

VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE

Minutes of Village Council Meeting

October 23rd, 2023

On Monday, October 23rd, 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, Pastor Jon Kibler said a prayer and was followed by roll call.

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

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Derek Shell, Kelly Marascio

OTHERS PRESENT: Kirsten Knight, Pastor Jon Kibler, Jill Dahling, Donna Zimmer, Traci & Randy Alford, Melanie Shafer, Jill Gunter, Brenda Berry, Martha Moyer, and Scott & Carolyn Brooks.

Mr. Cunningham moved, Ms. Hadley seconded to approve meeting minutes of October 9th, 2023. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Lewis moved, Ms. Hadley seconded to approve the bills for this period 211-214-2023 and warrants 37005-37030 totaling \$82,196.48. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Mayor Lamb thanked everyone in attendance for the meeting and discussed the current status of the Valley View Jr. High building. Mayor Lamb stated that the building is owned by Valley View Local School District and the meeting discussion is just discussion, the final decision for the future of the building is VVLS D's. Mayor Lamb states there has been no interest from other school organizations willing to purchase the building. The building upkeep would be too costly for the Village of Farmersville. The yearly maintenance is estimated to be \$100,000. Keeping just the single-story addition to the existing building would also be too costly, because of demo and abatement costs. The estimated demo cost is \$300,000 and the abatement cost is \$1,000,000 due to asbestos. Mayor Lamb reports he has given several tours of the building and has had some interest from Kettering Health, CTC, Miami Valley Hospital and Sinclair. These companies determined that the building was not a good fit. Mayor Lamb reports after the school becomes vacant the building could be put up for public auction. Mayor Lamb reports VVBOE can write in the public bid to be specific, and the village council can possibly have influence on the specifications. Mayor Lamb reports Superintendent Scholler has stated that he is committed to having The Village of Farmersville involved with future decisions of the Jr. High building. A resident asked why isn't VVLS D responsible for demo and abatement of the building, because that is what residents were led to believe when they voted on the school levy. Mayor Lamb reported building costs increased and the school asked the state for more funding. The State informed the school the funds designated for demo

of the old buildings could be used to cover the additional costs to build the new school. The VVBOE voted to use the funds designated for the demo of the old school to offset the increased costs of the new school. A resident asked if The Village of Farmersville or VVLSO is actively looking into the future of the Jr. High building, Mayor Lamb said The Village of Farmersville is.

Mr. Holderman arrived at 7:28pm

A resident asked about government grants available to help with demo of the building. Mayor Lamb reports there is a possibility of a community block grant of \$60,000, but that is not enough funding for demo and abatement. Mayor Lamb reports if the building is purchased by a private owner, then the building would not have to be abated. A resident asked what the community can do to assist in finding a resolution to this matter. Mayor Lamb suggested reaching out to the Ohio Facility Commission. Traci Alfrod volunteered to be a community spokesperson and a point of contact for Mayor Lamb to reach to with future matters with this issue. Mayor Lamb did ask residents in attendance what they thought of patio homes which would be low maintenance and ideal for senior living. Most residents were in favor of this idea. Mr. Brooks asked about zoning issues with other properties in the village. Mayor Lamb reports Mr. Shell has been Village Administrator for two years. His priorities have been on the water and wastewater systems. Mr. Shell is now making zoning a priority. The village has recently purchased software to assist in addressing zoning issues. Mr. Shell reports several zoning letters have been sent out and will continue to monitor zoning violations.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: none

FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS: none

LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS: none

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Ms. Marascio reports she is waiting for insurance premium cost for 2024 and personnel increases to complete the 2024 budget. Ms. Marascio reports Mr. Shell would like to resurface more streets in the village in 2024. Ms. Marascio reports the village typically transfers \$40,000 from the general fund to the street fund each year. For 2024, \$50,000 will be needed to cover the cost of the resurfacing. Ms. Marascio reports the Finance Committee suggests reallocating the funds for 2024 payroll.

Mr. Shell- 70% General, 10% Street, 10% Sewer, 10% Water

Mr. Morgan- 50% Water, 50% Sewer

Mr. Wright- 34% Water, 33% Sewer, 33% Street

Ms. Marascio- 50% General, 50% Income Tax General

Ms. Marascio presented the 3rd quarter report. Income Tax revenue is \$162,747.76. This is approximately 20% higher than expected. The General, Street, and Police Levy Funds and property taxes have been received and are mostly as anticipated. The water, sewer and refuse

fund revenues and expenditures are mostly as anticipated and on target with budgeted projections. Ms. Marascio reports some appropriations will need to be amended to compensate for inflation and the increased costs of goods and supplies. The Finance Committee suggests increasing 2024 appropriations by 5% to follow this trend.

MAYOR COMMENTS: none

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Mr. Shell reports he has been selling inoperable and unused items on GovDeals, this has earned \$15,000-\$20,000 for the general fund. Mr. Shell reports he has ordered 25 tons of road salt for the upcoming winter. Mr. Shell announced leaf collection will begin on November 1st. Mr. Shell reports the big dump was taken to CG Construction and Utilities. They discovered a hole in the fuel tank and the gas tank needs replaced, they are currently looking for a replacement.

LEGISLATION:

Mayor Lamb read the third and final reading of Ordinance O2023-13. An Ordinance to require all traffic to run south to north in the alley separating 14 W. Center St. from 18 W. Center St.

Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Cunningham seconded to approve Ordinance O2023-13. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Lamb reports Mr. Pohl tore out a section of concrete on the north end of the pool and it was in poor condition. Mr. Shell had a meeting with Spear Consultant to discuss repairs, but the meeting was cancelled by Spear. Mr. Shell reports Ms. Hamaker has reached out to Shamrock to discuss the future of the pool, but Shamrock has not responded. Mayor Lamb said he will reach out to Mr. Pohl about Shamrock. Mayor Lamb reports the grant money for the streetlamps and Farmersville Café will be voted on November 7th by the county. The grant for the streetlamps will be for \$26,000 and the micro-economic grant for the café will be \$5,000.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Lewis announced he will vacate his councilmember seat effective December 31st, 2023. Mr. Lewis said that he is glad to have had the chance to serve on council, but it is time for someone else to have the opportunity to be a council member.

At 8:09 pm. Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Lewis seconded to adjourn to executive session under the authority of ORC 121.22 (G) (1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

At 8:37 pm. Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Cunningham seconded to return to regular session. Roll Call: Mr. Holderman; yes, Mr. Cunningham; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

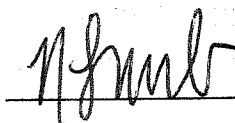
All formal actions of the Council and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ADJOURN: Mr. Holderman moved, Ms. Hadley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm.
Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Attest:



Finance/Tax Administrator, Kelly Marascio



Mayor, Nick Lamb