

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
June 7, 2022
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Paul Lash, Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia, Jodi Anderson
Greg Kastenschmidt Not Present

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 May 3, 2022. **2/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Larry Craig asked what the town plans to do with Nelson Road. Mike stated that a new culvert is ready for installation. Newly exposed telephone wires will need to be worked around as will the contractor's schedule.

Larry Craig asked the board to explain the gravel and concrete material that he witnessed being stored near the SD sewage lagoons. They assured him that the material was being stored there for future projects and that none of the material would be used for personal use.

Larry Craig is concerned that the back hoe is being used too often and that the board should consider the amount of gas that it takes to run that particular piece of machinery.

Hesse noted that he recently became aware of a scheduling conflict involving the shelter at the Mindoro County Park. The complaint involved a person removing an existing reservation and replacing it with their own. Since the park is still currently owned by the county, Mike referred the person there for assistance. The issue was resolved. Mike noted that to date has not heard of this happening any other time, but noted that if it becomes an issue that a more formal reservation process may need to be considered.

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.

Steven M. Low and Jody F. Low | N8691 Hippler Hill Road

Mr. and Mrs. Low were in attendance to illustrate their proposal to turn an existing house located at N8691 Hippler Hill Road into a short-term rental property. They explained that they recently purchased and remodeled the residential structure located on land parcel 5-206-0. Now they wish to begin renting the structure for short-term stays through various companies, for example VRBO (Vacation Rental by Owner) or Airbnb. Based on similar rental properties, they are expecting the house to be occupied approximately 25% of the time. The Farmington Plan Commission recommended approving the CUP request at the May 17, 2022 meeting.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to recommend a CUP be granted to the Lows to allow them to utilize the existing house on land parcel 5-206-0 as a short-term rental property as proposed.
Passed 2/0/0

OPERATOR & LIQUOR LICENSE

CLASS B BEER AND LIQUOR

The board reviewed all renewal applications and background checks for Class B Combination Liquor Licenses. No issues were noted. The board also considered one original application from Vincent Meyer requesting the license utilized by Katrina Meyer in 2021-2022 be transferred into to him for use at the Black Oak Grill & Saloon.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse – Motion to approve all six Class B Liquor License renewal applicants Cindy's – Qty 2, Paul and Susan Kast's Top Dawgs, Karin's Korner LLC (dba: Hilltop Bar & Grill), Grant Enterprises, LLC (dba: Rumors Bar & Grill) & Muddy Creek, LLC license, as well as the transfer of license from Katrina Meyer to Vincent Meyer. Approval. 2/0/0 Passed

CLASS A BEER

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse– Motion to approve Allied Cooperative's Class A Beer License.
2/0/0 Passed

OPERATOR LICENSES

The board reviewed the list of operator license applicant applications and background checks.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse – Motion to approve operator licenses for the following applicants: Cynthia Thompson, Jackie Schlifer, Kay Brown, April Judd, Travis Thompson, Lynda Cottone, Kelly Johnson, Kelly Fenske, Jesse Jacobson, Janell Quall, Tracey Riley, Robin Hanson, Jack Haldeman, Amber Pierce, Martin Olson, Daniel Giertych, Nicholas Leszczynski, Braidyn Ruetten, Elizabeth Leszczynski, Karin O'Brien, Edward O'Brien, Jennifer Neumann, Naleah Nerby, Ashley Mikkelson, Jenna Grant, Johanna Wanie, Kabre LaGrange, Kadie Ness **2/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse – Motion to approve a six-month operator license for Melissa Bakkestuen and Tanna Schiminski (pending server certificatin) **2/0/0 Passed**

SANITARY DISTRICT

Mitch presented the Sanitary District update. He reported that the majority of hydrants have been flushed, lift stations have been cleaned and wells are running good. He noted that two meters that quick running recently will be replaced and that only 2 people remain on the “No Pay” list. These remaining two are being dealt with and no shut offs became necessary. Mitch also reported that he continues to work with Prairie Farms on maximizing the amount of waste being accepted from the creamery in order to increase the revenue gained from them. In the recent weeks, nearly 90% of the creamery waste was being received by the SD. It is a work in progress and it will take time to determine our ability to maintain that level without falling out of compliance.

COUNTY PARK UPDATE

Mike reported that county signed over the deed for the park on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Mike has forwarded the MOU onto our attorney. Once reviewed and signed the transfer should be complete. The county is still responsible for mowing and removing two dead trees until the transfer is final.

A big thank you to Tom Brindley and family for donating and planting (2) Burr Oaks, (2) Pin Oaks and (1) Maple Tree at the park.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Lash reported that he is waiting on a bid for the Farmington Cemetery Arch repairs.

All cemeteries are looking good.

ROADS

Culverts will be replaced onto A. Nelson Road and Hanson Road.

Currently the highway crew is working on a number of roads following the heavy rains that took place near the end of May. Many culverts need clearing and washouts repaired. According to Hesse, most repairs require the areas to dry out before work can be completed.

J. Bryhn Road – Michael Young was present to discuss the mess that occurred on his property following the heavy rain at the end of May. He was disappointed that the town did not follow through with the repairs that were started. The board agreed that they had intended to seed the area that had been ditched and agreed to work with Michael to find a reasonable solution. Breaker rock, rip rap, cement blocks and tube connectors were all discussed as potential

options. Additional areas and culverts along J. Bryhn Road will also need to be inspected for erosion and clearing of culverts.

H. Mikkelson Road and Herman Coulee Road are of concern as well.

M. Olson Road – Gayle Monicken reminded the board that the structure on M. Olson Road had still not been resolved. Hesse responded that funds were not available at this time and if need be the structure could be closed down or a special assessment could be considered where the cost would become the responsibility of the benefiting property owners. Mike pointed out that Monicken’s property could be access by way of two other town roads, J. Brynn and Amundson Road.

The board discussed best use of seal coating funds in 2022. Bids will be collected for Wild Road, Perkins Road and Davis Creek Road.

Seal Coating – Requesting for quotes

Hesse noted the need to save \$15,000 for Amundson Road Culvert that was approved for ½ funding. The work must be completed this year.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – Mike explained that the FD approved hiring a grant writer to assist in requesting funds to replace the existing 20-year-old radios. The cost will be \$1,200.

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approve hiring a grant writer to complete the grant application for funding to cover the purchase of outdated radios. **2/0/0 Passed**

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING –

No updates.

Dennis is working to reschedule a date for the DNR inspection.

TREASURER’S REPORT -

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse - Motion to approve receipts 474347-474359. Passed 2/0/0

CHECKS

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse - Motion to approve checks – 22623-22659 including previously approved EFT transactions. Passed 2/0/0

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse- Motion to approve fire department checks 4644-4647 . Passed 2/0/0

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to adjourn at 8:41pm. **2/0/0 Passed**