

**VILLAGE OF FARWELL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: President Steven Grim

I. President's Report:

A. *Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Colosky, to resend motion to approve the cooperative agreement with Surrey Township and Farwell Area Schools for liaison officer and to keep a patrol car in the area at a cost of \$5700 per entity for January 15th until the end of the school year.

B. *Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Colosky, to approve the law enforcement agreement between Surrey Township, Farwell Area Schools and the Village of Farwell with the Clare County Sheriff Department to provide a part time deputy for extra patrol services within the jurisdiction for no more than 40 hours per week commencing January 15, 2014 through the end of the school year, with the Village to pay no more than \$5700 for this purpose during this term.

II. DPW Report:

Updates on ordinance violations.

III. Office/Finance Report:

A. Council gave approval of vacation leave request for Clerk Conlay for dates March 26 to April 2, 2014.

B. *Motion by C/Gunden, supported by C/Colosky, to approve the cost of Clerk Conlay to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association 2014 Introduction to Public Finance Seminar and Spring Seminar, March 6 and 7, for a cost of \$149 registration (\$10 savings for online registration) and \$98.50 lodging.

C. For New Business: Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Manley, to approve the 2014 Holiday Schedule and 2014 Halloween hours.

D. *Motion by C/Colosky, supported by C/Manley, to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Plan Participation Agreement, to increase Employee Mandatory Salary Reduction to \$25 from \$5 per pay period.

IV. Parks and Recreation Committee Report:

A. Gina and Tracy will be attending a Free DNR Grant Writing Workshop from 8 am to 12:15 p.m. on January 23, 2014.

B. *Motion by C/Gunden, supported by C/Conlay, to approve the payment of \$75 from the Village of Farwell Farm Market checking account to renew the Michigan Farmer's Market Association membership.

C. *Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Manley, to approve the \$100 cost of registration, and the cost of overnight lodging, mileage and meals, to attend the Michigan Farmers Market Conference March 4 and 5, 2014 in Lansing.

D. *Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Marshall, to approve the \$100 registration cost, to be paid by the Village of Farwell Farmer's Market account, of a second person to attend the March 4th and 5th Michigan Farmers Market Conference, contingent on the Farmer's Market Committee's recommendation and approval of the expense of the designated second person's attendance.

V. General – Topics of Interest and Concerns:

Update on hiring notices posted for DPW position.

VI. Budget Workshop:

Review of budget proposals:

Council agreed to increase 202-463-756.000 from \$2000 to \$4500 for tree removal/replacement and to add a new line item for Parks Restroom Janitorial from April to November for Jane Mathews: 101-690-703.000 (\$700).

Budget is set to be tentatively adopted at the next Regular Council Meeting on February 3 and a Public Hearing date will be set at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 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.