

TOWN OF FARMINGTON AUGUST 2019 MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

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

MINUTE REVIEW

Crystal Sbraggia read the July 2, 2019 regular meeting.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt – Motion to approve July 2, 2019 meeting minutes as read. 3/0/0
Motion Passed

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Several residents currently living in the Bernhardt Valley Addition were again in attendance to seek assistance from the town in regard to ongoing water flow / drainage issues near their properties. Board members have visited the site a couple times since the last meeting. They understand the concerns but at this time do not feel the issues can be rectified at the town level. They will give as much attention to the maintenance of that road as they do to all other town roads and suggest that residents speak with the county for further solutions.

Dr. Michael White requested the board consider adding solar energy options to our township in order to safeguard ourselves in the event of an emergency or disaster. He agreed that our current generator was a viable short term option but suggested that in a long term outage a solar plan would better protect our emergency services.

ATV Route Ordinance Amendment Request: Dan Heidel, PC Chairperson, spoke of the commission's recommendation to approve the amendment with certain conditions. Residents on both sides of the issue were present to discuss their arguments and concerns. Those living near Perkins Road requested that particular road be left out of the amendment. One concern was safety, noise pollution and township liability. Hesse denied any increased liability for the township. Club members promised to continue helping to enforce rules and encouraged residents inform law enforcement of any riders not obeying the law.

MMSP: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to amend the current 2017 ATV ordinance to include additional routes on Baker Road, Cox Hill Road, Herman Coulee Road, Perkins Road, Wanless Road and Davis Creek Road with conditions as recommended by the PC. 3/0/0 Passed

The ordinance will be drafted and passed by the towns attorney for approval.

Loader Bids: Quotes received from Titan, John Deere and Fabic were reviewed. Specs and pricing for four different models were compared. All agreed that the John Deere 444k best fits the needs of the township. Greg will be contacting the company to bring the vehicle to Mindoro so to allow Kevin and Glen a test run of the machine.

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to move forward with purchasing the 444k from John Deere contingent on town operator approvals and finance option availability. 3/0/0 Passed

DODGE TRUCK RADIO: Per Mike warranty void concerns will not be an issue. Hesse decided that we will move forward with installation option from radio vendor. Glen requested the board move forward with installation now rather than wait for the loader to be ready. He also shared that the Freightliner would be needing a new radio as well.

NAVASTAR TRUCK REPAIR: It turned out that recent repairs were independent from previous services, therefore, did not fall under warranty.

TOWN OF NORTH BEND Hesse reported that the employee for Town of North Bend would be retiring soon. The board agreed to explore the opportunity to cooperatively share employees and equipment with North Bend. Hesse will be speaking with the Town of North Bend's Chairperson soon.

ALLIED LEASE AGREEMENT: No updates available. Waiting on Allied to make a decision.

Kastenschmidt excused himself from the meeting

CEMETERY UPDATES

EASEMENT AGREEMENT: Waiting on revised agreement to include easement for Town onto Freng's land and easement for Freng onto Township parking lot parcel. Once complete, we will pass by Freng before signing off.

FAMILY PLOT DOUBLE UPS: Penny ran into an issue involving a daughter wishing to be buried atop of her father in the Farmington Cemetery. The daughter, who had been promised this through informal agreements with prior cemetery personnel, was granted approval following verification and limitations that are now recorded in writing. Additional requests involving her son (the grandchild of the deceased plot owner) were denied. Penny asked that the board officially decide how to handle such requests in the future.

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to deny any request to share a grave with a deceased relative without proper documentation. Any such shared agreements must be properly recorded prior to the death of the plot owner. Fees shall apply. 2/0/0 Passed

Penny continues to record misidentified plots or graves.

WEST SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT CROSSING GUARD RESOLUTION

The WSSD has formally requested permission to appoint employees as crossing guards.

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to adopt resolution 2-2019, and grant authority to appoint crossing guards to the School District of West Salem. 2/0/0 Passed

PLAN COMMISSION CANDIDATE NOMINATION

Mitch Fenske, PC candidate was the only candidate in attendance. The other candidate did not respond to Mike's invitation to for an interview with the board.

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to confirm Mitch Fenske as the newest member of the Town of Farmington Plan Commission for a term ending on April 30, 2022. 2/0/0

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to reconfirm Dr. Michael White's PC position for a term set to expire on April 30, 2021. 2/0/0

PROPANE WINTER CONTRACT RATES

The board reviewed rates from Federation, Allied, and Severson Oil Company. All rates were within 5% of each other.

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to contract with Allied Cooperative for propane needs during the 2019 / 2020 season. 2/0/0

ROADS

- Craig Road: will be completed early August.
- M. Olson Road: waiting to hear back from the state and/or county for best options.
- Sealing: no definite date received from Scott Construction for start or completion
- Wanless Resident Damage: No update
- Wanless Storm Damage: Jewell expects to have information ready for us to advertise in October, open bids in November and award the project in December.
- Wenzel Bridge: COMPLETE; bill will be passed to state for partial reimbursement.
- Storm Damage on Jerome, Staff, H. Mickelson and Hanson Roads will soon be documented with FEMA for aid. Mike is working on sending photos of damage.

RECYCLING

Drug Take Back Day: August 24.

FENCE UPDATE: Working to raise the gate and install an apron along entrance.

TREASURERS REPORT

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approve the receipts 695734-695752 2/0/0 passed

Board agreed to let the CD at Black River Country Bank roll over.

CHECKS

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approve EFT and checks 21296-21341 2/0/0 passed

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approve FD checks 4429-4439. 2/0/0 passed

EMERGENCY SERVICES: The state moved to the old grant system. Hesse should hear an update soon on the FD Grant application.

OTHER BUSINESS

MMSP: Lash/Hesse: Motion to reimburse Mike Hesse in the amount of \$459 for a fridge to be used at the town hall and Crystal Sbraggia in the amount of \$336.30 for envelopes and background checks. 2/0/0 passed.

Board agreed to charge \$80/ton for sand/salt work completed for neighboring townships this past winter. Labor fees will be decided upon after looking into FEMA estimates.

Cell phone towers continue to make progress.

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to adjourn at 9:45pm.