

Village of Farwell

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2014, 6:00 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: Joe Manley, Gina Hamilton, James Conlay, Vicky Gunden, Justin Colosky, Elton Marshall and President Grim.

- I. Motion by C/Hamilton, supported by C/Manley, to approve the Agenda.
7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
- II. A. Motion by C/Hamilton, supported by C/Marshall, to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2014 Regular Council Meeting. 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
B. Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Hamilton, to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting. 6 Yeas: 1 Nay: Motion carried, with Vicky Gunden dissenting.
- III. Public Comment – Reserved Time (for items listed on the Agenda): Hazel Griffin was present with concerns about blight on a neighboring property that she had turned in as a complaint and has not received a response back from the enforcement officer; C/Conlay said a letter was sent by Rod and Rod indicated the property owners had complied/there is nothing left to enforce. Council would like the current blight ordinance reviewed for any potential updates that may be necessary and to contact the enforcement officer (who was not present) regarding the status of the complaint.
- IV. Motion by C/Hamilton, supported by C/Colosky, to approve the items of the Consent Agenda:
**Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Colosky, to approve 50 cent wage increase for Jason Walters and Robert Sabisch for their 90 day evaluation period as of May 22, 2014.*
**Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Marshall, to approve the purchase of three windows for the Illinois St. pole building, installed by Rod Williams and the cost of a building permit in the amount of \$529.60.*
Roll Call: 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
- V. DPW Report:
 - A. Robert and Jason will be attending trainings on June 19 (no cost) and June 26, 2014 (\$50 per person, with amount already budgeted for training.)
 - B. Council agreed to set date of Wednesday, August 6, 2014 from 11-1 p.m. to host a retirement party for Neal Agle at the Senior Center; invitations for village residents and business owners will be included in the July 1st utility bills.
 - C. DPW will be working on repairs to manholes throughout the Village that need attention.
 - D. Motion by C/Gunden, supported by C/Conlay, to approve the addition of four windows (two on each gabled end) to be installed by Rod Williams at the Illinois St. pole building at a cost of \$419.60. Roll Call: 7 Yeas: 0 Nays: Motion carried.
- VI. Lynn Grim, Clare County Commissioner, provided Council with updates from the County.
- VII. Public Comment: None.
- IIX. Old Business: None.

IX. New Business:

A. Discussion to consider bids received for South Webber and East Floyd Street Project, as well as bids for a second project for South Hall St. Motion by C/Marshall, supported by C/Conlay, to accept Central Asphalt, Inc. proposal in the amount of \$102,500 for Project #1 (S. Webber and E. Floyd) and \$19,200 for Project #2 (S. Hall St.) as specified in the specification sheet, with an increase of \$2500 for line item 203-463-818.000 and an increase of \$19,200 for line item 202-463-818.002.

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

B. President Steven Grim updated Council on the conference with McKenna for the DDA.

C. Motion by C/Conlay, supported by C/Colosky, to approve the following items for the Farwell Arts, Crafts and Farm Market:

- \$20 Market Master rate set for Fridays (4-7 p.m.),

- to authorize four market days for training (paid by farm market account) for new market master Vicky Hamilton,

- and to authorize the purchase of two banners for the Friday Farmer's Market in the Park in the amount of \$316.78 from build-a-sign.

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

D. Parks and Recreation was given the idea to consider looking into billboards on the rail trail to help advertise locations of local businesses.

E. Waste Management has arranged to provide a recycling container at the DPW every weekend, rather than every other weekend as previously scheduled; the Village would like to split the extra weekend monitor fees with Surrey Township; Council said to see how it goes this summer.

X. Motion by C/Manley, supported by C/Hamilton, to approve the payment of the bills for May 2014 in the amount of \$24,283.74.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes taken by Janet Conlay, Village Clerk/Treasurer