

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
December 6, 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: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the minutes from October 10, 12, 20th and November 1, 2022 meetings. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS – No public input

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL BLAZERS REQUEST

Tri-County Trailblazer ATV Group requesting the revision of Ordinance 2-2019 ATV Routes to now open all town roads to ATV usage.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to adopt 1-2022 Ordinance ATV Routes Supersedes 2-2019. Passed 3/0/0

Tri-County Trailblazer ATV Group is also requesting that the town board provide to La Crosse County a recommendation to open all county roads within the Town of Farmington along with State Highway 108 from Davis Creek to County Road C to ATV usage.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to recommend approval of the request to open all county roads within the Town of Farmington, along with the section of State Highway 108 from Davis Creek Road to County Road C to ATV usage. **3/0/0 Passed**

Operator License paperwork for Dan Osthoff not available. Request will be moved to a subsequent meeting date.

Mindoro Park

The board reviewed the Rules and Regulation Draft document submitted by the Farmington Plan Commission.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to adopt the draft document as presented by the PC to serve as a temporary set of rules and regulations until a more permanent Park Commission can be established in April.

Discussion took place regarding the anticipated Park Commission that cannot be officially established until the annual meeting in April. It was determined that temporarily, Dan Heidel and Mike Hesse will together discuss any park related requests and decide which body shall form a response.

SANITARY DISTRICT

DAVEY ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Hesse shared a contract proposal from Davey Engineering to complete an engineering assessment for the revised plan for a new lift station on North Street. According to Hesse, the this prep work is necessary due to the revisions made to the project, but ultimately will save the district a significant amount of money. The earlier the prep work can be completed the better, so that the SD is prepared for any funding opportunities that become available. The cost of the contract is \$15,000. The SD will be responsible for the payment of this contract.

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash – Motion to approve the contract with Davy Engineering as presented. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to increase the Utility Clerk wage to \$20.00 starting January 1, 2023. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the 2023 SD budget. **3/0/0 Passed**

The board will be requesting an attorney to draft a letter to the owner of the Mindoro Mobile Home Park to address structures that are obstructing access to sewer and water pipes.

Fenske noted that bids for the sewer lining project will be sent out in the near future.

The Midwest Water & Wastewater Operator Expo is being held on February 7 & 8, 2023 in Wisconsin Dells. Fenske & Hesse are planning to attend the event.

Cemetery

Final payment for the archway at the Farmington Cemetery is on hold until finishing touches are complete.

No further updates or decisions.

Roads

Krueger reported that the most recent attempts to curb the beaver problem near Herman Coulee Road and County Road DE appear to be working. Further digging approved by the DNR has been completed to help the water run better. Hesse reported that the grant application submitted to LaCrosse County for funding for Herman Coulee improvements was denied because 100% of the project did not fall onto public lands and there was not a cost share. This eliminates our chance for funds distributed for actual work in Round 2. There may be one additional round added for engineer work that we may qualify for. Hesse is awaiting updates.

No updated related to truck bids. A two year wait list is expected.

Kevin ordered an extra set of blades for the 12-foot plow.

William Hayman, Town of Farmington resident currently living on Holley Road was in attendance to discuss fire protection coverage for his property. His property had been previously serviced through the Holmen FD, however, as a result from recent department transitions in Holmen, Farmington will now be responding to calls for that property.

Recycling

Update given by Dennis.

Dennis would like to begin planning for additional concrete in the spring if possible. No direction was provided.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve receipts 633825-633832. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve town checks 22822-22916 and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve FD checks 4668-4672. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to reimburse Greg for tool purchases in the amount of \$631.95 and Mike for the purchase of a replacement light for the outside of the town hall in the amount of \$85.63.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to recess into closed session under WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing compensation for a public employee in which the town has jurisdiction. **3/0/0 Passed** Hesse – Yes, Kastenschmidt – Yes, Lash – Yes

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to reconvene to open session. **3/0/0 Passed**
Hesse – Yes, Kastenschmidt – Yes, Lash – Yes

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to pay the employer portion of Cain's health insurance for up to 2 months while out on leave following surgery. **3/0/0 Passed**

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