

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MAY 2019 MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Paul Lash, Jodi Anderson, Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia
Absent: Greg Kastenschmidt

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman, Mike Hesse called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

MINUTE REVIEW

Crystal Sbraggia read the April 16, 2019.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse – Motion to approve the April 16, 2019 minutes as read with corrections. 2/0/0 Motion Passed

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Dennis Konze explained that Betty Brockman was still confused as to what her options are in regard to water issues that she has experienced this spring. He explained that she would like to speak to someone from the town in regard to this. Mike stated that he did visit the site again following the Annual Meeting and is still confident that the town cannot do anything to resolve this situation. Betty is welcome to speak to them again but unfortunately there is not anything more that the town can do.

Penny Lash was in attendance to speak about updates and concerns that she has regarding the township cemeteries.

Wet Coulee Cemetery: Penny expressed the need to move forward more quickly in obtaining official easement rights to the road that leads to the cemetery on the backside. This easement agreement needs to be worked out with Jim and Sandy Freng. It is necessary as the backside of the cemetery is much easier to enter for the funeral directors and grave diggers. Once this is in place, she would like for a 12 foot gate to be installed on that side as well. Mike Hesse will be contacting the attorney to put this plan into motion.

Penny is still working on mapping out the Farmington Cemetery. She estimates that this could take her up to a year to complete.

Penny has decided to leave the current bylaws in place at this time, however, will take note of changes that she would like to see in the future. Pricing will remain the same as well.

Penny is considering creating a Facebook page for the cemeteries as a way to help residents reach out with questions.

Mike Hesse requested that Penny speak with her mother about any historical information that she may have about Dr. Jewell, the last resident physician of Farmington. The door to his residence will be installed in the bank during current remodel and he would like to have a plaque highlighting its historical significance posted alongside it for the public to read.

OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

Hesse, Lash and Sbraggia will be attending the WTA training in Tomah on May 16, 2019. Dennis Konze will be attending the Recycling Unit workshop in Menomonie on May 9, 2019. Dennis will be reimbursed for mileage at the rate of \$.58 p/mile. Crystal provided Konze with the necessary material to take to the meeting. He will need to bring along a current recycling brochure.

REGIONAL TOWN CLERK - TWA LACROSSE COUNTY UNIT MEETING (730PM)

Town of Farmington will be hosting the Regional Town Clerk's Meeting on May 23rd from 5pm – 7pm. A TWA LaCrosse County Unit Meeting will be held on that same night following the clerk meeting. Both meetings will be held in the High School Cafeteria area. Crystal will be contacting Rumors regarding the pizza order and will have other refreshments available for both meetings.

ROADS

RADCLIFFE ROAD: The town crew is waiting for the road to dry out so that it can be grated out. Mike is looking for a class regarding best practices for maintaining earth roads.

A. CRAIG ROAD: Kevin or Glen will be in contact with ACT to schedule a time to get culverts installed onto A.Craig Road.

WANLESS 2018 RESIDENT DAMAGE UPDATE: A second bid was received, however, no updates have been received from the attorney to date.

EQUIPMENT

It was reported to Hesse from Glen Cain that the Navistar Truck smells of diesel. No leak was able to be found. Cain also reported the need for the Rear Main to be fixed and Lash confirmed that the oil pan does continue to leak oil.

Hesse reported the need to sell one of the three remaining Ferris Lawnmowers and the Fire Department Truck #61. This would leave us with 2 zero turn lawn mowers. He wishes to post both vehicles onto the Wisconsin Surplus online auction site. No reserve was decided upon.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: A motion was made to post both the older Ferris Lawnmower and the Fire Department Truck #61 onto the Wisconsin Surplus website with the intention to sell.
2/0/0 Passed

There is no update in regard to the possible personnel partnership with North Bend.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATES

WANLESS ROAD: Mike is working on the Wenzel Road bids.

WENZEL ROAD: WEM report was submitted by Hesse last month.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RAFFLE LICENSE: Mike advised Crystal to be on the lookout for the approved raffle license that the FD applied for. They are hoping to receive this in soon in order to begin selling tickets for their planned gun raffle that will coordinate with the pancake breakfast this July.

TREASURER POSITION: Paul Lash is interested in taking over as Treasurer for the Fire Department. This position will be discussed and decided upon at next month's FD meeting.

FIRST RESPONDERS

TRAINING: Training continues on the X Series equipment

SIDING REPAIRS: Winter plows caused minor damage to the siding on the First Responder Building. Repairs will need to be looked into.

SOLID WASTE RECYCLING

SHARPS CONTAINER: Crystal noted that she has been in correspondence with a DNR rep that helped to explain the difference between a generator and a collector. At this time we would be considered a generator and should look into the area's drop off site options. If ever the town desires to become a collector we will need to look more closely into the registration and legal obligations.

RECYCLING FENCE: This plan requires a driveway permit. Mike Hesse will be looking into obtaining this through County Zoning. The cost will be \$100.

MSDS: At training, Dennis will inquire about obtaining Material Safety Data Sheets. It is expected that the crew will need to obtain such documents at the time of purchase for any new chemical or cleaner.

NATURAL DISASTER STORM DEBRIS: Based on a question that arose during a recent training, Hesse explained that if ever needed, the old dump site would be used to dispose of large amounts of storm debris. The county would also arrange for assistance.

TOWN TREASURER REPORT

The treasurer's report was reviewed.

MMSP: Hesse / Lash – Motion to approve the treasurer's report including receipts 327185-327200 and 695701-695706 2/0/0 Motion Passed

Jodi requested approval to set up a PayPal account to receive payments more easily from the Post Office. The board agreed that this may be helpful for other vendors in the future as well. Hesse suggested that a new account be designated for this purpose.

MMSP: Hesse / Lash – Motion to open a PayPal account on behalf of the Town of Farmington. 2/0/0 Motion Passed

CHECK REVIEW

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash – Motion to approve EFTs and checks numbered 21218-21236.
2/0/0 Motion Passed

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash – Motion to approved FD Checks 4416-4423. 2/0/0 Passed

REIMBURSEMENTS

Crystal purchased a total of 4 first aid kits for the Town Shop and trucks.

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash – Motion to reimburse Crystal Sbraggia in the amount of \$154.22 for the purchase of first aid kits. 2/0/0 Passed

Crystal Sbraggia paid for the mandatory BOR training she attended in Black River Falls in April.

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash – Motion to reimburse Crystal Sbraggia in the amount of \$12.00 for 2019 Board of Review Training. 2/0/0 Passed

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash – Motion to adjourn at 9:10pm. 2/0/0 Passed

OTHER BUSINESS

Employee vacation accrual and carry over was discussed. It was decided that both employee's vacation replenish date would be that of their anniversary.

Mike determined that both Dan Heidel and Crystal Sbraggia's Plan Commission positions are up for renewal. He will be posting these positions soon.

Crystal Sbraggia reported that liquor license renewal applications were sent out and submissions will need to be reviewed at the June meeting. It was determined that the Banner Journal out of Black River Falls could be used for such official notices.

Crystal Sbraggia will be attending a special county meeting to review new election equipment on June 12.

Signature cards still need to be processed for the note and cd that is currently on file with the Black River Country Bank. Crystal will look into this.

ADJOURN: **MMSP: Hesse / Lash** – Motion was made to adjourn at 910pm.
2/0/0 Motion Passed