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MONDAY JUNE 24, 2019
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Paul Lash, Mike Hesse
Leon Pfaff, Dale Kirchner, Dennis Osgood, Dan Heidel, David Pfaff,

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

Mike Hesse began the meeting explaining to those in attendance that the purpose of the meeting was solely to request approval from Town Electors the opportunity to consider and enter into a long term lease agreement with Allied Cooperative. A lease that would allow Allied the ability to install and maintain 4 underground fuel storage tanks.

Hesse explained that the state has mandated these updates and that Allied does not own enough land to house the tanks on its own property. If agreed upon by the electors, the town board would seek recommendation and contract services from the towns representing attorneys while deciding and entering any agreement. He noted that a liability section of the agreement would outline Allied Cooperative's responsibility to cover any damages from spills or otherwise. This agreement would have to have written within it the transfer terms or tank removal terms in the event that the business closes or changes ownership.

Leon Pfaff, representing Allied at the meeting, explained further that the new tanks would allow for modern at-the-pump payment options and that no above ground area of the parking lot would be permanently disrupted. He noted that Allied would be covering the all costs associated with the installation of the tanks including replacing the blacktop following the project.

Although, not date is set, Leon expects the Allied board to make a decision one way or another at their July meeting. They are waiting for another bid to be returned before that time. One bid already collected estimates the project to take 2-3 weeks and could happen as early as this Fall. Leon stated that the deadline for significant progress to be proven to the state is January 1, 2020.

Those in attendance raised the following questions.

1. What type of fuel will be offered? Leon stated that at least one diesel option and one regular unleaded would be sold, however, he could not commit to the other 2 types that Allied may decide to make available.

2. When asked whether the current above ground off-road diesel fuel tank would be removed, Leon noted that he was not sure.

3. It was determined that the current tanks would be removed upon the installation of the new tanks.

4. When asked how long the lease would be for, Hesse replied that by statute definition a long term lease means over 12 months.

Realizing repercussions for our emergency services if this agreement does not go through, Hesse explained that our alternatives would include the town having to purchase, install and maintain above ground fuel tanks to support the fire department fuel needs. These costs would be added to our township annual budget. Our EMS department would need to either purchase from the town's fuel supply or travel to West Salem or Holmen to fuel their vehicles.

MMSP: Dan Heidel / Leon Pfaff – Motion made to permit the Farmington Town Board to both explore and enter into a long term lease agreement with Allied Cooperative that would allow the business to install and maintain underground fuel storage tanks below the town hall parking lot.
9/0/0 Motion Passed

ADJOURN: **MMSP:Lash / Heidel** – Motion was made to adjourn at 7:55pm
9/0/0 Motion Passed

Submitted By: Crystal Sbraggia
Town of Farmington, Clerk