

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

Members present were: Nick Malone, Tim Malone, Tom Mooney, James Mooney and also present were, Dale Olp-Zoning, Chief Dan Gladd, Chris Ballway, Nicole Jacques-Utilities Clerk/FO, Solicitor, Jeff Limbiam and Mike McIntosh.

Guest – Louis Ralston

Meeting called to order 7:11pm

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

Public Participation:

Louis Ralston submitted his resignation to the Village, he accepted a new job at ODOT but can still work as needed or evening hours.

Resolutions for Regular meeting:

Resolution 61-2024. A motion was made by Tom Mooney, and Seconded by Nick Malone to approve the minutes of August 5, 2024 Regular Mtg.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous (Absent: Kelli DeVol, Carl Judge)

Resolution 62-2024. A motion was made by Tom Mooney, and Seconded by Tim Malone to approve the minutes of September 30, 2024 Special Mtg.

Roll Call: Approved (Absent: Kelli DeVol, Carl Judge) (James Mooney Abstained)

Resolution 63-2024. A motion was made by Nick Malone, and Seconded by James Mooney to Pay the bills expected and received.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous (Absent: Kelli DeVol, Carl Judge)

Resolution 64-2024. A motion by James Mooney and Seconded by Tom Mooney for standard allowance for American Rescue Plan Act.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous (Absent: Kelli DeVol, Carl Judge)

Resolution 65-2024. A motion was made by Tom Mooney, and Seconded by James Mooney to increase the Faithful Performance of Duty coverage to \$50,000.00 at \$350.00 per year.

Roll Call: Approved Unanimous (Absent: Kelli DeVol, Carl Judge)

Police-

Report from the Police Activities from August thru Sept 2024

Hours Patrolled – 60

Traffic Stops – 2

Calls for Service/ Complaints/ Investigation – 3

Administrative Hours and activity

- Records requests continue, most by Department of Defense
- CPT reporting updates and changes sent from AG's office to all active officers
- 911 Center update with roster / no confirmation
- No available times for Leads tests when officers can go in (Howland) that work with both the 911 Center and the individual officer. Usually are during the volunteer's full-time commitments hours.

Training has been conducted for Officers to include Driving skills 16 hours Sponsored by Tim Lally, and weapons RDS training, sponsored by Ashtabula City Police Department for 16 hours. All training was at no cost to the village, officers own expense for travel and meals.

Officer Hocevar is in the process of being submitted by the Ohio Small Police Department Group for a training class that the Attorney General approves personally. Not only will this training be the first of its kind, but West Farmington will be the first accepted by the Attorney Generals Office. Officer Hocevar will additionally have to audit the content of the training which allows him to participate in it for no cost.

Vehicles are being audited for equipment and to set up users on the MDT. Manufacturers have an active recall on at least one of the vehicles that will need attention.

The department is aware of the social media concerning the missing persons from August. One email received with not contact information for public service. TCSO is aware.

Officers still in need of Leads cert for MDT use. This is dependent on both the officer's availability and the 911 Center.

Water-

August and September billing both completed

Sewer-

Up to 10 or so mop heads recovered at the sewer plant. Set up to pull pumps ourselves is now complete.

Zoning-

2 violation notices for junk cars issued

1 conditional use permit in process for a flower shop

1 call for fence ordinance

house permitting requirements

Fiscal

Bank Requisitions are completed for August and September 2024.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

Trick or Treat will be Thursday October 31, 2024 5PM to 7PM

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 pm

Shirley McIntosh,
Mayor



Nick Malone
Pres. Pro Tem



Nicole M Jacques,
Fiscal Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2024
Authorizing Expenditure from American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Trumbull County, Ohio

WHEREAS, this date, October 7, 2024, Councilman James Mooney moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village has received a distribution of monies (the “ARPA Funds”) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Act effective March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 603 created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19); and

WHEREAS, Section 603(c) generally provides that:

(1) USE OF FUNDS. Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4), a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover costs incurred by the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county, by December 31, 2024 -

(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or

(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

WHEREAS, Department of Treasury Final Rule, published on January 6, 2022, and effective April 1, 2022, provides in part that:

Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to

exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.” [The “standard allowance”].

WHEREAS, the Rule further observes that:

The standard allowance provides an estimate of revenue loss that is based on an extensive analysis of average revenue loss across states and localities, and offers a simple, convenient way to determine revenue loss particularly for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund’s smallest recipients. This change is intended to promote administrative efficiency and simplify revenue loss calculation for smaller recipients.

WHEREAS, the Rule further clarifies that recipients can use:

SLFRF funds on government services up to the revenue loss amount, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated using the [Final Rule four-step process]. Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless treasury has stated otherwise.

WHEREAS, some common examples of “government services” expressly recognized by Treasury are as follows:

- Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure
- Health services
- General government administration, staff, and administrative facilities
- Environmental remediation
- Provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles)
- Maintenance or pay-go funded building infrastructure
- Modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure

WHEREAS, “Government services is the most flexible eligible use category under the SLFRF program, and funds are subject to streamlined reporting and compliance requirements;” and

WHEREAS, funds utilized pursuant to the standard revenue loss allowance continue to have certain restrictions, including:

- Deposit into pension funds
- Satisfaction of settlements or judgments
- Contributions to financial reserves or “rainy day” funds

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Council that:

1. The Village elects to use the standard allowance and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the full amount received to fund government services.

2. No obligations paid under the authority of this Resolution were incurred prior to March 3, 2021.

Councilman Tom Mooney seconded the Motion, and thereupon, the votes in favor of this Resolution were recorded and reflected by the signatures hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Village concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Village Council, and that all deliberations of the Village Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted the 7th day of October, 2024.

Attest: 
Village Fiscal Officer

Nick Malone
Mayor (PRO TEMPORE)