

**Village of West Farmington
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.
West Farmington Village Hall**

Members present were: Mayor Shirley McIntosh, Nick Malone, Tim Malone, Tom Mooney, James Mooney, Kelli DeVol and Carl Judge and also present were, Nicole Jacques-Utilities Clerk/FO, Mike McIntosh and Chief Dan Gladd.

Guest – Pastor Adam Rising

Meeting called to order 7:01pm

There was a moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Resolutions for Regular meeting:

Resolution 35-2024. A motion was made by Nick Malone, and Seconded by Carl Judge to approve the minutes of April 15, 2024 Regular Mtg.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous

Resolution 36-2024. A motion was made by Nick Malone, and Seconded by Tom Mooney to Pay the bills expected and received.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous

Resolution 37-2024. A motion by Nick Malone and Seconded by Tim Malone for a normal water tie in pricing to be raised for $\frac{3}{4}$ " tap with a new pit to \$3500.00. Meters are additional on all installs for \$200.00. These prices are estimated and might be adjusted due to abnormal circumstances or increased vendor charges.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous

Resolution 38-2024. A motion was made by Tom Mooney, and Seconded by Nick Malone to accept the 3rd reading for Water Charges to increase as follows: Base Rate from \$28.92 to \$31.42 and Per Gallon Rate (0-6999 gallons) from \$0.008686 to \$0.0098.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous (except Kelli DeVol)

Resolution 39-2024. A motion was made by Nick Malone, and Seconded by Tom Mooney to use the \$7,598.00 reimbursement grant for water department related items.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous

Resolution 40-2024. A motion was made by James Mooney, and Seconded by Kelli DeVol to purchase 100 tons of grindings from Trumbull County at \$15.00 per ton delivered.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous

Resolution 41-2024. A motion was made by James Mooney, and Seconded by Nick Malone to spend \$150.00 for flag and flag pole upgrades.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous

Police-

- Report from the Police Activities from the April 2024 Council meeting to the May 2024 Council meeting.
- Hours Patrolled – 24
- Calls for Service/ Complaints/ Investigation – 2
- Investigation Hours - 47
- Administrative Hours – Chief / Lt. Ballway - 25
- Termination of Employment for 1 officer
- Nicole assisted in the speed sign that we had in the village. This was up for at least a week in an effort to deter speeding on loan from the Ohio State Patrol, Lt. Morrison. Lt. Morrison was additionally informed of the citizen complaints of speed in the village and was asked to spare troopers to the area when able. Mike was referred to OSP for a semi that hit a pole at Second Street causing significant damage. We will continue to utilize OSP and build on the relationship as frequently as we are able to do so.

Water-

- Billing was completed on 5/15/2024.
- Revisit (3RD Reading) Water Rate increase from April 8, 2024 Special Meeting:
Current Base \$28.92 to \$31.42
Current Usage from (0-6999 gallons) \$0.008686 to \$0.0098
- Made a claim to the insurance for Susan's rate error under Performance of Duty and they granted the claim and sent a \$10,000.00 check.
- New Tap Fees: Pit and existing Pit water tie in rates need to be updated. The charge for existing pits is still currently fine but the current charge for a new Pit is \$3,099 and we were charged \$3500 by Lee's Excavating. (see attached rates)

Sewer-

Zoning-

- 5 violation notices issued for grass cutting.
- 2 conversations concerning vehicles in violation.
- 2 permits were issued, 1 for a porch and one for a garage type building.
- The zoning board met and discussed the need for a more aggressive grass ordinance. As we know our current “fine” system utilizing the court is virtually nonexistent Therefore a draft of a more aggressive ordinance is listed below for review and critique. We would have to have a “public” meeting to pass this (or a new version) ordinance. If the council is in agreement, then I will place the ad in the paper so this could be done in June’s council meeting. We would also include the “shipping container” ordinance at the same meeting.

For the purpose of determining the frequency of cutting and destroying grass, noxious or poisonous weeds or vines as required herein, any grass, noxious or poisonous weeds or vines growing upon any lot or parcel of land and extending to a height of 8 inches shall be deemed noxious and harmful weeds and vines. An owner or occupant of a lot or parcel of land located within the Village of West Farmington shall be notified by the zoning inspector or his/her designate to forthwith cut noxious or harmful weeds, vines, or grasses growing upon his premises. Such notification can be in writing, email mail, or a notice placed in the mailbox or on the property house door. The owner or occupant shall cut such weeds, vines, or grasses within 5 days of receipt of notice. One notification per calendar year shall be deemed notice for all subsequent violations during the calendar year.

“In the event the owner, or his agent or occupant of the lot or parcel, neglects or refuses to cut such weeds, vines, or grasses, the zoning inspector or his/her designate may cause such to be cut and removed, and charge the expense thereof to the owner. Upon being unpaid, the city may certify the unpaid amount to the County Auditor and the same shall act as a lien upon the property to be collected as a special assessment and/or may civilly collect the unpaid bill from the owner in a court of law.”

Fiscal

- Bank Requisitions are complete through April 2024.

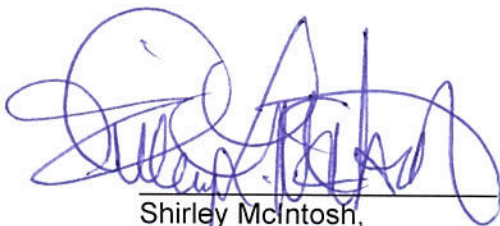
11. Old Business

- 2 EPA Grants
- Thank you letter for the Church.


12. New Business

- Officer Appreciation Day will be Saturday June 22, 2024.
- Purchase stock road grindings from County at \$15/ton delivered.

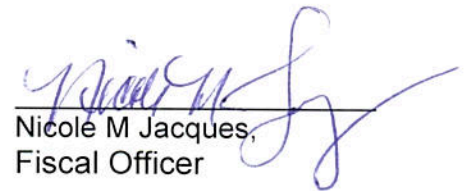
Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm



Shirley McIntosh,
Mayor



Nick Malone
Pres. Pro Tem



Nicole M Jacques,
Fiscal Officer