

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2020
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Paul Lash, Jodi Anderson, Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia, Greg Kastenschmidt (By Phone)

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTE REVIEW

Crystal Sbraggia read the minutes from the February 11 and 19, 2020 Town Board Meeting

Mmsp: HESSE / LASH Motion to approve the meeting minutes with correction to the treasurer receipt numbers. 3/0/0 Motion Passed

PUBLIC CONCERNS: No public concerns.

BEN FOWLER – LIQUOR LICENSE / OPERATOR LICENSE

The board reviewed Fowler's background information plus his application material for both an operator license, as well as, the transfer of the liquor license currently held by Steve Bruha and Hilltop Bar & Grill, Inc.

MMSP: LASH / HESSE: Motion to approve both the operator license request and the liquor license transfer request pending the final sale of business. **3/0/0**

JORDAN HANSON – REQUEST TO EXTEND R. YOUNG ROAD

Mr. Hanson was not in attendance, however, Dan Heidel of the Plan Commission noted that the agenda item was prompted by the commission in an effort to gain preliminary agreement to consider this request in the future. Discussions regarding past town road adoption stipulations were discussed. No final decisions were made. The board noted that there were no restrictions in place at this time that would keep them from considering the adoption of a new town road if it were in the best interest of the town to do so.

Hesse took this time to share news of a discounted offer that was extended to the town by the Mississippi River Regional Plan Commission regarding the planned project to update the Comprehensive Plan. He explained that for \$6,000 the MRRPC agreed to provide the town with \$12,000 worth of hours to help complete the revised document. Hesse said that the representative was willing to entertain the idea of extending the offer to the 2021 fiscal year.

ALLIED

Hesse noted that he has begun working with the attorney on the lease agreement. He also noted that the canopy eliminated from the construction plan, instead those funds may be in part be used for additional interior updates. The tentative timeline is July 2020.

SANITARY DISTRICT:

The group reviewed an intergovernmental agreement proposed by the Sanitary District requesting that the town make payment on their behalf until funds become available to pay back the town. This agreement is more of a cash flow issue than funding issue and is very similar to the request that was made, approved and completed in 2019.

Jodi Anderson was the only Sanitary District member in attendance. Kastenschmidt had several questions pertaining to the current financial status and staffing levels of the sanitary district. He suggested that it would be helpful for a representative be present at meetings in which such requests would be decided upon.

Hesse and Mitch Fenske both noted that the Sanitary District holds monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of each month. These meetings are open to the public and agendas should be posted.

MMSP: KASTENSCHMIDT / LASH: Motion to approve the intergovernmental loan agreement in the amount of \$49,094.08 to be paid through four installments with the final payment being made by October 1, 2020. **3/0/0 Passed**

CEMENTERY No updates.

Documents pertaining to Mary Kastenschmidt's plot transfer request were received by Paul Lash. Sbraggia will deliver to Kastenschmidt.

ROADS

M. Olson Road: No updates. Waiting on State Rep, Karen Cavlich final grant decisions.

Wanless Resident Damage: No update. Waiting on attorney feedback.

Wanless Storm Damage: Five bids were received for this project. All vendors were bonded and insured. Prices ranged from \$428,000 to \$611,000. Based on price and Jewell Engineer recommendation, the board decided to move forward with Haas and Sons for the project. This bid will allow the project to come in under budget by over \$16,000.

MMSP: LASH / KASTENSCHMIDT: Motion to award the Wanless Road project to Haas Sons, Inc in the amount of \$428,375.13. **3/0/0 Passed**

Larson Road: No Update.

Staff Road: Mike informed the board that the current guard railings for the culvert on Staff Road will need to be moved back in place in the near future. Over time these rails are pushed out of place and could become a safety hazard.

90/10 (75/25) grant and TRIP D Program Grant: The 90/10 grant disbursement notices should be released on March 4.

EQUIPMENT

Freightliner: The brakes needed drums replaced on both sides.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Fire Department Damage: All work has been completed. A vacuum brake is now up to code.

A supplemental claim was submitted to Rural for the replacement of cabinets that were damaged by the water.

Mike was made aware of a clause within our current Rural policy that will need to be looked into regarding rental agreement coverage.

Fire Department Grant: The grant was submitted.

FD Gun Raffle: The FD is again planning a gun raffle. They are planning a 50% increase in tickets sold and will draw at the July Pancake breakfast.

FD Training: 8 members will be attending Wildland Fire Training in Northfield this March. Another set of members will be attending officer training.

First Responder: Hesse presented a letter of support regarding the First Responders plan to move from EMR to EMT level services. This would allow the group the ability to add 11 additional skills to their services offered.

First Responder Chili Feed: March 22 from 10am – 5pm.

MMSP: KASTENSCHMIDT / LASH: Motion to approve the letter of support for the First Responder change from EMR to EMT. **3/0/0 Passed**

Coronavirus: Hesse mentioned that he is receiving emails with updates from state agencies in relation to the Coronavirus. He will be checking on respiratory supplies that we have on hand from the last virus outbreak.

RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE

Dennis Konze noted that he will be out on medical leave starting on April 7 with no estimated date of return. Marv, Larry and possibly Dustin will be filling in for him while he is out. Prior to leaving he would like to ensure things are organized and requested the board allow him the ability to order dumpsters as needed.

MMSP: LASH / HESSE: Motion to give Dennis Konze the authority to order dumpster deliver and pick up on behalf of the Town of Farmington as needed. **3/0/0 Passed**

Konze mentioned the desire to designate an area where he could display quality reusable material brought in by residents for other residents to repurpose. Hesse agreed that that would be a good idea.

BUG TUSSEL: Hesse noted that the Mindoro Hwy C/T, Larson Road and Coxhill Road are all up and running. He expressed that his first hand experience with AT & T has been a positive one thus far noting strong signal.

TREASURERS REPORT: Mmsp: HESSE / LASH /: Motion to approve receipts 708527-708534 **PASSED 3/0/0**

TOWN CHECKS: Mmsp: LASH / HESSE: Motion to approve pre authorized EFT's and checks 21548 - 21599

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHECKS: Mmsp: LASH / HESSE: Motion to approve checks 4471 – 4474.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to adjourn at 8:55PM.