

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH PLAN COMMISSION
TUESDAY MARCH 15, 2022
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

JOINT MEETING WITH FARMINGTON TOWN BOARD AND FARMINGTON PLAN COMMISSION.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING ARPA FUNDS

Hesse started off explaining that the Town of Farmington as part of the Federal American Rescue Plan Act has received approximately \$112,000 in June 2021. The town is set to receive an additional \$112,000 later this year. This is the total amount of dollars that the town will receive through this Federal State Funding. The final rule on how to use these funds was recently released. Additional information regarding compliance reporting will be forthcoming. There are numerous areas in which the final rules allows the town to spend the money, but it is clear that the dollars cannot be used towards debt service. All monies must be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026. Different rules apply to different projects depending on scope and price. Federal reporting and compliance will need to be followed.

Hesse outlined a list of projects that have been shared with him as possible areas of funding.

Sanitary District – Lost Revenue / future projects
Roads Repairs – Several were noted
Lions Club – Lost Revenue
Fire Department – Radios
Sanitary District – Truck
Township Fire Sign Replacement
Browns Valley School House Privy upgrade

TOWN BOARD AGENDA ITEM – FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF TRUCK

Dave Foster and Rick Paisley on behalf of the Farmington Fire Department requested the Town Board approve the purchase of a Dodge Ram 5500 truck. This request was originally discussed during budget workshop meetings. This approval would be the final decision before moving forward with the purchase at Sleep Hollow The group explained that the pricing was extremely volatile and according to the dealership would likely increase drastically in the near future. According to Paisley, this would allow for better response during daytime hours when not a lot of volunteers are available. This truck will replace two existing trucks.

Kastenschmidt stated that he did not feel that the current truck was in too rough of condition to warrant the purchase and regretted not being able to provide the town employees with updated equipment first. Foster argued that FD equipment were held at higher standards than town equipment and that is why the FD truck should take priority. A town allotted the use of \$75,000 to be put towards the truck.

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approved the use of \$75,000 of town funds for the purchase of a Dodge Ram 5500 truck from Sleep Hollow Dealership.
2 Yay / 1 Nay / 0 Abstain Passed

Plan Commission update

Heidel stated that the changes discussed at the March 8, 2022 meeting regarding the proposed La Crosse County Future Use Map were sent to Charlie Handy.

Heidel will be working with Bob at MRRPC to make final changes to the CP Plan.

Mmsp: Raabe / Lash: Motion to approve the February 15, 2022 PC meeting minutes. 4/0/0

Mmsp: Hesse / Raabe: Motion to Adjourn at 8:17pm