



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2016

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Kayla Randle conducted a roll call. The following people were present: Joe Manley, Chris Brewer, Vicky Gunden, Jeff Linton, Joe Hilyard, and President Gina Hamilton.

Absent: Gerry Osborn

- I. Motion by C/Brewer supported by C/Linton to approve adding “IX. George Gilmore” to follow the Clare County Transit, adding “f. Safe Deposit Key” to unfinished business, and “e. Cell Phone Policy” to the Agenda. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- II. Motion by C/Hilyard supported by C/Manley to approve of the Minutes of the June 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- III. Motion by C/Manley supported by C/Hilyard to approve of the Minutes of the June 21, 2016 Committee of the Whole and Special Meeting. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- IV. Public Comment: Reserved Time (for items listed on this agenda) None**
- V. Consent Agenda: None**
- VI. DPW Report:**
 - a. President Gina Hamilton announced Jason Walters passed his D-4 test for certification as a drinking water operator in Michigan and will receive a \$0.50 wage increase.
 - b. Chris Brewer reported that the DPW addressed the overtime hours, and updated the Council on what the DPW will be working on in July.
- VII. Clare County Commissioner: Samantha Pitchford - None**
- VIII. Tom Pirnstill from the Clare County Transit informed the Council on the Mileage for this year on the ballot.**
- IX. George Gilmore spoke to the Council to announce his candidacy for State Representative.**
- X. Unfinished business:**
 - a. Motion by C/Hilyard supported by C/Manley to authorize the DPW to order a new Metal Detector to be used for water shut-offs in the amount up to \$800. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
 - b. Motion by C/Hilyard supported by C/Brewer to approve the DPW to have the hydraulic cylinder for the Backhoe fixed in the amount up to \$500. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

- c. **Motion by C/Gunden supported by C/Manley to approve repairs on the blue dump truck at Quality Truck & Tire Service in the amount of \$4,632.22. Roll Call: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- d. **Motion by C/Hilyard supported by C/Linton to approve the purchase of a new alarm dialer from RS Technical Services in the amount of \$1,305.19 with a possibility of getting a grant up to 50% from Risk management authority. Roll Call: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- e. **Motion by C/Manley supported by C/Hilyard to approve of the Planning Commission Compensation Schedule as of 7/5/2016. Roll Call: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- f. **Motion by C/Brewer supported by C/Gunden to have the Safe Deposit Box drilled at Isabella bank in the amount of \$150. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

XI. New Business:

- a. **Motion by C/Hilyard supported by C/Brewer to pay Michael McCray in the amount of \$500 for the damage on his vehicle that was struck by a DPW employee. Roll Call: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- b. **The Personnel Committee set a date for employee evaluations to be done on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 1:00 pm for all full time employees.**
- c. **Motion by C/Brewer supported by C/Hilyard to change payroll to direct deposit for employees and council members. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried. Motion by C/Linton supported by C/Hilyard to change the bill pay for residents to Isabella Bank where the residents will pay \$3.00 for a convenience fee per transaction. (Transactions do not have a dollar limit like now) 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- d. **Motion by C/Brewer supported by C/Gunden to have Tracy continue with the Summer Sewer Discount for the residents who have asked. Further discussion on the Summer Sewer Discount for the future years will be addressed at a future meeting. 6 Yeas; 1 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- e. **Motion by C/Manley supported by C/Brewer to approve the cell phone reimbursement policy for employees who cannot or choose not to move to the Village plan. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried. Motion by C/Brewer supported by C/Manley to approve the Cell Phone Procedure Policy for employees who have phones through the Village Plan. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

XII. Public Comment: Tom Pirnstill informed the Council and public that the Living Hope Lutheran Church will be open in August on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2370 W. Ludington Dr in Farwell for people to come and shop for free clothing.

XIII. Motion by C/Manley supported by C/Linton to approve the payment of bills for June 2016 in the amount of \$70,859.45. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm

Minutes taken by Kayla Randle, Village Clerk