmersville.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

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:** Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Cunningham seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Mr. Holderman; yes; Mr. Cunningham; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:

Finance/Tax Administrator, Kelly Marascio

Mayor, Nick Lamb