

VILLAGE OF FARWELL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: Vicky Gunden and Justin Colosky

I. Brian Anderson from Middle Michigan Development gave a presentation regarding the economic development benefits of membership with his organization and updates of recent projects they have assisted with in Clare and Isabella County.

II. DPW Report: Presented budget ideas to the board for inclusion in the tentative budget to be reviewed in January.

**Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Marshall, to create a part-time advisors position with the recommendation to hire Neal Agle to advise and consult with the Department of Public Works (not labor), with re-hire at the rate of \$19.14/hr. with a budget not to exceed \$10,000 for part-time DPW employees.*

III. Office/Finance Report: Presented budget ideas to the board for inclusion in the tentative budget to be reviewed in January.

**Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Marshall, to authorize Gina Hamilton, Elton Marshall, Joe Manley, and Janet Conlay as check signers.*

**Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Manley, to approve a 3% annual wage increase for the next three years for all employees, with a \$1.50 merit raise in addition for Tracy Lee for increase in job duties and responsibilities.*

IV. Parks and Recreation Committee Report: Presented budget ideas to the board for inclusion in the tentative budget to be reviewed in January.

V. General – Topics of Interest and Concerns: The next *budget workshop* to review the tentative budget will be at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 20th at 6:00 p.m. An additional *workshop* is planned for January 27th if necessary, with *tentative budget adoption* scheduled for the February 2nd Regular Council Meeting. The *Budget Adoption Public Hearing* is scheduled for February 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 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.*