

**VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE**  
**Minutes of Village Council Meeting**  
**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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On Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Farmersville Council met in regular session. Council President, Joe Holderman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by roll call.

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Kelly Marascio, Derek Shell

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Bruner, Martha Moyer, Mike Moyer, Ben Schaaf.

Mr. Cunningham moved, Mr. Sears seconded to approve the meeting minutes of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Sears; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Smith; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Sears moved, Mr. Cunningham seconded to approve bills for the period 246-278-2024 and warrants 37669-37698 totaling \$58,492.13 Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Sears; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Smith; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Cunningham moved, Mr. Holderman seconded to approve bill for the period 1-5-2025 and warrants 37699-37718 totaling \$70,612.89. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Sears; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Smith; yes. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Lamb arrived at 7:10pm

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** Jackson Township Trustee, Mike Moyer announced village residents have an opportunity to join the Jackson Township electric aggregation with Archer Electric. Village residents can call Archer Electric and opt in under Jackson Township's current contract. Trustee Moyer reported the electric aggregation saved township residents \$117,000 in 2024.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** Chief Bruner reports of a hit/skip on Elm St and a domestic call on Elm. He reported a sexual offense on Dean Dr. Chief Bruner reports the police department is conducting regular surveillance checks at the jr high building.

**FIRE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS:** none

**LAW DIRECTOR COMMENTS:** none

**MAYOR COMMENTS:** Mayor Lamb thanked the village crew for snow removal during the recent storms. Mayor Lamb reports Ohio House Bill 331 recently passed; this bill allows villages to be resolved. Mayor Lamb reports this bill does not currently affect the Village of Farmersville. Farmersville meets 5 of the requirements in order not to be resolved. Mayor Lamb reports Farmersville could be in jeopardy in 2030. The bill states, by 2030 Villages should have elected officials, not appointed in order not to be resolved. Mayor Lamb encouraged council members to run for the council by pulling a ballot at the board of elections.

Mayor Lamb suggests decreasing council meeting frequency to once a month and increasing council pay from \$50 to \$100 per meeting. Mayor Lamb reports he will look into other municipalities to compare pay. Mayor Lamb reports on the possibility of a grant from Great

Lakes Community Action Partnership to expand the water plant. The expansion could help provide water to Lake of The Woods. Mayor Lamb reports the concern about the decrease in traffic in the Village, due to the school moving. The decreased traffic could impact local businesses. Mayor Lamb reports local business owners have expressed interest how to attract Lake of The Woods guests into the Village. Mayor Lamb reports the possibility of a grant to purchase a trolley to transport Lake of the Woods guests into the Village. The pipeline easement was also mentioned as a possible route for guests to drive their golf carts into the village.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Mr. Shell reports the Maverick Ford Trucks are not being sold due to a recall. The International Truck should be delivered by the end of January. Mr. Shell reports a village business owner is complaining about parking availability on Center St. Mr. Shell suggest the possibility of turning the community garden into a public parking lot. Mayor Lamb said that would not solve the business owner's parking issue. Mayor Lamb said the village does not have a parking availability problem, but a parking proximity issue. Mr. Shell reports he ordered additional road salt. Mr. Shell reports of an incident where a village plow truck ran into a parked car on Main St. during the winter storm. Mr. Shell contacted the owner and asked her to get 3 quotes for repairs and the Village will pay for the repairs. Mr. Shell announced MVL will remove existing utility poles in the business district. Mr. Shell reports the wrong generator for the wastewater plant was ordered, the company will return and replace it with the correct generator. Mr. Shell reports there is an opportunity for a grant through ODNR for erosion control pertaining to sewer discharge. He will look further into it. Mr. Shell reports the village will accept ownership of the lift station located on Manning Rd. Mr. Shell thanked the Farmersville Fire Department for hosting lunch for the village crew as a thank you for the snow removal.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:** Ms. Marascio reports that the 2022/2023 audit has not been completed, she is waiting on the auditor's office to finish the audit. Ms. Marascio announced w'2 have been handed out and end of year employee income and tax withholdings have been reported to social security and internal revenue service. Ms. Marascio reports she will have the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2024 financial report available at the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, finance meeting.

**LEGISLATION:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Lamb reported The Citizens of Farmersville spoke at the school board meeting. They reported it has been 1 year since the Citizens of Farmersville first addressed the school board asking about the demolition of the old junior high building. At that meeting board member Mr. Rudd there would be no discretionary funding allowed until the jr. high building was demolished. However, in the past year \$2,000,000 of discretionary funding was spent was voted on and approved by the school board. The Citizens of Farmersville asked the school board what is plan B, if the landbank grant is denied. Mayor Lamb reports there is a Farmersville resident requesting touring the building in hopes to renovate the building into a skating rink.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

At 8:13pm, Mr. Sears moved, Mr. Holderman seconded to adjourn to executive session under the authority of ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Sears; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Smith; yes. MOTION PASSED

At 8:36pm, Mr. Holderman moved, Mr. Sears seconded to return to regular session. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Smith; yes. MOTION PASSED.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

All formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**ADJOURN:** Mr. Cunningham moved, Mr. Holderman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Roll Call: Mr. Cunningham; yes, Mr. Holderman; yes, Ms. Hadley; yes, Mr. Sears; yes, Mr. Craig; yes, Mr. Smith; yes. MOTION PASSED

Attest:

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Finance/Tax Administrator, Kelly Marascio



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Mayor, Nick Lamb

