

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Hesse called to order a special open forum meeting at 7:00pm with La Crosse County Board Supervisor, Kevin Hoyer, for the purpose of discussing improvement suggestions and future use of the Mindoro County Park.

A number of residents voiced concerns regarding diminished accessibility to the Mindoro County Park and shared ideas for improvements. The recently installed gate, cables and posts were brought up a number of times as causing unnecessary restrictions to the park. Other ideas for improvements included bike trails, all-ability trails, hiking trails, frisbee golf, improved toilet facilities, handicap accessible walkways, bigger parking areas and trees. Hoyer addressed a number of questions regarding past maintenance and future plans for the park. The board will continue to work with the La Crosse County to develop a plan that could possibly transition the park into local ownership and control.

The public forum was closed at 7:45pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Hesse called the **regular monthly meeting** to order at 7:45pm.

MMSP Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion made to approve the minutes for July 13, 2021 and July 21, 2021. **3/0/0 Motion Passed**

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jack Glennie wanted to extend a thank you to the town employees for job well done keeping the Farmington Cemetery looking great.

Karen Hauser asked whether or not any plans were in place to restore the boardwalk. Hesse noted that property / business owners are largely responsible for any improvement projects, however, suggested that different grants and funding opportunities for downtown revitalization programs may present themselves once pandemic related projects begin slowing down.

DAVIS CREEK LOAN RENEWAL

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash – Motion to renew the Davis Creek loan agreement with Black River Country Bank for 5 years with a 2.05% interest rate. The current principal loan balance is \$212,080.45. **3/0/0 Motion Passed**

SANITARY DISTRICT

Hesse shared the final financial study report required of the town. A public hearing will be held at 7:00pm on September 7, 2021 to gain public input on the proposed town utility district. If

approved, this town utility district will assume operation of the current Mindoro Sanitary District.

CEMETERY

No update on arch repair.

Jodi will be sending notice of the public hearing out to all property owners within the current sanitary district.

ROADS / EQUIPMENT

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to accept the \$4,200 estimate provided by ACT Excavating for ditching repairs on J. Bryhn Road. **3/0/0 Passed**

Dodge truck u-joint repair was covered under warranty. The brake work was not.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

No update on grant.

The 2021 Fire Department Pancake Breakfast fundraising event was successful, receiving more donations than the year prior. The go-kart (donated to the department by Coleman Power sports) raffle turned out to be a very popular addition. The money raised through the event will be used to purchase a battery operated extrication device.

RECYCLING

Renewal proposal was reviewed and approved.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to approve the 2022-2026 Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling contract extension agreement. **3/0/0 Passed**

RECIEPTS AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve receipts 474229-474252 3/0/0 Passed

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve EFTS and checks 22193-22230 3/0/0 Passed

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve FD checks: 4579-4584 3/0/0 Passed

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. **3/0/0 Passed**