

Village of Farwell
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

RESOLUTION OF THE FARWELL VILLAGE COUNCIL APPOINTING JOE HILYARD TO FILL THE REMAINDER OF A VACATED TERM

Whereas, due to the election of Gina Hamilton, trustee, on November 4, 2014 to Village Council President, a vacancy has been declared on the Village of Farwell Council; and

Whereas, MCL Section 62.13 states a vacancy occurring in the office of president, trustee, or any other elective office shall be filled by appointment by the council, and the appointee shall hold office until the next regular village election; and

Whereas, the village council desires to fill the vacated office by council appointment; and

Whereas, applications to fill the vacant Council seat were received by the Village; and Whereas, the Village Council has decided to appoint a Councilmember from this same pool of candidates.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Farwell Village Council that the council appoints Joe Hilyard to serve as Trustee until December 1, 2016, at which point the successor of the regular election shall begin their term of office.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The foregoing resolution offered by Council Member James Conlay, Second offered by Council Member Justin Colosky.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": C/Conlay, C/Colosky, C/Manley, C/Gunden, C/Marshall and President Gina Hamilton. "nay": None.

Roll Call: Joe Manley, Joseph Hilyard, James Conlay, Vicky Gunden, Justin Colosky, Elton Marshall and President Gina Hamilton.

**I. Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Manley, to approve the Agenda.
7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.**

II. A. Motion by C/Manley, supported by C/Conlay, to approve the Minutes of the

January 5, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.

B. Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Manley, to approve the Minutes of the

January 20, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.

C. Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Marshall, to approve the Minutes of the

January 23 and January 27, 2015 Special Council Meetings.

7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED at 6:07 p.m. Future Mold Tax Abatement Request

Letter from MidMichigan Community College and Surrey Township in support of proposed tax abatement application from Future Mold Corporation.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED at 6:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2015-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE FARWELL VILLAGE COUNCIL APPROVING AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR FUTURE MOLD CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, Future Mold Corporation submitted an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to the Village of Farwell for tax abatement of personal property tax for machinery and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Future Mold Corporation is located within an established Industrial Development District within the Village of Farwell; and

WHEREAS, the Village notified, by certified mailings, all affected taxing units and the affected real property owners in respect to said applications of Future Mold Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Village noticed a public hearing to receive comment from all affected taxing units, property owners, and the public regarding said applications of Future Mold Corporation; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was conducted by the Village of Farwell on the 2nd day of February, 2015; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to said public hearing and due consideration of all pertinent matters related to said application of Future Mold Corporation, the Farwell Village Council determined, in public session at a regularly scheduled council meeting, that approval of said applications to be the best interests of the Village of Farwell; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Village of Farwell, after granting this certificate, will exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Village of Farwell Council of the Village of Farwell that;

The Farwell Village Council finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the Village of Farwell, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the Village of Farwell.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Farwell Village Council hereby approves the application of Future Mold Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for abatement of personal property tax on machinery and equipment, as described on the attached application. The Village of Farwell has agreed to grant 50% tax abatement for a period of 12 years, based on the following terms and conditions described on attached Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said approval is bound by the terms of the executed Agreement between the Village of Farwell and Future Mold Corporation outlining the conditions and resources to be upheld during said abatement period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the application of Future Mold Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new machinery and equipment to be acquired and installed on property situated within the Village of Farwell Industrial Development District - Section 25T17NR5W, Village of Farwell, Clare County, Michigan described as Lots 1 - 6 Block 34 Farwell, Michigan and adjoining vacated Webber Street & Illinois Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, when issued, shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of twelve (12) years.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

The Resolution was introduced by C/Marshall and supported by C/Conlay.

The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Marshall, Conlay, Manley, Hilyard, Gunden, Colosky and President Hamilton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

IV. Public Comment – Reserved Time (for items listed on the Agenda):

None.

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

**Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Colosky, to approve the cost of the Midwest Advanced Public Service Institute March 29 – April 1, 2015 in the amount of \$695 plus lodging, with amount already budgeted for Council training.*

Roll Call: 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.

VI. DPW Report:

A. February 26, 2015 Cross Connection Seminar, Lansing - \$105 for Jason.

B. March 30-April 1 Limited Treatment Course, Higgins Lake - \$390 each for Jason/Robert.

C. April 22, 2015 Spring Regional Meeting, Mt. Pleasant - \$105 for Russ Hamilton.

VII. Clare County Commissioner, Samantha Pitchford, with County updates.

VIII. Public Comment: President Gina Hamilton commended the DPW workers for how nice the village streets looked after the overnight snowstorm. With only an hour of overtime each, the crew was able to complete Monday garbage removal as well as clearing the streets after a heavy snowstorm.

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business:

A. Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Marshall, to tentatively adopt the budget for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year:

GENERAL FUND

Revenues \$362,795.00
Expenses \$440,802.00
net of rev/expenses \$(78,007.00)

MAJOR STREET FUND

Revenues \$133,050.00
Expenses \$139,049.00
net of rev/expenses \$(5,999.00)

LOCAL STREET FUND

Revenues \$49,650.00
Expenses \$59,065.00
net of rev/expense \$(9,415.00)

SEWER FUND

Revenues \$173,705.00
Expenses \$180,262.00
net of rev/expense \$(6,557.00)

WATER FUND

Revenues \$169,980.00
Expenses \$221,270.00
net of rev/expense \$(51,290.00).

Roll Call: 5 Yeas: 1 Nay: 1 Abstain, with Vicky Gunden dissenting and Joseph Hilyard, due to new position, abstaining. BUDGET PUBLIC

HEARING to Adopt 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget set for February 26th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

B. President Committee Appointments:

Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Manley, to approve the amendment to the Village of Farwell – Rules of Procedure: Item F. Miscellaneous – 4. Committees – a. Standing and Special Committees of Council, with Committee Appointments below:

APPOINTED COMMITTEES: FINANCE: HAMILTON, MARSHALL, GUNDEN. DPW: CONLAY, MARSHALL, COLOSKY. PARKS AND REC: HAMILTON, MANLEY, HILYARD. PLANNING COMMISSION: MANLEY (Effective April 2015) and LDFA: HAMILTON, COLOSKY.

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

XI. Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Manley, to approve the payment of the bills for January 2015 in the amount of \$24,818.93. Roll Call: 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes taken by Janet Conlay, Village Clerk/Treasurer