

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON OCTOBER 2019 MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 1, 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 7:32pm.

## MINUTE REVIEW

Crystal Sbraggia read the September 3 and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash**– Motion to approve September 3 meeting minutes with corrections and September 14<sup>th</sup> as read.. 3/0/0 Motion Passed

## PUBLIC CONCERNS

Penny Lash explained a request from Mary Kastenschmidt's to transfer ownership of a cemetery plot originally purchased by her deceased grandparents Edward and Martha Thomson. Penny explained that in order to do this Mary would need to provide documentation of her relation to the Thomptons and written approval from the rest of the Thomson grandchildren before the transfer could be awarded. Mary was in attendance and provided documentation to show the relation and stated that she had been in contact with the living grandchildren. After signed approvals are returned, Penny will be documenting the transfer.

Paul Lash brought up a resident complaint regarding a fence that was supposedly damaged due to town equipment during clean-up efforts this past summer on Bakers Road. It was determined that the fence lies within town ROW, therefore, the town will not be repairing the fence.

**Allied:** Mike is working with Allied to complete the WEDC application.

**GED** The board reviewed the new fee table provided by the General Engineer Company (GEC). They are currently under contract with the town to provide building inspections and the board agreed to renew their agreement with the company using the new fee table provided.

## ROADS

- Craig Road: complete
- M. Olson Road: waiting to hear back from the state and/or county for best options.
- Wanless Resident Damage: No update. Waiting on attorney feedback.
- 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; Mike will pass bill onto state for partial reimbursement.
- Storm Damage: Hanson and Jerome Road. Aid app submitted.
- NEW: Larson Road: pictures have been sent to the contractor. No other updates.
- 90/10: Mike explained opportunity to submit application for road work in which the state will pay 90% of the cost and the town only 10%. The town agreed that hiring Jewell to assist in completing this grant app could be helpful in receiving the aid.

**EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFIT:** The board reviewed Glen Cain's request to allow his wife to be covered by employee insurance benefits following her retirement in February. The way that the handbook is currently written, family members that have other insurance available to them are not eligible for coverage. The board agreed that Medicare does qualify as other insurance and that this rule would remain in effect.

**MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** A motion was made to uphold the current insurance policy and formally recognize Medicare as other insurance coverage. **3/0/0 Passed**

**LOADER:** Mike presented three different loan options from First National, Black River Country Bank and the Wisconsin Board of Commissions of Public Lands. The board agreed that the lower interest rate and payment terms offered by the Board of Commission of Public Lands was the most attractive option.

**MMSP: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** A motion was made to enter into a 5 year, \$90,000 loan through the WI BOC of Public Lands. The interest rate for all five years will be set at 3.25%.  
**3/0/0 Passed**

**DODGE TRUCK RADIO:** Installation will take place this week. An additional radio will be installed into the loader at the same time as well. Mike promised to inform Greg of the installation time and date so that he could ensure that the radio is mounted properly into the loader.

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

The Fire Department learned that they were not awarded the grant for new air tanks. Realizing the inherent need for this equipment in the near future, the board and residents in attendance discussed other options that might help the town afford the purchase. Ideas included hiring a professional grant writer, sending out a letter to residents requesting donations, holding more fundraising events and increasing property taxes. No decisions were made.

Mike mentioned that a new bill was recently approved that would award tax credits to volunteer Firefighters and First Responders.

#### **RECYCLING**

**Dumpsters:** The new dumpsters are working out okay. Signs may help residents better understand how to separate their recyclables. Dennis agreed to work on that. Dennis from here on out will also be taking care of these dumpsters, along with the television recyclables. He requested that a load or two of gravel be delivered and packed down before winter so that nails won't continue to damage the loader tires.

Dennis requested to purchase the old shoulder machine. This was listed on the Wisconsin Surplus website but was not sold.

**MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to sell the shoulder machine to Dennis Konze for \$20.  
**3/0/0 Passed**

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

**MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve the receipts 695768-695785 **3/0/0 passed**

It was decided that Crystal and Jodi will work together to create a resolution that outlines fees pertaining to the following property tax issues.

1. NSF checks
2. No pre-stamped envelope
3. over payment returns

## **CHECKS**

**MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve EFT and checks 21370-21406 **3/0/0 passed**

**MMSP: Hesse / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve FD checks. **3/0/0 passed**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Bruce Swenson sealed the section of the roof where the hall and fire department connects. He also spotted the reason for the leak near the office and will work to patch that problem area as well.

The board will plan to meet for the first budget workshop meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019.

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: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to adjourn at 10:05pm.

Submitted by:  
Crystal Sbraggia