

TOWN OF FARMINGTON NOVEMBER 2019 MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 October 1, 14 & 28, 2019

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash– Motion to approve the meeting minutes for all three meetings as read. 3/0/0 Motion Passed

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Dr. Michael White was in attendance to speak regarding his request for a permit to construct a solar panel system on his property. He explained the requirements as laid out by the county along with the Plan Commission recommendations. The board agreed to hold a special meeting on November 8, 2019 to formally consider his request.

2020 PROPOSED BUDGET / TAX LEVY ELECTOR MEETING: The board approved the proposed budget as presented.

MMSP: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the 2020 proposed budget as presented and to schedule Public Hearing regarding the 2020 Budget and Treasurer Fee Resolution on December 3, 2019 at 7:30pm followed by an Elector Meeting to approve the Tax Levy that same evening. **3/0/0 Passed**

ALLIED PROJECT: Mike is anticipating the WEDC app to be turned in this week. Further word from Allied and WEDC should follow soon thereafter.

CEMETERY SALARY: Based on an inquiry submitted by Lash, the board discussed a proposed \$500 salary increase for the Cemetery Manager. Currently, the annual salary is \$2,000. Hesse stated that he felt Penny was doing very good job and was putting in a lot of work above and beyond the regular duties expected of the cemetery manager. Kastenschmidt agreed that Penny had put in a lot of work getting things up to speed, however, had been compensated for that extra work through a previous bonus. Greg disagreed with the proposed raise noting negative public feedback. **No Action.**

OPERATOR LICENSE REQUEST: Sbraggia noted that a background check came back clear for Jesse Jacobson and recommended that an operator license be granted.

MMSP: LASH / KASTENSCHMIDT: Motion to grant an operator license to Jesse Jacobson. PASSED 3/0/0

OPERATOR LICENSE FEE INCREASE: The board discussed raising the cost of an operator's license from \$5 to \$10 to cover the rising cost of background checks. **MMSP: LASH /**

KASTENSCHMIDT: Motion to begin charging \$10 for all operator licenses effective January 1, 2020. 3/0/0

ROADS

- 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: Expecting information from Jewell soon in order advertise, open bids and award the project in the near future.

- Storm Damage: Hanson and Jerome Road.
MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to drop the FEMA aid request for Hanson and Jerome Road. PASSED 3/0/0

- Larson Road: No updates.
- 90/10 grant and TRIP D Program: Jewell is putting together the data needed to complete applications for these two different aid opportunities. Through these aid programs the board hopes to receive funds to help repair M. Olson Road, Herman Coulee Road and Wild Road.

DODGE TRUCK & LOADER RADIOS: Installation complete

PLOW TRUCK BID

Kastenschmidt presented an opportunity to purchase a nearly brand new 2015 International 7400 Plow Truck for \$54,000 along with an 84 month extended warranty for an additional \$4,000. The board agreed that this was a good deal.

MMSP: Hesse /Lash: Motion to purchase the 2015 International 7400 Plow Truck and extended warranty for \$58,169.50 from La Farge Truck Center. **3/0/0 Passed**

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

The FD was awarded grant aid of \$2,600 to cover helmet flashlights.

Mike will be collecting advice from the Stoddard FD on how to improve our application and better our chances of received aid from the Federal Fire Grant this next year.

Kastenschmidt shared with the board what he felt was a good deal on a used air compressor system for \$12,400. He suggested the FD consider this unit as opposed to purchasing a new, much more expensive compressor. No decisions made.

The First Responders are working to move from EMR to EMT status. This would increase the level of services available.

TREASURERS REPORT

MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the receipts 695786-695796 **3/0/0 passed**

Board agreed, with no objections, to allow extra county literature be added to the tax bills that we send out.

CHECKS

MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve EFT and checks 21407-21427 **3/0/0 passed**

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

NO OTHER BUSINESS

MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to adjourn at 8:45PM **3/0/0**

Submitted by:
Crystal Sbraggia