

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL  
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

## **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 September 1 2020. Passed 3/0/0

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

### **WENDY STORANDT | PAST INSPECTION RELATED REQUEST**

Wendy Storand and Rahn Molling were in attendance to request assistance from the Town Board in resolving an issue brought to light while attempting to refinance their mortgage. The bank in refinancing realized that an official inspection approval had never been filed properly by the town's previously hired inspector. Gordon V., who is now deceased. Realizing that this is a very unique situation and that the town was able to find unfinished documentation that supported Storandt's claim of work completed, the board agreed to request that General Engineering Company (GEC) conduct a second inspection at the town's expense.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse** Motion to request GEC move forward with a second inspection and invoice the town for their initial work. Passed 3/0/0

Mike Hesse will be confirm the decision with GEC.

## **CEMENTERY**

Paul Lash took over the job completing the fence / gate for the wet coulee cemetery. The job is nearly complete with a few minor adjustments yet to go.

## **ROADS**

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

**Larson Rd Contractor Damage:** Damage patched by town. No further action expected.

**Baker Road:** Striping will not take place until 2021.

**Wanless Storm Damage:** This project is complete. The extra work cost less than \$4,000 and allowed the overall project to come in under budget by nearly \$10,000.

**Staff Road:** Kevin Krueger was in attendance and shared his plan to reinforce the area with 4x4 rather than moving in the railings. Board agreed to this solution.

**Hippler Hill Road:** Area has been repaired. A little cosmetic improvements will be completed.

**2020 Road Sealing Bids:** Sealing and crack filling is complete. Vendor paid.

**90/10 Grant:** Farmington was not a recipient of any funds this year.

**J Bryhn Road:** Tree trimming is complete.

**Herman Coulee:** Krueger noted excess water in parts yet despite efforts to ditch a better drainage system earlier in the year. Improvements can be seen but not enough. He is open for suggestions.

**Culvert Documentation Project:** Kevin is working on this but running into issues with the location GPS updating.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Radio – Mike will be checking on status of this.

Dodge truck needs tires. Greg will share bids at budget meeting.

Greg will check with Universal

Greg will be calling Randy Hanson to see about welding new spreader.

Freightliner is going back to Baker Repair for transmission work.

Kevin's got the new blades for his truck

## **EMPLOYEES**

Kevin Krueger was in attendance.

Krueger posed the question of what would happen if one or more of the town employees would happen to get CoVid-19 or would be required to quarantine due to exposure. The board agreed that Greg, Mike and Paul all would be viable options to fill in as they all have their CDL's. That said, they would need approval at the meeting of electors to be paid for their hours. They also asked that Kevin and Glen create a map with notes to help them in the event that they would be asked to fill in. They agreed to ride along the route to see the process first hand after the maps were created to be used as reference.

It was also noted that if one of the town employees would happen to test positive for Covid that quarantining for the other employees would depend largely on the level interaction they had with the person that tested positive. This would be decided on a case by case basis.

## **RECYCLING SOLID WASTE**

Dennis posed a couple of potential issues with the current collection area set up when planning for the winter months. He is currently brainstorming a set up that could work.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**CARES Act \$\$** Hesse shared updates on items he has or plans to purchase using these special funds.

- Faucets are on order.
- Hand sanitizer, soap and towel dispensers have been ordered.
- Mike is still looking into extra PPE for FD and EMT.
- Mike is considering special masks for EMT personnel.
- Mike is still considering cones and chains.
- Logitech Connect equipment is what Town of Holland suggested. Cost is relatively cheap for \$500 and works great for video / audio virtual meetings.
- Other electronics that will be considered are laptops and tv monitor for tb use.

**Fire Department Fire** grants are still being dispersed. No word on our application.

**EMR / EMT** No update on upgrade to EMT status. Waiting on state.

**TREASURERS REPORT: Mmsp: HESSE / LASH :** Motion to approve receipts 121027 – 121032 **PASSED 3/0/0**

**TOWN CHECKS: Mmsp: LASH / KASTENSCHMIDT:** Motion to approve pre authorized EFT's and checks 21820 – 21849 and 21816 (21817 – 21819 left over from previous batch will be utilized in October out of order) **PASSED 3/0/0**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHECKS: Mmsp: HESSE / KASTENSCHMIDT:** Motion to approve checks 4508-04509 **PASSED 3/0/0**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Jodi gave notice to the board that the SD is having difficulty finding the funds to repay their loan to the The board has asked that Julie attend the budget meeting scheduled for October 19 to discuss the issue and options.

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse:** Motion to adjourn at 9:45pm. 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.*