

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 1, 2021 and December 7, 2021. **2/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Mike Hesse announced that his EMT refresher training is scheduled for Tuesdays in February. The board agreed to reschedule the regular February meeting to Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

SANITARY DISTRICT

The hiring committee shared their candidate recommendation for the vacant Utility Clerk position. They noted that the decision was not easy, as all three candidates were qualified for the job and would make a great addition to the town's team.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to offer Jordan Jones the Utility Clerk Position. **2/0/0 PASSED**

Mitch Fenske has officially completed his first day on the job. He will be training with Wendell Pfaff and preparing to take his certifications as soon as possible.

Pfaff and Fenske were in attendance to give an update for the utility district. They noted that the North Street lift station is abnormally noisy. Wendell and Mitch will continue to work on repairs. In the meantime an extra back-up pump is available if necessary.

Hesse is working to obtain safety harnesses and tripods for Sanitary District use.

Jodi Anderson and Dan Heidel recommended pushing the financial report out a month to allow time for reconciliation. The board agreed that the reporting period could be rearranged to allow the clerk more time to complete end of month reports. Ex: January financials will be reported at the March meeting.

Hesse continues to work with the Public Service Commission to finalize the transition of the utility district. It is taking longer than expected as the commission is in the midst of restructuring their process. All necessary documents requested thus far have been submitted.

COUNTY PARK

Mike Hesse, along with legal counsel, will be meeting with the county next week to review and process the necessary paperwork to transfer ownership of the Mindoro Park to the Town of Farmington.

Hesse shared that at least one resident is interested in forming a “Friends of the Park” group to assist with park improvements and maintenance.

CEMETERY

Trees have been cleaned up at both the Wet Coulee and Farmington Cemeteries.

ROADS

No road issues to report.

EQUIPMENT

The Ram truck was returned yesterday following the replacement of several transmission parts, a speed sensor and shift selector. All repairs were covered by warranty.

The Freightliner still has some issues but no immediate repairs are scheduled.

Employee evaluations were conducted in December. The board has agreed to increase Kevin Krueger’s wage by \$2.00 per hour.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to grant a \$2.00 per hour increase to Kevin Krueger effective immediately. **2/0/0 PASSED**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Hesse shared an update on the SCVBA equipment.

Hesse shared that the Farmington 1st Responders recorded 140 emergency calls in 2021. That is a 33% increase over the average 105 calls that they normally attend.

RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE

Dennis Konze shared that his planned absence has been postponed. He will be placing himself back on the schedule until further notice.

Dennis told the board that the compactor broke today. He will be talking with Hilltopper in the morning to discuss options. He is expecting the issues to be electrical in nature, but cannot rule out motor repairs at this point. He will contact Kish or Stetzer Electric if need be.

Konze shared a \$7.00 resident donation with the board to go towards park improvements.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mmsp: LASH / HESSE: Motion to approve receipts 474296-474304. **2/0/0 Passed**

UTILITY DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve receipts totaling \$37,982.17. **2/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve expenses totaling \$30,672.39 **2/0/0 Passed**

CHECKS

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve Fire Department checks numbered 4608-4613.
Passed 2/0/0

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve October EFT's and Checks numbered 22353-22414.
Passed 2/0/0

OTHER BUSINESS

No update on ARPA funds.

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. **Passed 2/0/0**