

**VILLAGE OF FARWELL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, August 19, 2014**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

I. LDFA recommendation to Village Council regarding Building and Use Restriction Variance Request from American Waste

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: 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.

II. President's Report: None.

III. DPW Report:

A. Waste Management audit resulted in option to choose one of two alternatives, a disposal rate by the cubic yard at vehicle capacity or the second, a tonnage rate based on exact weights; this could result in a 19% increase in garbage disposal expense. Council agreed to table to the next Regular Meeting after review of the options.

B. Proposed Garbage Service Ordinance rate increase and truck upgrade; review of annual revenue to ensure proper operations and to cover the costs of service; recommendation by Clerk/Treasurer to increase monthly rate to \$8/month to cover all expenses related to garbage collection and disposal, and to include the expense of updating to a more efficient, larger capacity garbage truck.

Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Manley, to approve the resolution to increase garbage service fee from \$4 per month to \$6 per month per residence, effective October 16th, 2014.

Roll Call: 6 Yeas: 1 Nay: Motion carried, with Vicky Gunden dissenting.

Russ was approved to search for a used, updated Garbage Truck.

IV. Office/Finance Report:

A. Planning Commission Ordinance:

Motion by C/Grim, supported by C/Conlay, to adopt the Planning Commission Ordinance 2014-3 (Effective October 7, 1991, AS AMENDED August 19, 2014) as presented.

Roll Call: 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Ordinance adopted.

B. Discussion of Planning Commission board membership to be compliant with new ordinance and reduction of membership; Russ Hamilton and Janet Conlay will be removed from the board and the two Council Members on the Commission will be reduced to one representative at the next Council Meeting.

C. Councilmembers who may be interested in the 2014 MML Convention in Marquette (Oct. 15-17) need to notify the office.

VI. Parks and Recreation Committee Report:

A. Signs have been ordered for the basketball/tennis courts to provide notice of park hours and Rules of Etiquette (\$160 for 4 signs).

B. DPW has recommended a doggy bag station for the park.

C. Looking into a light for the flag in the park.

VII. General – Topics of Interest and Concerns:

Rod Williams has been monitoring the courts and it has been quieter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 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.**