

**Village of Farwell
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 4, 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, Gina Hamilton, Vicky Gunden, Justin Colosky, Elton Marshall and President Steven Grim.

Absent: James Conlay

- I. **Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Colosky, to approve the Agenda.
6 Yeas: 0 Nays: 1 Absent: Motion carried.**

- II. **A. Motion by C/Manley, supported by C/Grim, to approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2014 Regular Council Meeting. 6 Yeas: 0 Nays: 1 Absent.
B. Motion by C/Grim, supported by C/Manley, to approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting. 6 Yeas:0 Nays:1 Absent.**

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

- IV. **Motion by C/Grim, supported by C/Marshall, to approve the items of the Consent Agenda:
**Motion by C/Colosky, supported by C/Conlay, to approve Northern Pump & Well proposal to complete repairs of pump #2 (DEQ Well #1) in the amount of \$24239.50, including new pump bowl, or \$17,776 if pump bowl only needs repaired.
Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Marshall, to approve the adoption of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy & Procedure.
Roll Call: 6 Yeas: 0 Nays: 1 Absent: Motion carried.**

- V. **Guests:**
 - A. **Shannon Wilson, Weinlander Fitzhugh: 2013-14 Audit Review.**
 - B. **Tom Pirnstall, Clare County Transit: Informed Council on options available to set up a bus shelter downtown, preferably in the Village Park on Main Street.**

C. Neal Agle: Thanked Council for 44 years of employment and all the relationships he has built along the way as he handed in his resignation for retirement. Motion by C/Grim, supported by C/Marshall, to accept Neal Agle's resignation letter and retirement date of August 14, 2014. Roll Call: 6 Yeas: 0 Nays: 1 Absent: Motion carried with best wishes for Neal on his retirement.

VI. Public Hearing Opened at 6:30 p.m.

Present in audience: Russ Hamilton, Lynn Grim, and Patricia Moore.

Village Council acting as Zoning Board of Appeals to hear request from Patricia Moore regarding property located at 380 N Hall St. in the Village. The variance is being sought from: Article 14 Section 143(7), Description: minimum side yard setback per zoning lot shall be ten (10') feet, Practical difficulty: House is set too close to south property line to allow installation of 12' by 18' deck in front of house due to the placement of the house in relation to the south property line. According to Rod Williams, all the permits were already approved when it was discovered the setback was too close to the deck.

Rod Williams reported that only one phone call was made after sending out notification to property owners within 300 feet (the call was anonymous and reported no objection to request).

Public Hearing Closed at 6:40 p.m.

Motion by C/Colosky, supported by C/Marshall, to approve the zoning variance request from Patricia Moore for property at 380 N Hall St, to approve the variance with the condition it applies only to the deck referenced in the application.

Roll Call: 6 Yeas: 0 Nays: 1 Absent: Motion carried.

VII. DPW Report:

A. Russ presented the Water Tank Maintenance Inspection performed by Dixon Engineering.

B. Webber and Floyd St. are currently being graded and should be paved by Friday. Due to the project, the snowmobile trail crossing will have to be redone. Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Grim, to approve reapplying cement coating to the snowmobile crossing on S. Webber at the rail trail by PK Contracting in the amount of \$2,688.00. Roll Call: 6 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.

- VIII. Lynn Grim, Clare County Commissioner, provided Council with updates from the County.**
- IX. Public Comment: None.**
- X. Old Business: Motion by C/Grim, supported by C/Gunden, to approve Invoice number 018-2013 from the Clare County Drain Office in the amount of \$580.54, the final amount due from the Farwell Drain Project. Roll Call: 5 Yeas: 1Nay: 1 Absent: motion carried with Elton Marshall dissenting.**
- XI. New Business: None**
- XII. Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Manley, to approve the payment of the bills for July 2014 in the amount of \$32,820.57.
Roll Call: 6 Yeas: 0 Nays: 1 Absent: Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes taken by Janet Conlay, Village Clerk/Treasurer