

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2022  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL  
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 4, 2022 and January 12, 2022. **3/0/0 PASSED**

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS**

Larry and Cindy Craig expressed concerns regarding the Plan Commission wages, seats and processes. Wage amounts were clarified. Seats as defined by ordinance were explained and process suggestions were noted.

Larry and Cindy Craig asked for an update regarding Hwy Q Signage concerns they brought up at the last PC meeting. Mike and Crystal assured them that their concerns were emailed to the La Crosse County Highway Commissioner and that he had replied back stating that his crews would examine the area.

Dennis Jacobsen, candidate for La Crosse County District 25 Supervisor Seat, was in attendance to introduce himself and share his platform.

Jordan Jones and Mark Schlifer were in attendance to give an unofficial update on the volunteer SD Committee. Jordan outlined the group's idea of possibly using ARPA funds to relieve debt service in a way that could produce a better cash flow and help prepare the district for future infrastructure needs. Mark noted that he believes that infrastructure grant opportunities may be coming about in the near future and requested that the SD receive fair consideration for any sort of grant funding.

Crystal Sbraggia shared a public concern that she received from a resident living near the Bernhardt Valley Subdivision. The resident would like for the county to consider placing the slower speed limit signs further south than what they are placed now. The resident feels that cars are driving too fast past that area and that moving the signs may help slow traffic down earlier.

## **Operator License**

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse:** Motion to grant an operator license to Naleah Nerby. **3/0/0 Passed**

## **Friends of the Library Donation**

The Friends of the Library have recently disbanded and have offered a donation of \$20,000 to the Town. This donation comes with the following stipulations.

1. With the money (3) small free libraries on posts shall be installed in Burr Oak, Stevenstown and Mindoro.
2. Money must only be used for library use, such as speakers, local authors and activities for children / young adults.
3. Must have 1 or 2 former Friends of the Library approve the use of funds.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to cordially accept the donation offered by the Friends of the Library. **3/0/0 Passed**

### **IT SERVICES**

Sbraggia shared the proposals from MCS Computers for IT services including the transition to .gov emails, as well as an overall maintenance and security package. The board requested additional information be received before making a decision, however, approved for Sbraggia to move forward with the creation of (5) .gov emails (Crystal, Jodi, Mike, Cindy and Mitch).

### **SANITARY DISTRICT**

Mitch, Wendell and Cindy were in attendance to share an update.

Mitch will be taking the first of three wastewater certifications that he will need to become fully certified next week. He expects to be fully certified by the end of March.

Hesse noted that official approval was given from the PSC for the transition from Mindoro Sanitary District to Town of Farmington Sanitary District. They will be providing guidance on a full rate increase later this year.

Mitch and Wendell requested to list unnecessary equipment / tools onto online auctions sites. The board asked that they seek permission for each item before doing so.

Mitch volunteered to repair the water pump on the SD backhoe.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse:** Motion to approve the purchase of a metal detector. **3/0/0 PASSED**

### **COUNTY PARK**

Final agreements were not available at last month's meeting with the county. Mike plans to meet with the county again in February to finalize the transition of park ownership.

### **CEMETERY**

No updates.

### **ROADS**

Positive reports were shared.

Culverts on Lockington Road are freezing up again.

Build Back Better DOT funding opportunities have been shared with the town, however, the deadlines are soon. The only road that will be considered is Herman Coulee as the engineering has already been completed.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The skid steer and mower should be delivered by the end of March.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Fire Department SCVBA compressor units have been installed and kinks continue to be worked out.

The Farmington First Responders are reviewing newly released protocols to ensure they are compliant.

## **RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE**

No update.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve receipts 474305-474313. 3/0/0 Passed**

## **CHECKS**

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve Fire Department checks numbered 4614-4629. Passed 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to approve January EFT's and Checks numbered 22415 - 22469. Passed 3/0/0**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike and Crystal will be attending the County Unit Meeting on February 24 in La Crosse to learn more about the ARPA fund final ruling.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. Passed 3/0/0**