

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY APRIL 21, 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 7:35pm following the adjournment of the postponed Annual Meeting.

## **MINUTE REVIEW**

Crystal Sbraggia read the minutes from the March 3, 2020 Town Board Meeting and April 1, 2020 Special Meeting.

**Mmsp: LASH / HESSE** Motion to approve the meeting minutes from both meetings as read.  
3/0/0 Motion Passed

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Dennis Konze noted that he would be doing culvert replacement work for a couple residents in the near future. He noted that additional ditching of town right of way land would be necessary to ensure proper water flowage. He asked if the town would like for him to do this work for them. The board agreed.

## **ANTHONY SBRAGGIA – PETITION TO AMEND THE CP PLAN**

Following a public hearing and plan commission recommendation for approval, the board agreed to Sbraggia's petition to amend the comprehensive plan regarding parcel (5-935-3) so to allow for future rezoning from public institutional to commercial. PC Chair, Dan Heidel was present and noted that there was not negative public input received and that Sbraggia's plan seemed consistent with public plans prior to the sale of the school parcel. The PC recommendation was passed through resolution. The board will officially approve the ordinance at the May meeting.

## **ALLIED**

The lease agreement continues to be worked by the town's attorney. The tentative timeline for construction remains July 2020.

Hesse noted that an email was received by Xcel suggesting that that power lines located above the town hall parking lot be permanently moved to the alley way between Hwy D and North Street. This at first was a temporary change that would alleviate power outages during construction but seems to be an even better permanent solution. The board agreed that this would be okay to move forward with.

## **SANITARY DISTRICT:**

The group reviewed an additional intergovernmental agreement proposed by the Sanitary District requesting that the town make a payment on their behalf until funds become available

to pay back the town. This agreement is the second for this fiscal year. Julie Meyer, SD Clerk was in attendance and assured the board that this is again more of a cash flow issue than funding issue. Although she did not have her records in front of her, Julie addressed some questions pertaining to the lack of funds.

**MMSP: HESSE / LASH:** Motion to approve the intergovernmental loan agreement in the amount of \$64,761.89 to be paid through three installments with the final payment being made by November 30, 2020. **3/0/0 Passed**

**CEMENTERY** No updates.

## **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:** Hesse reported good progress being made by Haas and Sons. He did note that due to the significant increase of large equipment on the road between the quarry and Burns Road that some additional repairs will be needed later this summer. Mike is working on putting together finance options for the payment of this project.

**Larson Road:** No Update.

**Herman Coulee:** Kastenschmidt reported that water flowage issues need to be addressed. He met with ACT Concrete and determined that they could alleviate the problem through ditching with their equipment for \$1200 so long as the FD could blow out the culverts. Hesse gave Greg the go ahead to line ACT up for the project and agreed that he would arrange to have the FD work on the culverts.

**Staff Road:** No update. Current guard railings will be moved later this season.

**90/10 (75/25) grant and TRIP D Program Grant:** No portion of the grant was awarded to Farmington.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Greg suggested that the board consider purchasing a miniature excavator. In the meantime he thinks that the board may have to rent one. He agreed to check with Rural to get details on coverage and to have them send a rider before renting.

## **PERSONNEL**

Greg has asked that the board schedule employee evals in the near future.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

**Fire Department Grant:** The grant was submitted. No results

**FD Training:** Officer training was cut short due to covid-19. Date to reconvene not yet determined.

**First Responder:** EMR to EMT upgrade status is on hold until state has more time to process such changes.

**First Responder Chili Feed:** Despite not holding this annual event, generous community donations continue to be received and are very much appreciated.

**Coronavirus:** Hesse reported that he continues to meet with the county through multiple conference calls each week to cover any updates or guidelines pertaining to Covid-19.

Hesse also wanted to share that federal coronavirus relief bill will now allow taxpayers the ability to deduct up to \$300 in charitable donations.

### **RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE**

Social distancing remains in effect at the recycling center. Having three work the area to direct traffic and only allowing 2 cars in at a time has seemed to work out well. Most residents are understanding and according to Hesse / Konze appreciate the measures that they put into place regardless of the longer wait times.

**TREASURERS REPORT: Mmsp: HESSE / LASH :** Motion to approve receipts 708535-708543 **PASSED 3/0/0**

It was suggested by a resident that the town consider adding \$1 onto all dog license fees to cover the cost to send these out.

**TOWN CHECKS: Mmsp: HESSE / LASH:** Motion to approve pre authorized EFT's and checks 21600-21638 **PASSED 3/0/0**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHECKS: Mmsp: LASH / HESSE:** Motion to approve checks 4475 – 4483. **PASSED 3/0/0**

**CLERK REIMBURSEMENT: Mmsp: LASH / HESSE:** Motion to approve reimbursement of \$479.25 for postage and office supplies related to the Spring Election. **PASSED 3/0/0**

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

*\* Chairman Hesse requested that social distance measures be recorded as part of the minutes. As to abide by Governor Evers' Safer At Home Order, attendees (under 10 persons present) were seated 6 feet apart.*