

VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE
Minutes of Village Council Meeting
December 11th, 2023

On Monday, December 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 IN ATTENDANCE: Kirsten Knight, Sergeant Bruner, Sergeant Spurlock, Mr. & Mrs. Alford.

Mr. Depew moved, Mr. Cunningham seconded to approve the meeting minutes of November 27th, 2023. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Cunningham seconded to approve the bills for this period 234-248-2023 and warrants 37070-37106 totaling \$42,961.51. 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. and Mrs. Alford report a committee has been formed by residents. This committee is named Citizens of Farmersville. The purpose of this committee is to help find a good tenant for the Junior High building or assist in finding funding to demo it. Mrs. Alford asked council for approval of this newly formed committee. Mayor Lamb responded that there is no need for approval by the Village Council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: Sergeant Bruner introduced Sergeant Matt Spurlock. Sergeant Spurlock will replace Sergeant Bruner once Sergeant Bruner is promoted to Chief. Sergeant Bruner reports the police responded to a bomb threat at the school, they conducted a bomb sweep and concluded there was not a threat. Mr. Depew thanked Jackson Township with their response time to the incident. Mr. Craig asked Sergeant Bruner about a down tree on Johnsville Rd. Sergeant Bruner reports the down tree has been reported.

FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS: none

LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS: none

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Lamb asked the council to choose a day for the tree lighting ceremony. The council decided to plan the tree lighting ceremony for Thursday, December 14th at 6:30.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: Mr. Shell reports FABA had a plaque made for the winner of the business Christmas tree contest. After the winner is announced the plaque will be engraved with the winner's name. Mr. Shell reports trees have been planted along Center St. Mr. Shell reports he is waiting to hear if the Village will receive any funds for the water main project. Mr. Shell reports the school has

started the excavation for the new lift station for the school. Mr. Shell reports he would like to use \$100,000 of permissive tax money to widen Elm St and add a pedestrian walkway. He would like to complete this project in 2 phases. The first phase will be from Hemple to Walnut St. Mr. Shell suggests hiring an engineer to assist in the planning process.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT: Ms. Marascio reports as of 11/30/2023 the Star Ohio account balance is \$907,143.04. Ms. Marascio reports the Star Ohio account as earned \$34,000 in interest year to date. Ms. Marascio asked council to vote on O2023-16 to amend the permanent appropriations for 2023. Ms. Marascio explained she reallocated funds when possible and supplemented funds to help cover expenses. Ms. Marascio reports she will start the end of the year and opening the new year in the UAN.

LEGISLATION:

Mayor Lamb read the third and final reading of O2023-15, an Ordinance to establish the permanent appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Farmersville, Montgomery County, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year ending December 31st, 2024.

Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Cunningham seconded to approve O2023-15. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Lamb read O2023-16, an ordinance to amend the permanent appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of The Village of Farmersville, Montgomery County, State of Ohio, During the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Cunningham moved, Mr. Holderman seconded to approve O2023-16. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Lamb reports he has researched other communities that have marijuana growing facilities located in their area. One of biggest complaints is the constant odor and filtration systems do not help with the odor. Mayor Lamb suggests establishing a moratorium to ban medical marijuana grow facilities in the Village for 12 months.

Mr. Lewis moved, Mr. Holderman seconded to impose a moratorium to ban facilities for the purpose to cultivate marijuana in The Village of Farmersville for 12 months. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Lewis; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Lamb reports he has looked into more information about setting up an internal economic development grant program in The Village of Farmersville for Village businesses. He suggests setting up a non-profit organization and 501c3 for giving loans or grants. He suggests also establishing an application process. Ms. Knight reports 501c3 can be very costly and difficult to establish. A board of directors would need to be assigned, by-laws written, and quarterly meetings held. Mayor Lamb asked Ms. Knight if she could create an ordinance to allow the Village of Farmersville to give grants to area businesses. Ms. Knight said she would need more detailed information on the criteria for eligibility.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

All formal actions of the Council and relating to the adoption 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. Depew moved, Mr. Lewis seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Roll Call: 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