VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE

Minutes of Village Council Meeting

Monday, March 11th, 2024

On Monday, March 11th, 2024. 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, Ms. Hadley, Mr. Craig, Mr. Smith, Mr. Depew, Mr. Holderman

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Derek Shell

OTHERS IN ATTENDENCE: Kirsten Knight, Fire Chief Jeff Erisman

Mr. Cunningham moved, Ms. Hadley seconded to approve the meeting minutes of February 26th, 2024. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Smith; yes, Mr. Depew; abstain, Mr. Cunningham; abstain. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Cunningham moved, Mr. Craig seconded to approve the bills for this period 29-41-2024 and warrants 37228-37255 totaling \$22,652.10. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Smith; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Cunningham; yes. MOTION PASSED.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: none

FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS: Fire Chief Jeff Erisman reported that the grain bin rescue shoot is in and training has begun. The shoot was funded by local farmers. Chief submitted a grant to help pay for five new sets of fire gear. The grant, if approved, will cover \$10,000 of the estimated \$18,000 total. A FEMA grant was submitted for 32 replacement radios. All radios must be updated by 2025. Chief will personally make several trips to Van Wert to the production facility to ensure that the new medic is being built to his liking. The community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the park on Saturday, March 30th. The rainout date is Sunday.

LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS: Ms. Knight was asked to send the process for demolition of residential properties within the Village. A resident complaint regarding dogs was reported to Ms. Knight by Mr. Shell. Ms. Knight informed Council that the Village, nor ORC, has any ordinances to address animal issues. The resident must call Animal Control.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Lamb shared the news that Sears Hardware will be closing. He shared his appreciation to the Sears family for providing a successful, local business for residents to utilize for several years, and for their contribution to the

community, specifically through the store. He encouraged Council members to thank the Sears family. The Mayor pointed out that now is a great time to begin discussing a vision and goals to support that vision, including aligning finances to those goals, for the Village.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: Mr. Shell reports that the transition from NIC for permits to Montgomery County has begun. The move frees up limited Village resources and streamlines the permit process for Village residents. It also allows for online permit request submissions.

Choice One Engineering started surveying Elm Street in preparation for an upcoming road project. The County denied the request to move the guard rail.

The decorative street lamps, purchased through an economic development grant through Montgomery County, have arrived.

Other updates include: The tile work under the parking lot of the park will be completed before the community Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. Shell will look into beatification signs for awards and a beautification program for this year. Mr. Shell ordered the generator for the WWTP and it's due to arrive end of March. An easement near Dean Drive was cleared out. Steve Morgan will be off an estimated 8 weeks or more for medical reasons starting Monday, March 18th. Mr. Shell will reach out to temporary/seasonal personnel to assist with cutting grass while Steve is out on leave.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT: none

LEGISLATION: Mayor Lamb read O2024-02, an ordinance to change the mayor's term in office to be two years if the mayor is appointed. (3rd and final reading). No motion made to pass ordinance. Ordinance legislation failed.

Mayor Lamb read O2024-03, an ordinance to change the council members' term in office to two years if they are appointed. (3rd and final reading). No motion made to pass ordinance. Ordinance legislation failed.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Depew reported that the school district is working on samples needed to obtain an abatement quote on the existing Junior High School building.

NEW BUSINESS: The Mayor and Council will begin hosting work sessions before scheduled Council meetings to outline a vision and goals. More to be discussed on this topic, including start date for working sessions at our next regular Council meeting.

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 taw, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ADJOURN: Mr. Cunningham moved, Mr. Holderman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Smith; yes, Mr. Depew; yes, Mr. Cunningham; yes. MOTION PASSED.

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Finance/Tax Administrator, Kelly Marascio

Mayor, Nick Lamb

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