

**VILLAGE OF FARWELL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 21, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Joe Manley, Steven Grim, James Conlay, Justin Colosky, Elton Marshall, and President Pro-tem Gina Hamilton.

Absent: Vicky Gunden

I. DPW Report: Discussion on part-time employees to be used as needed, including Rod Williams and Aaron Moline.

II. Office/Finance Report:

- A. Committee 2015-16 budget proposals for November Committee meetings to be presented at November 18th Committee of the Whole Meeting, with tentative budget to be reviewed at December 16th Committee of the Whole Meeting and presented in January.
- B. Resolution to Increase Water Rates. **Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Manley, to adopt the Resolution to Increase Water Rates: 2% base rate and 2% usage rate increase, to be effective at the beginning of the December 16, 2014 billing cycle.*

III. Parks and Recreation Committee Report:

- A. The next committee meeting is October 30, where Al Ellard will be present to discuss plans for his DNR grant writing assistance, which was approved at the September Committee of the Whole Meeting and is currently on hold.
- B. Proposal for landscaping along front of office under the new sign and quilt block and at the corner. **Motion by C/Colosky, supported by C/Conlay, to approve the landscaping Plan B from Mike Saupe for the front of the Village Office in the park and the southeast corner of S. Hall St. in front of the Village Office for a total cost of \$3500, from the Parks and Recreation Department budget.*

IV. General – Topics of Interest and Concerns:

- A. Ray Giffel was present to request an update on his concerns regarding trailers parked on the lot next to his property; the issue has been addressed by the Village Attorney and a letter has been issued; further updates can be obtained through the Zoning Officer Rod Williams.
- B. Gina Hamilton, President Pro-tem, will be absent for the November 3rd Council Meeting and has asked James Conlay to chair the meeting in her absence.
- C. Kathy Methner has requested a letter of support from the Village for the Promise Zone application. Council unanimously agreed to providing a letter before the October 30, 2014 deadline.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Minutes taken by Janet Conlay, Village Clerk/Treasurer

**Motion offered by Committee of the Whole to be approved at the next Regular Village Council Meeting.*