

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
October 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 7:05pm.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve the minutes from September 6, 2022. **2/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS –

Larry Craig wished to inform the board that he has witnessed public workers taking public vehicles home. Hesse requested the concern be submitted to him in writing with dates of witnessed behavior.

David Brokopp, Bangor Superintendent, was in attendance to brief the public on the upcoming \$24 Million referendum pertaining to the Bangor School District. He supplied those in attendance with a handout explaining the referendum.

Jerry Den Boer – handed out renewal information regarding employee health insurance. The board agreed to discuss employee's usage and decide on an option before the December 1, 2022 renewal date.

Jerry noted that the agency still working with an advisor at the state level to help create a coop, to help small employers and municipalities better afford health insurance coverage for employees.

Joseph & Courtney Johnson | N7740 County Road W 5-1620-0

The couple was in attendance to illustrate the need for their request to obtain a variance approval that would allow them to build a home within the allotted 80 feet from the centerline as required by La Crosse County. The couple explained that they wish to replace an existing home with a new home. The new building would be situated exactly where the existing home is located, however, would not be non-compliant with

today's county standards. The couple did try to find reasonable alternative locations, however, due to farmland and wetlands, they feel that the current location is most suited for the dwelling.

The request was heard by the Farmington Plan Commission on September 18, 2022. The Plan Commission recommended approval.

Hesse / Lash – Motion to approve the 20 foot variance request. 2/0/0 Passed

SANITARY DISTRICT

Mike Hesse read the proposed resolution.

Resolution 1/2022 – Preliminary Resolution to Establish a Sanitary District

Lash/ Hesse – Motion to approve Resolution 1-2022. Passed 2/0/0

Mike – Yes

Paul - Yes

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Resolution 2/2022 – Establish a Sanitary District

Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve Resolution 2-2022 Passed 2/0/0

Mike - Yes

Paul - Yes

OPERATIONS REPORT

According to Mitch, Well #2 was not functioning properly over weekend. New equipment has been ordered to alleviate the problem.

Sludge levels have not risen since May 2022.

Larry Craig asked for Mitch to identify the source of the amber light that he sees occasionally. Mitch was not aware of which light he was referring to, but agreed to look into it.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julie H from the community group working to find efficiencies within the sanitary district requested that 2022 budget amounts be updated into the current accounting system so that a more accurate profit and loss report can be shared. Hesse explained that the 2022 budget is less detailed than what future years will be. Without solid data from previous years, the board planned to approach 2022 as baseline year. The overall budget was shared in the initial report that was submitted for the transition to take place. This broad budget, however, served more as a guide in that the board realized that full compliance may not be possible in this first year.

HISTORICAL NOMINATIONS

Two properties within the township have been nominated by La Crosse County Historical Society as Historical Sites. The county is asking permission to add the Wet Coulee Cemetery and the bank building to the registry of historic places.

Lash / Hesse – Motion to approve adding the two sites to the registry. 2/0/0

MINDORO PARK

It was confirmed that the plan commission continues to draft an ordinance regarding Park regulations. The final ordinance will be officially adopted by the town board at a later date.

Susan Kast was in attendance questioning how the ordinance, once passed, would be enforced. Discussion took place regarding enforcement options. Mike Hesse noted that calls have been made to the Wisconsin Towns Association as well as the county to gather information regarding possible enforcement options. Kast suggested that the board attempt to get onto the LaCrosse County Board Meeting agenda to request that the La Crosse County Sheriff Department be approved to enforce such ordinances on our behalf.

Kast continues to work with the county to alleviate the parking and dumpster issues that she is experiencing. Any further guidance or support from the town level would be appreciated.

The County Sanitarian has sent a letter to Mr. Stern regarding not having dumpsters for the tenants.

CEMETERY

The arch repair is underway.

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

Culverts have been installed on A. Nelson Culvert and J. Bryhn Road.
H. Mikkelson Road ditching looks nice.

The International truck broke down. It's future will be discussed at upcoming budget workshops.

The old blue pickup donated for FD training will not be placed onto Wisconsin Surplus because someone is interested in purchasing it. Extra culverts will be placed onto the site as well

Emergency Services

FD received grant for \$3,200 for lights for new fire truck.

First Responders received \$35,000 ARPA funds from the state. The team will be replacing radios, adding (3) AED units out in the community and replacing 5 sets of EMS turnout gear, currently 24 years old. It will also cover training fees for 4 new EMT trainees and additional modules and bridge courses.

The 2% dues paid to the town in 2021 were not properly transferred to the FD. \$8,000 will be transferred to the FD from the town for this reason.

Hesse / Lash – Motion to move \$8,000 to cover the 2021 2% dues. 2/0/0 Passed

Recycling and Solid Waste

Will be pouring concrete slabs soon.

Treasurer report: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve receipts: 633810-633815 Passed 2/0/0

Checks: Motion to approve checks **22802-22832 and efts.** Hesse / Lash: Passed 2/0/0

FD Checks: Motion to approve checks **4661-4662** Hesse / Lash: Passed 2/0/0

Other Business -

Town Hall Steps need repair. Will discuss options at budget meeting.

Lash / Hesse: Motion to adjourn 9:10pm. 2/0/0