

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY JULY 7, 2020  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL  
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Paul Lash, Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia, Greg Kastenschmidt

## CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse called the meeting to order at 7:29pm

## MINUTE REVIEW

**Mmsp: HESSE / LASH** Motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 19 and June 9, 2020. 3/0/0 Motion Passed

## PUBLIC CONCERNS:

One resident posed a question regarding the maintenance Asfoor Trail. Hesse advised the resident to contact his attorney for further guidance as that would be a private matter and the town could not get involved in the matter.

**KRUEGER PETITION TO AMEND COMP PLAN** – Dan Heidel, Plan Commission Chair, spoke briefly of the request explaining that the amendment would allow for a zoning that would be consistent with the current use of the land. Hesse read the proposed ordinance pertaining to the request.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash** Motion to approve Ordinance 5-2020 and amend the future use land use section of the comprehensive plan in order to allow future rezoning of parcel 5-532-2 from Exclusive Ag to Rural with the restriction that the parcel not be further split and only one single family dwelling be allowed. 3/0/0 Passed

## LA CROSSE COUNTY ATV ROUTE DOCUMENT DRAFT

The board discussed the ATV Route Request draft shared by La Crosse County. It was noted by club members that advice from Sheriff Wolf went into the plan. Resident Dan Heidel confirmed that the county draft read very similar to the ordinance adopted by the town last year minus the fact that the county's version eliminated any mention of approved hours of operation and the rule mandating that all ATV / UTV riders must hold liability insurance. He asked the town to consider including these suggested items in their response back to the county. This would make both plans consistent and more easily enforceable. Sbraggia will send recommendation to county.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt**– Motion to recommend approval of the draft as presented by the county with the addition of set hours of operation and a rule making it mandatory that riders hold liability insurance. 3/0/0 Passed

## **LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL**

### **OPERATOR LICENSES**

The board reviewed the list of two operator license applicant applications and background checks. The board was concerned with information displayed on Laurie Arnold's background check and decided to deny the request until having a chance to speak with the applicant at next month's meeting is she so chose to attend.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash** – Motion to approve operator licenses for Ben Fowler. 3/0/0 Passed

### **2020-2021 Propane Pricing**

The board reviewed price quotes from Severson Oil, Allied Cooperative and Provision Partners. Both Severson and Provision quoted \$.949 while Allied quoted \$1.029. Since Allied is the current carrier the board agreed to allow Allied the opportunity to price match the other two.

**MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to move forward with Provision Partners for 2020-2021 propane useage unless Allied Cooperative will agree to price match at \$.949 per gallon.

## **CEMENTERY**

Larry is still working on getting the fence.

Complaints about headstones being moved have been received. Greg noted that it may not be our fault but he will mention to Glen and Kevin the need to be careful not to disturb headstones.

## **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:** Jewell was up to look at Wanless. Mike will be scheduling a walk through soon and agreed to share Kastenschmidt's concerns regarding banking issues that he noticed.

**Larson Rd Contract Damage:** No Update. .

**Staff Road:** No update. Current guard railings will be moved later this season. The Dobbs family called Mike requesting that he look at a culvert in need of repair near their house on Staff Road. Mike will be making a visit in the near future.

**Baker Road:** No update on striping project.

**2020 Road Sealing Bids:** No updated. Estimated date of completion is August 2020.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The 2015 Navistar Plow Truck has a couple of issues that Greg will be talking to LaFarge about. There is an issue with a wheel seal and engine light. At this same time, Greg will submit the warranty start date.

Mike will be getting a price on a new radio for the '15 Navistar tomorrow.

Kastenschmidt is working to get pricing on log chains.

The board approved for Greg to order a 55 Gallon drum of def from Severson. The cost will be approximately \$1.20 per gallon plus the one-time fee for the handle.

The board also agreed to the purchase of an 15 volt electronic grease gun.

## **PERSONNEL**

The board discussed the advantages of having a municipal employee attend the board meeting each month. They agreed that one employee (rotating basis) should attend as a paid employee. This could help improve communication all around.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

**CARES ACT FUNDS** - Mike shared with the group a list of items that could be purchased using these special funds. Some items included hands free soap, towel and sanitizer dispensers, extra payroll from having Larry working recycling center, PPE gear, additional cleaning supplies for town hall and shop.

**Fire Department Grant:** No results received.

Fire Department was grateful to receive memorial funds from Mildred Schlifer and Sarah Pfaff.

The First Responders were grateful to receive memorial funds from Duane Hertzfeldt and George Carrie.

The annual pancake breakfast will offer dine in, carry out or delivery. Gun raffle tickets are still available.

**First Responder:** Mike made note again of the gracious gift of money given to the department from Gil Homstad along with Tim and Kay Finch to purchase the Lucas Device. He gave credit to Daryl Stoen for writing the request. All have been trained on the device.

## **RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE**

Social distancing remains in effect at the recycling center. Kastenschmidt questioned whether or not we could scale back the precautionary measures. Hesse and Konze voiced that they felt it was too soon and that residents seem to be fine with the process the way it is.

**TREASURERS REPORT: Mmsp: HESSE / LASH :** Motion to approve receipts 708566-708585 **PASSED 3/0/0**

**TOWN CHECKS: Mmsp: HESSE / LASH:** Motion to approve pre authorized EFT's and checks 21699-21734 **PASSED 3/0/0**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHECKS: Mmsp: KASTENSCHMIDT / HESSE:** Motion to approve checks 4499-4500 **PASSED 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to adjourn at 9:15pm. 3/0/0

*\* 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.*