

**Village of Farwell
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**

Regular meeting of the Village of Farwell Council was called to order in the Village of Farwell Hall with President Pro-tem Gina Hamilton presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Joe Manley, Steven Grim, James Conlay, Vicky Gunden and Gina Hamilton.

Absent: Justin Colosky and Elton Marshall

**I. Motion by C/Gunden, supported by C/Manley, to approve the Agenda, as amended.
5 Yeas: 0 Nays: 2 Absent: Motion carried.**

**II. A. Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Grim, to approve the Minutes of the
September 2, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
5 Yeas: 0 Nays: 2 Absent: Motion carried.**

**B. Motion by C/Manley, supported by C/Conlay, to approve the Minutes of the
September 23, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
5 Yeas: 0 Nay: 2 Absent: Motion carried.**

III. Public Comment – Reserved Time (for items listed on the Agenda): None.

IV. Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Manley, to approve the items of the Consent Agenda:

**Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Manley, to rescind the motion by C/Grim, supported by C/Marshall, to approve the following variance request from American Waste:
Based on further review of the Building and Use Restrictions for the Enterprise Park, we are requesting a variance from the LDFA for the following:*

- 1. Eliminate the need for screening of solid waste dumpsters (pg 7 Section 10)*
- 2. Eliminate the need for additional paving of areas designated as parking or loading areas. (pages 7 and 8, section 11, paragraph D)*
- 3. Allow for outside storage. (page 8, section 12, paragraph A)*
- 4. Other than the described landscaping plan below, no additional landscaping, fencing, walls, or berms will be required. (page 8, section 11, paragraph E and; page 8, section 12, paragraph A).*

Roll Call: 5 Yeas: 0 Nays: 2 Absent: Motion carried.

V. McKenna Associates: Sarah Traxler updated Council on previous DDA meetings and the next steps required in the process of creating a Downtown Development Authority.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Conlay and seconded by Trustee Grim.

WHEREAS, Public Act 197 of 1975, as amended, "Downtown Development Authority may be created; and, WHEREAS, the Act prescribes the process by which a Downtown Development Authority may be created; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Council is performing studies, analysis and public outreach to determine the extent of deterioration of its downtown business district, in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and, WHEREAS, the Act allows for broad interventions to encourage economic growth, historic preservation, and the arrest and prevention of deterioration in downtown districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Village Council has determined that it is necessary for the best interests of the public to halt property value deterioration and increase property tax valuation, where possible, in its downtown.**
- 2. The Village Council has determined that it is necessary for the best interests of the public to eliminate the causes of deterioration, where possible, and to promote economic growth in its downtown.**
- 3. The Village Council intends to create a Downtown Development Authority, and will conduct a public hearing on the adoption of a proposed ordinance creating the authority and designating the boundaries of the downtown district on Monday, the 1st of December, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at 109 S. Hall St., Farwell, Michigan.**

AYES: Trustees Conlay, Grim, Manley, Gunden and Hamilton.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VI. DPW Report:

A. Motion by C/Grim, supported by C/Manley, to submit a letter of intent to purchase a 2006, 20 yard, Rear Loader Trash Truck 7300, reconditioned with 85,705 miles at a cost of \$65,000, delivered, to Clare Truck and Tire.

Roll Call: 5 Yeas: 0 Nays: 2 Absent: Motion carried.

B. Garage door for pole barn to be added to budget for next year parks and recreation.

VI. Lynn Grim, Clare County Commissioner, provided Council with updates from the County,

VII. Public Comment:

A. Ray Giffel was present concerning trailers parked on lot next to his property. Rod Williams will be contacted to respond to complaint submitted regarding situation.

B. Larry Touchtone was present to inform Council of his complaint regarding flooding in the back of properties on Ohio St at N. Corning St.; he asked if something can be done and can the Village look into it.

IIIX. Old Business:

Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Manley, to approve the final invoice #14-J442 for repair of pump and motor for Well #2 in the amount of \$17,576.00.

Roll Call: 5 Yeas: 0 Nays: 2 Absent: Motion carried.

IX. New Business:

Council gave permission to contact Village Attorney to address concerns regarding water drainage on Ohio St. involving private property to determine if the Village responsibility.

X. Motion by C/Manley, supported by C/Conlay, to approve the payment of the bills for September 2014 in the amount of \$22,848.30.

Roll Call: 5 Yeas: 0 Nays: 2 Absent: Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.