

Approved

2015 Annual Meeting - April 21, 2015

The 161th Annual Meeting of the Town of Farmington was called to order at 7:30pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

The minutes from the April 2014 Annual meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes as read by Sandy Asleson, seconded by Dennis Konze. Motion passed.

The Sanitary District report was presented by Mike Regal of Hawkins, Ash and Baptie. Overall, financially the Sanitary District is much the same as in the past year. They continue to pay down on their debt. Barry Schimke, reported that three fire hydrants were moved in 2014 and aerators fixed. A motion was made by Dewey Wegner, seconded by Paul Hoff to approve the Sanitary District financial report. Motion passed.

The Fire Department annual report was presented by Barry Schimke. Purchases in 2014 included a used Kubota and a trailer, a thermal imaging camera and a 1994 - F450 support truck. Estate monies received were used to purchase these items. There was an inquiry about the status of the current turnout gear, Barry assured those present that the gear is up to code at this time, however, he reminded that it should be replaced every 10 years. Barry also reported that the Department routinely does spring and fall equipment checks to assure the continued reliability of gloves, masks, batteries, etc. Motion to approve the Fire Department report by Paul Hoff, seconded by Sandy Asleson. Motion passed.

Chairman Hesse presented the First Responder Annual Report. In 2015, they responded to 109 calls. He reported that the Town of North Bend First Responder Unit had merged with us as of January 1, 2015 to help them out until they can once more be self-supporting. They currently pay for all their own equipment, etc. Motion to approve by Sandy Asleson, seconded by Dewey Wegner.

Chairman Hesse presented the Township Financials for 2014. Points of interest in the report:

- The new recycle shed was paid for through monies received when a landowner withdrew property from the Managed Forest program.
- Because we separate our recyclables the township received about \$6000 in rebates and sales.
- Town employees are currently paying 5% of their health insurance premium.
- Plans are in progress to reconstruct Davis Creek Road, the township received a TRID grant from the WI DOT in the amount of \$285,000, we must match that amount. Currently engineering bids are being sought.

Motion to approve the 2014 Financials made by Paul Hoff, seconded by Barry Schimke.

Other business:

The township would like to extend a thank you to Arlan Pfaff for his 9.5 years of service as Treasurer of the Township.

Some discussion regarding the potential swap of Cty Hwy C and State Hwy 108. The County Highway Department and County Board continue in discussion regarding costs and needed repairs.

Chairman Hesse presented plans put forward by 7 Rivers Region Outdoor Recreation Alliance for the Mindoro County Park. They are proposing to construct about 1.44 miles of walking trails in the park.

Paul Hoff inquired about the plans for the property purchased for the library and if the electors need to give permission for it to be sold. Chairman Hesse explained it could be sold but would need approval from the public which could be done with at least 15 and not more than 20 days notice.

A motion was made by Paul Hoff that the property on Church St owned by the Township be put on the market and that its availability be communicated to Senior/Assisted Living organizations in our area, also giving the Board authorization to sell said property. The motion was seconded by Chauncey Stetzer. Vote: 11 yes, 1 no and 2 abstain. Motion passed.

The 2016 Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Konze at 8:50pm, seconded by Paul Hoff. Meeting adjourned.