

TOWN OF FARMINGTON SEPTEMBER 2019 MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 August 6, 2019 regular meeting.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt – Motion to approve August 6, 2019 meeting minutes as read.
3/0/0 Motion Passed

PUBLIC CONCERNS

No public concerns

ATV Route Ordinance Amendment Request: Under attorney advisement, Mike Hesse proposed a revised ordinance that included minor corrections and struck out language regarding a the mandatory two ear review. The removal of this clause does not mean that the ordinance cannot be reviewed upon request, however, it will eliminate the requirement to abide to a strict time frame.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve ATV Route Ordinance 2-2019. 3/0/0

Allied: Mike met with the county, WEDC (Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation) and Allied to discuss options regarding the tank replacement project. It was decided that WEDC could likely fund a significant portion (\$1 to every \$3) of the project if the Town of Farmington would agree to help process an application for assistance. Mike has already started working on the application and plans to finish soon with the help of Allied and county review. Allied will continue to move forward with gathering final bids and if all goes as planned the state's deadlines for progress should be met and Spring 2020 construction could be scheduled.

Cemetery: Easement: Mike is waiting on title confirmation before the final easement documentation can be completed. It is far enough along that Penny may begin collecting bids for gate. It was determined that Larry and Dennis Konze could be asked to provide an estimate.

Penny has created a new Facebook Page for the cemetery, called Farmington Cemeteries. The new email for the cemetery is cemeterymanager@yahoo.com. Penny informed the group that the main purpose for the page would be to help determine exact locations for questionable burial records. The process of allowing, responding to, reviewing, removing and documenting public FB comments was discussed. Proper documentation for the removal of restricted comments was agreed upon.

Penny shared feedback received from residents regarding overgrown weeds in portions of the Farmington Cemetery and a pile of tree limbs / brush in Black Oak Cemetery. The board took note

and will pass along expectations regarding cemetery lawn care and equipment maintenance.

ROADS

- Craig Road: culverts are in and it has been patched across.
- 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 and Hanson Roads only two approved for aid dollars. Some of the other roads could benefit from a more general town wide clean up fund.
- NEW: Larson Road: Damage noticed on Larson Road can be tied back to the contractor helping to install the cell tower. Mike has been in contact with the contractor and will be following up regarding compensation for the damages.

PLOW RATES FOR NEIGHBORING TOWNS: The board agreed that \$131.09 p/hr would be reasonable. Rates were determined based on FEMA published estimated equipment rates and town employee wage rates. \$80 / ton price for sand and salt.

TOWN OF NORTH BEND It was reported that at this time, it does not appear that North Bend will be looking for a cooperative employee-share agreement. They assured Kastenschmidt that we could rent their grader if ever we need it.

LOADER: Resident feedback has prompted Kastenschmidt to ask the board to reconsider purchasing the John Deere 524 instead of the smaller 444k model. The argument for this change revolves around the lifespan and performance improvements that come with the 524. The board agreed to consider the change after the town has a chance to demo the 444k. The plan is to make a down payment from the Truck Fund then finance the remaining amount. Options will be explored.

DODGE TRUCK RADIO: Waiting to receive the radio before scheduling installation. Town issued phones for employees may be a good option once First Net becomes available.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: It is still possible that we will be awarded the grant. The decisions should be made public by the end of September. Mike will be working with Crystal to link the Go System to the SAM account.

RECYCLING

Drug Take Back Day: went well and if approved a 2020 date will be scheduled in the future.

Fence Update: Aprons were installed and project is complete.

Dumpsters: Kastenschmidt will contact Runde for specs and pricing on dumpsters that could help to more efficiently collect demo debris and metal/steel. Depending on the height of each 20 or 30 yd options will be explored. We may not receive the same rebate offers, however, this should save on wear and tear on equipments, especially loader tires. A dumpster for Newspaper may also be a good idea.

Water Collection: The LaCrosse County Health Department is scheduled to be at the Farmington

Recycling Center on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 from 4pm – 6pm to collect water samples from residents that wish to have their water tested for safety. The LCHD will be sending letters out to residents alerting them of this service. Crystal is waiting to hear when bottles will be available for pick up.

TREASURERS REPORT

MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the receipts 695752-695767 3/0/0 passed

It was determined that the money gained from the pumper sale will put into the town's account.

CHECKS

MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve EFT and checks 21342-21369 3/0/0 passed

MMSP: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve FD checks 3006-3008. 3/0/0 passed

OTHER BUSINESS

Cell phone towers are making progress should be up and running in 2 months.

The board agreed with the social media policy proposed by Crystal.

Mike, Jodi and Crystal confirmed their attendance at the September 27 Wisconsin Town's Association Fall workshop. Greg will not be attending. Paul has not decided.

MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Hess: Motion to adjourn at 9:35pm.