



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

August 7, 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, Tracey Jackson, Gerry Osborn, Amanda Pfruender, Linda Williams, Carl Schafer, and President Gina Hamilton.

- I. Motion by C/Schafer supported by C/Jackson to approve the agenda with additions to the Administrative Report and Committee Report. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; Motion Carried.**
- II. Motion by C/Manley supported by C/Schafer to approve the consent agenda as all items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the Village Council. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; Motion Carried.**
- III. *Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. July 25, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
 - b. July 31, 2017 Special Meeting
- IV. Motion by C/Manley supported by C/Osborn to approve the payment of bills and payroll for July 2017 in the amount of \$58,415.31. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; Motion Carried.**
- V. Public Comment:**
 - a. Clare County Commissioner: Samantha Pitchford was present to let the council and public know there will be a land auction coming up with 84 properties on the list.
 - b. Lumberjack Festival: Eunice Andreas was present to explain why the Chamber started the Lumberjack Festival 17 years ago to help bring people to the Village.
 - c. Lori Martin, Clare County Clerk was present to tell the Council they have ordered the new voting equipment, and the Clerk/Register of Deeds will be accepting credit/debit payments.
 - d. Janet Haag was present to explain how great the Lumberjack Festival was and how she receives emails from people who live local and out of state saying they can't wait for next year.
- VI. Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Rod Williams will bring a draft for the Village Noise Ordinance to the next meeting.
 - b. Block 19 is requesting a tax abatement for lots 9 and 10 in the Industrial Park. The office will check into whether the industrial park is an IDD, and ask Kathy Methner to attend the next meeting.

- c. **Motion by C/Williams supported by C/Pfruender to advertise a bid for engineering for the Saw Grant. Roll Call: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; Motion Carried.**
- d. **Motion by C/Pfruender supported by C/Manley to approve the Gun Exemption policy for Rod Williams in the employee handbook. Roll Call: 4 Yeas; 2 Nays (Osborn & Schafer); 1 abstain (Williams); Motion Carried.**

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Administrative Report:

- a. Food Truck Night/Open Forum in the Park Wednesday, August 9, 2017 from 5-8pm.
- b. Dirk Brines wrote a letter asking the Village to reconsider the fencing at the Well house property to only go around the pond and buildings. The Council agreed to not put a fence around the whole property.

IX. Treasurer Report:

X. Committee Reports:

- a. Parks and Rec is beginning to plan the Halloween party for October 28, 2017 at the Farmer's Market.
- b. **Zoning**
 - 1. The demolition bids will be going out in the paper on August 11th with bids due by 12:00pm on September 5th with bid openings to be held on September 5th at 6pm.
 - 2. Lou Schuler asked if he could remove the siding at 131 Ellen St to put on houses in the Village that are in need of a facelift. **Motion by C/Schafer supported by C/Williams to approve Lou Schuler to sign a waiver for himself and all parties involved in removing siding from 131 Ellen St to help local residents with repairs to their homes. 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; Motion Carried.**
- c. **DPW**
 - 1. **Motion by C/Schafer supported by C/Osborn to approve the purchase of an East Jordan fire hydrant to replace the broken hydrant on Main/Webber St in the amount of \$1910.00. Roll Call: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; Motion Carried.**

XI. Extended Public Comment:

- a. Tracy Lee updated the Council on the Back to School Carnival at the Farmer's Market. They raised \$222 for the kid activities, and gave away over 100 backpacks!

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Minutes taken by Kayla Randle, Clerk

Next Regular Council meeting on Tuesday August 22, 2017 @ 6pm


Kayla Randle, Village Clerk


Gina Hamilton, Village President