



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2017

Regular Council Meeting for the Village of Farwell was called to order in the Village of Farwell Hall with President Gina Hamilton presiding at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Kayla Randle conducted a roll call. The following were present: Joe Manley, Chris Brewer, Carl Schafer, Jeff Linton, Joe Hilyard, Gerry Osborn, and President Gina Hamilton

- I. Approval of the Agenda with the following additions: III. *Approval of Minutes removing the February 16, 2017 minutes, IX. Adding b. Presidents Report, X. 3. Park update, X. b. T-Mobile agreement to Zoning, and under DPW 1. Replacement part for Kubota tractor, 2. Replacement parts for Kubota loader bucket, and 3. Tree removal in Park.
 - a. **Motion by C/Manley supported by C/Schafer to approve the agenda with the additions as presented. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**

- II. **Consent Agenda-**
Motion by C/Manley supported by C/Osborn to approve the items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the Village Council. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

- III. ***Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. February 21, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
 - b. February 24, 2017 Public Hearing Meeting

- IV. **Motion by C/Schafer supported by C/Linton to approve the payment of bills and payroll for February 2017 in the amount of \$40,893.89. Roll Call: 4 Yeas; 3 Nays; 0 Absent; Motion Carried. (Brewer, Manley, and Osborn dissenting)**

- V. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Clare County Commissioner: Samantha Pitchford- nothing to report at this time.
 - b. No other comments at this time.

- VI. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Jaynie Hoerauf, Village Attorney wrote a letter to the Council regarding the Vandecar/Mill Pond Dam Study. Once the study has been complete the study will be sent to Jaynie for review for next steps.
 - b. Craig Schripsema, project manager from OHM sent an email to the County on the Vandecar/Mill Rd weight restriction. The weight restriction signs have been put up with a limit of no more than 20 Ton single axle truck.
 - c. The council discussed the Farmer's Market Master Position, with a proposal from Mindy Campbell to take on the position. There was a previous motion on December 5, 2016 to put the position in the paper. Council members were not in favor of rescinding their previous motion. The ad for a farmer's market master will be put in the paper per the December 5, 2016 meeting.

- d. The council discussed having a workshop to review what the Village needs in reference to a DPW Supervisor or possible fourth worker. The workshop will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6pm.

VII. New Business: none

VIII. Administrative Report:

- a. Bi-Weekly office meeting minutes were distributed to the council. No questions at this time.
- b. President Gina Hamilton wrote a report about the training she received last month with the MML.

IX. Treasurer Report:

- a. Tracy Lee received a \$550 scholarship for the MMTA Conference for this year.
- b. Tracy updated the Council on her successful trip to Washington. They opened a lot of eyes to why funding is important to small rural communities.

X. Committee Reports:

a. Parks and Rec

1. 4th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on April 8, 2017 @ 11 am.
2. Spring Clean-up will be held on April 21, 2017 from 9am – 3pm.
3. Park Update – Tracy Lee presented an update from the bids that are being considered by Russell Designs and the DNR. Russell Designs wanted to make sure the Village was still going to do a \$5,000 in-kind.

b. Zoning

1. T-Mobile – Rod Williams reviewed the agreement and zoning permit. Everything looked fine, so he will contact Eric Finger to let him know.
2. Rod suggested doing a unilateral agreement with T-Mobile and AT&T for zoning permits every year that way they have paid a yearly fee instead of paying for every permit they need. Rod will get with the office with an agreement written up and approved by the attorney.

c. DPW

1. **Motion by C/Osborn supported by C/Hilyard to approve the purchase of parts from INA Store Inc to fix the Kubota tractor in the amount of \$354.03. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
2. **Motion by C/Osborn supported by C/Linton to approve the purchase of parts and a blade from INA Store Inc to fix the cutting edge on the Kubota loader bucket in the amount of \$250.00. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
3. The DPW had concerns on trees on the Park drawings. Some trees are listed to remain in the Village park and the trees are actually dead or not in good shape.

XI. Extended Public Comment:

1. Dave Williams wanted to let the Council and DPW know they will be having an audit on Monday, March 27, 2017 with ISO and will be out an about in the Village.
2. Allen Brewer had some concerns on family hiring in employees to work for the Village and why they did not vote abstained. He also had concerns on employees breaking Village equipment. He would like a list of the vacant lots in the Village. Also suggested that the Village contracts the garbage out.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

Minutes taken by Kayla Randle, Clerk

Next Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 @ 6pm