

**VILLAGE OF FARWELL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 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: Gary Maki, Barbara Roe, James Conlay, Vicky Gunden, Delores Knepper, Elton Marshall, and President Steven Grim.

- I. **Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Knepper, to approve the Agenda as amended. The Annual Audit Report will be presented at the September Committee of the Whole Meeting. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.**
- II. **Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Maki, to approve the Minutes of the August 1, 2011 Regular Council Meeting. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried. Elton Marshall commented that Aaron Moline is working on the residents' storm drain complaints from the last Council Meeting (roots are being removed from the drain.)**
- III. **Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Conlay, to approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.**
- IV. **Sheriff's Report: Deputy Dawson reported there have been no problems in the park this summer and only a couple of complaints about the Hall St. Bridge. Recent complaints of speeding on North Superior Street have resulted in extra patrol of that area as well as multiple citations being written. He will be transferred to another area on September 11, 2011, and the Village will then be patrolled by Deputy Wren. President Grim commented that Deputy Dawson provided nice direction for the youth and gave them opportunity to enjoy what is here. Council said they hope to see him back in our area soon.**
- V. **Committee of the Whole: Motion by C/Knepper, supported by C/Conlay to follow recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to purchase an HP Laser Jet Printer in the amount of \$224.98 for the Village Zoning Officer and to approve the repair of the DPW Backhoe loader bushing with an estimated cost of \$1000. Roll Call: 5 Yeas: 2 Nays: Motion carried, with Maki and Roe dissenting.**
- VI. **Public Comment: None.**
- VII. **Lynn Grim, County Commissioner. Update of Clare County activities. New State Laws will prompt the removal of many families from Public Assistance Programs because of new time limits on benefits. An estimated 42 of the 277 families currently on assistance could reportedly be taken off the program by October, 2011. Information on plans for a U of M free medical and dental clinic for Clare County. Commissioner Grim recommended distribution of the 211 Card to Village Residents.**
- VIII. **Old and New Business:**
 - A. **Leadership Classes to begin on September 9, 2011. Councilperson Vicky Gunden was accepted to attend.**

- B. Update on directional signs for the Village. A 32 by 42 sign would cost \$185. Aaron is looking into requirements from MDOT.**
- C. Zoning Report reviewed by Council.**
 - 1. Three sealed bids were submitted for mowing of grass ordinance violations. Bids were opened and all three were in the amount of \$45. Motion by C/Maki, supported by C/Marshall, to accept the bid from Conlay's Powerwashing for \$45 for the season to provide continuity in mowing services, enabling the Rod Williams to continue ordinance enforcement without a lapse in time frame available. Roll Call: 6 Yeas: 0 Nays: 1 Abstain (C/Conlay). The rationale offered by C/Marshall to choose Conlay's Powerwashing to provide service for the Village is James Conlay is a Village of Farwell taxpayer and has a business within the community.**
 - 2. Council reviewed options to address "Pop Shop" building situation.**
- D. Fall Clean-Up dates scheduled for October 4, 5, 6, 2011. (Tues-Thurs)**
- E. President Grim provided update on Safe Route to School Project. Construction should begin in the spring. Discussion of Clare County Road Commission request for agreement to cover expenses in case project goes over budget. A Special Meeting may be scheduled for further discussion and action.**
- IX. Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Maki, to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$117,494.61. Roll Call: 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried. C/Marshall noted that invoices paid to Dubois-Cooper and Associates are to be rebilled and reimbursed by MDOT.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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