

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 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 7:13pm.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the minutes from October 4, 2022.
3/0/0 PASSED

PUBLIC CONCERNS –

LaCrosse County Sheriff Candidate, Fritz Leinfelder, was in attendance to introduce himself and field questions regarding his campaign.

Discussion took place regarding process of obtaining different mechanisms of ordinance enforcement. He noted that the financial obligations of retaining a judge and attorney should be considered. He also pointed out that the LaCrosse County Sheriff's Department only enforce county and state ordinances. In order for the department to enforce township level ordinances, the town would need to request that the county board revise their ordinances to incorporate the towns ordinances as well.

2023 BUDGET

Kastenschmidt / Lash – Motion to adopt the 2023 budget as presented with the addition of \$15,952 added to the tax collection income account as a result of the increased levy limit. **3/0/0 Passed**

CONDITIONAL PERMIT REQUEST

Steve Paisley from Paisley Trucking LLC was in attendance to request that his current CUP on land parcel located on Wilds Road be extended to include his adjacent parcel.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve Steve Paisley's request for CUP.
Passed 3/0/0

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2021-2040

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to hold a public hearing on January 3, 2023 for the purpose of collecting public feedback on the revised Comprehensive Plan 2021-2040. **Passed 3/0/0**

OPERATING LICENSE

The board reviewed background checks and applications for Terri Pavlic and Kristi Kvalheim.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve an operator license for Terri Pavlic and Kristi Kvalheim. **3/0/0 Passed**

SANITARY DISTRICT

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mitch Fenske updated the board on the filter demo, explaining that he did not feel it would be helpful for the SD to pursue. No other updates were given.

WISCONSIN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

A representative from the Wisconsin Rural Water Association was in attendance to introduce the organization's services. It is a government funded organization that supports rural communities under 10,000 manage their water and waste water projects. Some services mentioned were energy audits, equipment rentals, emergency services, and GPS system access. Membership is not required to utilize services, but support is encouraged.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to become a member of the Wisconsin Rural Water Association for an annual fee of \$300. **3/0/0 Passed**

Additional discussion took place on rate studies, finance options, inventory projects and grants.

2023 FARMINGTON SANITARY DISTRICT LEVY

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to set the 2022 Sanitary District Levy payable in 2023 at \$47,015, the minimum amount determined by the BCPL loan agreement. **3/0/0 Passed**

MINDORO PARK

The plan commission is still working on the park rules and regulation document.

CEMETERY

The arch work is completed and town employees will dispose of the old bricks soon.

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

Discussion took place regarding water issues on Herman Coulee Road. It was reported that beavers are causing additional issues in the area. Hesse has submitted an application with the county for funding to cover design work. The next step, when available, is to apply for funds to help pay for the actual work.

The board approved for Kevin to purchase seat covers for Dodge Ram pickup.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Hesse reported that the grant writer finished the funding application for radio replacement. The grant process is not yet open, but FD will be prepared to submit if and when the budget is passed and the grant becomes available.

The box for the new FD truck has arrived. One door was damaged upon arrival, but will be covered by warranty. Additional lights that were missed in the initial order have yet to be installed as well.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

The concrete has been completed and looks nice.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt Lash: Motion to approve receipts 633816-633824. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt Lash: Motion to approve town checks 22833-22881 and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt Lash: Motion to approve FD checks 4664-4667. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt Lash: Motion to adjourn at 8:30pm.