

Village of Farwell  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Village of Farwell Council was called to order in the Village of Farwell Hall with President Steven Grim presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: James Conlay, Gary Maki, Barbara Roe, Vicky Gunden, Delores Knepper, Elton Marshall, and President Steven Grim.

- I. Motion by C/Maki, supported by C/Marshall, to approve the agenda with additions.  
7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
- II. Motion by C/Knepper, supported by C/Conlay, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2011 Regular Council Meeting. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
- III. Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Marshall, supported by C/Conlay, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 Special Budget Meeting. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by C/Knepper, supported by C/Roe, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 Special Budget Meeting. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
- V. Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Marshall, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2011 Special Budget Meeting. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
- VI. Dave Williams, Zoning Report. Eagle Pharmacy anticipates opening day around February 14, 2011. Barbara Roe asked about ticketing people who park on streets during prohibited times. Dave Williams said police officers can enforce the ordinance; Zoning officer cannot unless authorized by the Council.
- VII. Sheriff Report: Deputy James Dawson introduced himself as the new Village Patrol Officer. Rick Miller gave update on Safe Route to School: making sidewalks on South Hall Street a priority in project/ anticipating construction to begin in early spring/still waiting for design.
- VIII. Tom Bihlmeyer, Wade Trim.
  - A. Motion by C/Knepper, supported by C/Conlay, to approve payment of Wade Trim Wastewater Improvement FAR 340502C Invoice in the amount of \$7498.58.  
Roll Call: 0 Yeas: 7 Yeas: Motion denied.  
Gary Maki questioned billing for work in January when construction has been on hold since December due to weather. Tom Bihlmeyer was not present to answer questions, so Council tabled invoice for further clarification.
  - B. Motion by C/Maki, supported by C/Conlay, to approve Invoice # FAR101000C for Discharge Sewer Permit Application in the amount of \$1806.37. Roll Call: 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
  - C. Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Marshall, to approve Water Project Contractor Change Order #3 for an increase of \$6242.80. Roll Call: 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
- IX. Lynn Grim, Clare County Commissioner Report. Walk for Warmth.
- X. DPW Report: Nothing to report.

XI. Kathy Methner, Next Michigan Development Corp. Proposed project for municipalities. Resolution #13 of the Village of Farwell Council Approving the Submittal of a Notice of Intent for Designation as a Next Michigan Development Corporation.

**Whereas**, the State of Michigan recently adopted legislation, specifically Public Act 275 of 2010 and referred to as the Next Michigan Development Act, that allows creation of up to five *Next Michigan Development Corporations*, said corporations to focus their efforts to encourage economic development and investment, job creation and job retention, and ancillary economic growth; and

**Whereas**, the Village of Farwell lies within a region of the state considered to be an economically distressed area; and

**Whereas**, the Village of Farwell has traditionally shown initiative and demonstrated significant success in the use of economic tools provided by the State of Michigan to foster economic development, to include application for and designation as a Renaissance Zone, Local Development Finance Authority, tax increment financing tools; its successful development of a Certified Business Park, and its formal client status with the Middle Michigan Development Corporation; and

**Whereas**, the Village of Farwell enjoys excellent relations with all Clare County municipal entities, to include the City of Clare, the City of Harrison, and Clare County; and

**Whereas**, the Village of Farwell believes that there is significant potential for regional economical development should the Village of Farwell, the City of Clare, the City of Harrison, and Clare County be designated as a *Next Michigan Development Corporation*.

**Therefore It Is Hereby Resolved** by the Village of Farwell Council approves the submittal of a Notice of Intent to the Michigan Development Corporation by the Middle Michigan Development Corporation on behalf of the Village of Farwell for designation as a *Next Michigan Development Corporation*, said designation to include the Village of Farwell, the City of Clare, the City of Harrison, and Clare County.

**The Resolution was introduced by Councilman Knepper and supported by Councilman Marshall. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:**

**YEAS: 7**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

Resolution approved for adoption on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011.

Diane Maki, Village Clerk

XII. Office Committee: Office computer estimates were reviewed. Office Staff had meeting with I.T. Right for Computer Service, Back-up, and Web Site/Email contracts. New computers for Village Office should be purchased by end of the month.

XIII. Public Comment: Lynn Grim complimented the Village DPW for excellent removing snow for the Village during last storm.

XIV. Old and New Business:

A. Tentatively Adopt the 2011-2012 Budget

1.	General Fund Revenues	\$318,067
2.	General Fund Expenses	\$423,574
3.	Major Street Revenues	\$119,506
4.	Major Street Expenses	\$206,167
5.	Local Street Revenues	\$62,881
6.	Local Street Expenses	\$55,731
7.	Sewer Fund Revenues	\$178,300
8.	Sewer Fund Expenses	\$156,459
9.	Water Fund Revenues	\$130,300
10.	Water Fund Expenses	\$153,271

Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Conlay, to tentatively adopt the 2011-2012 Budget.

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

B. Motion by C/Gunden, supported by C/Knepper, to set date for Public Hearing to Adopt 2011-2012 Budget and Amend 2010-2011 Budget for February 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.

XV. Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Roe, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$33,080.86. Roll Call: 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Diane Maki, Village Clerk, and Janet Conlay, Village Treasurer