

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2019
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse called the meeting to order at 7:45pm.

MINUTE REVIEW

Crystal Sbraggia read the November 5 & 8, 2019.

Mmsp: HESSE / LASH Motion to approve the meeting minutes for both meetings with corrections. 2/0/0 Motion Passed

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Dan Heidel suggested that the board consider increasing the Plan Commission Secretary salary. He noted increased workload and tight deadlines as the reason.

Luke Probst - Request For Variance

Mr.Probst was in attendance to help explain the reasoning behind his request. Since his meeting with the Plan Commission it has come to light that the township has full say over his request pertaining to wishing to us an existing 16' wide easement as is to access his future home on parcel 5-409-0.

The board, after viewing photos and discussing concerns with emergency vehicle access, felt confident that safe access would not be an issue and agreed to the request.

MMSP: HESSE LASH: Motion to approve the usage of the existing 16' easement as the main access drive for a single family home on parcel **5-409-0. 2/0/0 Passed**

ALLIED PROJECT:

The WEDC app was submitted. Further info should be available within 3 weeks.

CEMENTERY

Lash requested further information regarding Cemetery Manager Wage discussion. No action.

OPERATOR LICENSE REQUEST: The board reviewed background checks for multiple operator license applicants.

MMSP: LASH / HESSE: Motion to grant an operator license to Constance Bratcher, Carter Davis, Crystal Casey, Haleigh Nicol, Jeremy Janzen, Johanna Wanie, Lisa Franks, Sam Sye and Kels Munn. **PASSED 2/0/0**

2020 INSURANCE RENEWAL: The board reviewed the proposed 2020 insurance renewal policy as presented by Matt Rhodes of Rural Mutual Insurance. Hesse questioned whether the policy included any sort of coverage for damage caused to personal vehicles belonging to Farmington Emergency Personnel or elected officials while traveling on official calls or business. Matt received confirmation that this would be included and promised to follow up with details.

MMSP: HESSE / LASH Motion to approve the renewal of the town's insurance policies through Rural Mutual for the year 2020. **PASSED 2/0/0**

POLL WORKERS: The board reviewed the list of poll workers in which Clerk Sbraggia wishes to appoint for any elections scheduled in years 2020 and 2021.

MMSP: LASH / HESSE Motion to approve the appointment of the following election officials for a term starting in January 2020 and ending in December 2021 - Cindy Roberts, Kay Timm, Julie Kish, Artis Aasen, Cindy Tracey, Rita Cox, Lynn Valiquette, Keith Valiquette, Debbie Salek. **PASSED 2/0/0**

SANITARY DISTRICT NOTE: Hesse explained that First National Bank has denied the Sanitary District's application for a loan in which they need for necessary repairs and upgrades. The bank asked that a co-signature be obtained from the town before approving the request. Per attorney advisement, the town is unable to do this, therefore, the Sanitary District is working with another bank in hopes of obtaining a loan elsewhere. No Action.

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.

Larson Road: No updates. Follow emails have been sent by Mike.

Applications (90/10 grant and TRIP D Program) have been submitted for three different grant aid programs in hopes to receive funds to help repair several roads for a discounted cost to the town. Wild Road came in as the highest priority project through the county aid program. Upon the suggestion of Jewell, in order to better our odds for funds, the 90/10 app was submitted with a request for 25/75 assistance. This would still allow for substantial savings for three very large projects. Wild Road is estimated to cost \$300,000, M.Olson \$240,000 and Herman Coulee \$575,000.

PLOW TRUCK BODY A bid from Universal Truck Center, provided to the board by Kastenschmidt, was reviewed by Hesse and Lash along with Glen Cain. Cain requested that the tarp system be removed from the quote. Hesse disagreed and decided the tarp system remains. Hesse suggested that sander and rotochains be removed from the quote, but that LED lights, vibrator, walk rail and 2" receiver be added onto the original quote of \$70,888.

MMSP: HESSE / LASH: Motion to approve the quote with changes and move forward with the purchase through Universal Truck Center. **PASSED 2/0/0**

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

A \$1,000 memorial from the family of Dale Sutherland was received by the FD and will be used as seed money for a new Fire Department Building Fund.

Mike shared that a new community message system is being considered. For \$300 annually, Farmington will have the ability to push notifications and text messages to resident cell phones. This program which also has geo-fencing capabilities and will be controlled locally.

RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE:

Following an impromptu visit from the DNR, Farmington received 2 deficiency notices. A broken TV screen was corrected immediately. A larger issue regarding proper storage of florescent bulbs will require the purchase of more appropriate storage containers for these items.

Konze mentioned that ice build-up in at least one of the dumpsters may need to be taken care of. He will keep an eye out and move the dumpster indoors to thaw out if necessary.

TREASURERS REPORT

MMSP: LASH / HESSE: Motion to approve the receipts 695797-695800 and 708501-708505
2/0/0 passed

CHECKS

MMSP: LASH / HESSE: Motion to approve EFT and checks 21428-21451 2/0/0 passed
MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approve FD checks.**2/0/0 passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike shared a map that outlined a proposed broadband expansion plan from Spectrum in and around the Burr Oak Area. He is suggesting that business owners near Burr Oak, but outside of current planned expansion area, contact Spectrum in an effort to get them to expand services even further.

MMSP: LASH / HESSE Motion to reimburse Crystal Sbraggia \$111.78 (\$48.78 for employee safety equipment and \$63 for operator background checks.)

MMSP: HESSE / LASH: Motion to adjourn at 8:50pm 2/0/0

Submitted by: Crystal Sbraggia