

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & TOWN ELECTOR MEETING  
TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2020  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL  
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Mike Hesse called the public budget hearing to order at 7:30pm.

There were 7 community members in attendance: Tracey Stanton, Terry Stanton, Christian Miller, Blake Miller, Kevin Krueger, Dennis Konze, Wilfred Berg.

Hesse walked those in attendance through the proposed budget. No public input was received.

## **Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:45pm**

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Mike Hesse called the town elector meeting to order at 7:45pm.

**Mmsp: Konze / Krueger:** Motion to pass the town tax levy as presented for \$490,659.  
**Passed 12/0/0**

**Mmsp: Berg / Konze:** Motion to allow board members to act as substitute employees in the absence of regular employees and be compensated \$15 per hour for this work. **Passed 12/0/0**

**Mmsp: Berg / Konze:** Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. **Passed 12/0/0**

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Mike Hesse called the regular meeting to order at 7:50pm.

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve the budget as presented. **PASSED 3/0/0**

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS & OTHER BUSINESS**

No public concerns or other business.

## **Stanton I Jostad Road 5-1274-0**

Tracey and Terry Stanton were in attendance. Tracey shared email correspondence, letters and land record documents pertaining to the history of the parcel and her request to lift currently recorded deed restrictions for parcel 5-1274-0 in order to allow for future construction of a single-family home. As a Plan Commission member, Paul Lash, confirmed that the

commission had also considered this request but based on not wishing to set precedence, recommended the town board deny the request. Also noted, however, was the fact that the Plan Commission suggested exploring the possibility of transferring the deed restriction from 5-1274-0 to the Stanton's other property located just down the road from this parcel 5-1273-2 that is also zoned Exclusive Agriculture and is similar in size. The town board further discussed the request and agreed that the transfer of restrictions from parcel 5-1274-0 to 5-1273-2 would be an equitable trade, however, agreed they would support the request with or without the transfer of restrictions.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to lift deed restrictions and allow for the future construction of a single-family dwelling onto land parcel 5-1274-0. Pass 3/0/0

**Miller | County Road DE 5-374-0**

Both Christian and Blake Miller were in attendance to present their request for variance regarding a remodeled shed that was identified after-the-fact by La Crosse County as being located too close to a waterway.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve the request for variance and allow for the building to remain situated on 5-374-0 as is. Pass 3/0/0

**Storandt | County Road DE 5-374-0**

The board discussed the findings of a recent inspection conducted by General Engineering Company (GEC) on the Wendy Storandt residence located at N9105 County Road C. It was reported that for a number of reasons the structure did not pass inspection. Due to the unique nature of the situation, the board agreed to allow Storandt until June 1, 2021 to make necessary improvements to become compliant and pass inspection.

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to allow resident until June 1, 2021 to obtain a clear inspection for residence located at N9105 County Road C. Resident is responsible for all further inspection and / or permit related fees and obligated to obtain any necessary permits. Passed 3/0/0

**Cemetery:** Board continues to look for someone to hire to complete brick work repair at the Farmington Cemetery. Rocky Lockington was suggested as a possibility.

**Equipment:** The lawnmower purchase is complete.

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to purchase forks for end loader. Passed 3/0/0

**Roads:** Staff Road is finished. Ditching on Herman Coulee Road is complete. Culvert documentation is complete.

Kevin Krueger noted a culvert near Dale Young's property that needs to be repaired.

Krueger noted that plow route maps are nearly complete. The ride along can be scheduled at any time.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to increase the hourly wage paid to part time employee Larry Konze to \$17.50 immediately for highway work. Once his CDL is obtained that wage will be increased to \$20 per hour. Wage will remain at \$15 per hours worked at the recycling center. **Pass 3/0/0**

The board agreed to place a job posting for a part time plow truck driver / maintenance worker. Deadline to submit application is December 31, 2020.

The 2021 employee health insurance plan coverage will remain the same as 2020 for both full time employees. A slight increase in premiums were quoted by Quartz.

The Fire Department received official denial for grant funds associated with 2019/2020 grant application. The grant writer has agreed to write this year's grant free of charge. Mike and Paul are working to send her the necessary information.

Mike noted that he has ten volunteers willing to train for the future distribution of Covid-19 vaccine. Training will be announced soon.

The transfer from EMS to EMT is complete.

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve the October Treasurer report including receipts 121033 – 121040 and the November Treasurer report including receipts: 121041 – 121052. **Passed 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve pre-approved EFT and Checks numbered 21881-21943. **Passed 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve Fire Department checks numbered 4513 - 4516. **Passed 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to reimburse Crystal Sbraggia for election related costs totaling \$842.42. **Passed 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse:** Motion to adjourn at 930pm. **PASSED 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.*