

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL  
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Paul Lash, Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia, Greg Kastenschmidt (BY PHONE)

## CALL TO ORDER:

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

## MINUTE REVIEW

**Mmsp: LASH / KASTENSCHMIDT** Motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 7, 2020  
Passed 3/0/0

## PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Mike Hesse verbally shared information regarding the Town Advocacy Council, explaining their works on behalf of towns across the state. He mentioned their achievement of moving 74 bills to benefit towns in the last year and requested the board consider the group's suggested donation of \$.25 per resident to help cover costs associated with lobby expenses. He would like to revisit this during budgets.

## TAB GUNDERSON | REQUEST TO REVISE DEED RESTRICTION 5-1109-0

Dan Heidel and Crystal Sbraggia summarized the request and recommendation from the plan committee. Hesse read Ordinance 6-2020.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash** Motion to adopt Ordinance 6-2020. Pass 3/0/0

## OPERATOR LICENSES

Laurie Arnold was in attendance to answer questions regarding background check information that left board members hesitant of approving her license in July. Following a short discussion, the committee felt comfortable moving forward with the license. Board members also reviewed an operator application for Kelley Fenske. No issues were noted.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash** – Motion to approve operator licenses for Laurie Arnold and Kelley Fenske. 3/0/0 Passed

## CEMENTERY

Larry is working to finish the fence but would like to find a less costly vendor option. Paul noted that he had taken the time to clear branches at the Wet Coulee Cemetery.

## **ROADS**

**M. Olson Road:** No updates. Waiting on State Rep, Karen Cavlich for options.

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

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

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

**Wanless Storm Damage:** A final walk through was conducted. A number of items were identified as still needing to be repaired prior to sign off. Some of the changes would result in further charges to the town. No bid yet, however, Hesse reminded everyone that we were under budget yet so it shouldn't be an issue.

- Remove temporary erosion control measures.
- Jet out culverts and storm sewer.
- Remove and dispose of all lathe form projects
- Remove and dispose of all baler string.
- Add base aggregate to field entrance.
- Add shoulder and slope paving to 7 different locations.

Kastenschmidt asked about the pitch issue. Hesse said because the pitch followed the curves in the road it was not possible to change.

**Staff Road:** No update. Current guard railings will be moved later this season. Hesse stated that he checked on the drainage issue reported to him by Rick Dobbs but noted that there wasn't anything that the town could do to solve the issue.

**Hippler Hill Road:** The back end of the road was dug up to allow for larger trucks. This area will need to be cleaned up a bit including the driveway that was damaged.

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

**90/10 Grant:** More funds may be made available. It is unclear whether new applications would need to be submitted.

**J Bryhn Road:** A resident requested that trees be cleared along road prior to the school year.

**Culvert Documentation Project:** Glen and Kevin were tasked with documenting culverts along town roads. They will be working on this in between mowing and other more pressing projects.

## **RECYCLING SOLID WASTE**

Dennis Konze mentioned that he may request a replacement dumpster.

Crystal will send Konze updated TV recycle charges from Hilltopper Refuse.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**CARES Act \$\$** Monies must be spent by November 30<sup>th</sup> and purchases received by December 30<sup>th</sup>. Hesse is working to purchase additional PPE for EMS, touchless hand washing equipment for town hall and Lions Club, GFCI outlets, virtual meeting equipment software, tablets etc. Items cannot be purchased through EMS buying group but Mike will check to see if such a group exists for towns.

**Fire Department** Fire grants are starting to be dispersed and will continue to be awarded over the next 16-17 weeks..

The pancake breakfast went over really well. More than usual donations were received. The gun raffle brought in over \$6,000. Only 38 out of 150 raffle tickets were left unsold.

**EMR / EMT** The first responders are close to completing their transition from EMR to EMT. They were reimbursed \$1240 of PPE gear purchased earlier this year.

Hesse noted that Covid-19 testing responsibilities may be passed along to local EMT units and will update if more information becomes available.

**TREASURERS REPORT: Mmsp: HESSE / LASH :** Motion to approve receipts 78587-78600 and 121001 – 121010 **PASSED 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: HESSE / LASH :** Motion to transfer fire dues payment of \$7,483.15 to the Fire Department **PASSED 3/0/0**

**TOWN CHECKS: Mmsp: HESSE / LASH:** Motion to approve pre authorized EFT's and checks 21735 - 21775 **PASSED 3/0/0**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHECKS: Mmsp: KASTENSCHMIDT / HESSE:** Motion to approve checks 4501 – 4504 **PASSED 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: HESSE / LASH :** Motion to reimburse Crystal Sbraggia \$849.77 to cover cost of postage, website hosting and url, election related costs and background check charges. **PASSED 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: HESSE / LASH :** Motion to increase poll worker wages to \$12 / hour for the August and November 2020 elections and to revisit future wages during budget season. **PASSED 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. 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.*

*\*\*Minutes not official or final until approved at the following month's meeting.*