

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
May 3, 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 March 15, 2022 and April 19, 2022. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Larry Craig inquired about how long Wendell would remain on the SD payroll. The board explained that Mitch was still working closely with Wendell to get trained in, so far catching on well. He is working on finishing up on his certification. As he learns more, Wendell's hours will begin to decrease.

Larry Craig also wondered if the SD could save money by obtaining a vehicle that would allow Mitch the ability to deliver the samples to La Crosse. Hesse noted that the district is currently paying Barry Schimke mileage one way to La Crosse to drop off the samples on his way to work. This adds up to approximately \$200 per month. Hesse doubts that the vehicle option would be less costly.

Rick Carvalho asked about updates on the ARPA funds. In particular, he asked if any of the funds have been earmarked or if there was a date set as to when those decisions will be made. Hesse stated that no funds have been earmarked and no decision on a date has been made.

OPERATOR LICENSE

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash Motion to approve an operator's license for Amber Pierce. **3/0/0**

SANITARY DISTRICT

Mitch presented the Sanitary District update. He reported issues related to air pumps required his attention this week. Parts have been ordered. He is now working on preventative

maintenance tasks and inspections. He noted that a number of man covers are in need of repair. The crew will schedule time to raise, lower and patch them soon. Two or three hydrants will also need to be replaced. They are also working to recharge water filters.

Six “no pays” have failed to respond to the letters mailed out last month. Their service will be shut off on May 16, 2022.

The SD estimated the value of the back hoe and dump truck to be \$12,000. The board agreed to pay the SD that amount for the two vehicles.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash – Motion to purchase the back hoe and ford plow truck from the SD for \$12,000. **3/0/0**

The SD crew has been working with Prairie Farms to increase the output received from the plant. Mitch reported that recently they have been receiving nearly all of the plant’s waste and that they will carefully watch these levels to ensure that we remain in compliance.

There was no official update on the status of the sludge. Mitch and Wendell plan to look into that in the near future. Their measurements will determine whether the removal process can wait until 2023. If the sludge must be removed in 2022, bids will be collected to complete the work.

Cindy inquired about the invoice process pertaining to pool fills. Hesse noted that the SD and FD invoice separately, yet together. A rate per 1,000 gallons, is outlined in the tariffs.

Cindy continues to work with the accounting firm on the annual financial report. Figures seem are nearing completion and balancing out appropriately. She is working to consistently move a set amount of funds into the different savings accounts each month.

PLAN COMMISSION

Two plan commission positions are up for reappointment. Notice to the public was posted, however, no inquiries or nominations were received outside of the two that currently hold the positions, Mitch Fenske and Dan Heidel.

Kastenschmidt / Lash – Motion to appoint Dan Heidel and Mitch Fenske to serve as a member of the Town of Farmington Plan Commission for one additional term. Heidel’s term will expire April 30, 2024, while Fenske’s term will expire on April 30, 2025. **3/0/0**

COUNTY PARK UPDATE

Mike reported that the transfer of the park was approved through Washington and final paperwork is underway.

The county is still responsible for mowing and removing two dead trees until the transfer is final.

CEMETERY UPDATE

No update on the Farmington Cemetery Arch repairs.

All cemeteries are looking good.

ROADS

Culverts were delivered. No date for installation scheduled.

Kevin Krueger shared a quote for a 24' trailer to be used to haul the skid steer and mowers/

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to purchase the Midsota Trailers MFG TB SERIES trailer for \$14,000. **3/0/0**

Back spinner repairs on the pickup were discussed.

Krueger the crew will be patching potholes on town roads once the cold mix is available.

Amundson Coulee Road culvert replacement – The town has received \$14,000 in funding for this project. The town is obligated for the rest of the cost. The job must be finished by June 30, 2023 and cannot be of next year, cannot be completed in-house.

The skid steer was delivered.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – The FD gun raffle is underway. The department is working to create their newsletter and preparing for upcoming pancake breakfast.

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING –

High winds recently caused debris to blow out of the recycling area. Before Dennis or Larry could retrieve the garbage, Neal Hanson picked it up. This kind gesture was very much appreciated.

Dennis shared that a number of complaints have been received regarding the mud at the recycling center. This is an ongoing issue, however, the cost to concrete the area was very expensive when bid out last year. Options, including rock coverage, recycled concrete and roller work were discussed as potential solutions.

The DNR Inspection was cancelled. Dennis is working to reschedule.

TREASURER'S REPORT -

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash - Motion to approve receipts 474333-474346. Passed 3/0/0

CHECKS

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash - Motion to approve checks 22580– 22622 including previously approved EFT transactions. Passed 3/0/0

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash- Motion to approve fire department checks 4641-4643. Passed 3/0/0

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve county 911 mutual agreement for 2022. Passed 3/0/0

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to recess into closed session, in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c), to discuss employee compensation. **3 yeas / 0 Nos Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to reconvene into open session. **3 yeas / 0 Nos Passed**

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to increase Glen Cain's hourly wage from \$18.00 to \$20.00 per hour. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to revise the employee manual and increase the annual vacation benefit to four weeks for all employees that successfully complete 20 years of service. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to increase Larry Konze's hourly wage from \$20.00 to \$21.50. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kasteschmidt/ Lash: Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. **3/0/0 Passed**