

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
January 31, 2023  
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 / Hesse:** Motion to approve the minutes from all January 3 & 21, 2023.  
**3/0/0 PASSED**

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS –**

Shirley Olson was in attendance to request that the town remove several dead trees located in within town ROW that run along her property line. The town removed one tree a couple years ago and she wishes for the rest to be removed as well. The board agreed to complete this work closer this spring.

## **OPERATOR LICENSE**

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

The board agreed to extend the operator license for Melissa Bakkestuen until June 30, 2023.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** motion to extend Melissa Bakkestuen's operator license through June 30, 2023. **3/0/0 PASSED**

## **MINDORO PARK**

Mel-Min teacher, Mr. Briggs is working on future plans to bring students to park to begin working on trail project this spring.

No other Updates

## **SANITARY DISTRICT**

A single bid of \$63,112 was received from Visu Sewer for the Sanitary District sewer lining project. No other companies would bid on this small of a project.

ARPA funds will be used to cover this project.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve the bid submitted by Visu Sewer to complete the 1,372 Linear Feet sewer line project. **3/0/0 PASSED**

Fenske informed the board that it will cost approximately \$4,000 to complete the biological treatment of the sewer lagoon. This will, however, extend the time between having to have sludge removed.

Mitch has updated records at the DNR so that he is on file as the primary operator point of contact for the SD.

Mitch informed the board that between 3-person rotation (Mitch, Kevin and Tom) has been implemented for SD weekend work. They will continue to work on transitioning Larry into rotation and keeping the rotation flexible for all.

The SD will begin making payments back to the town for debt owed. Jodi and Cindy will work together to form a payback plan.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve SD checks **5599 to 5611. 3/0/0 Passed**

## **CEMETERY**

No Updates

## **ROADS**

Kastenschmidt continues to work on finding cleats to keep in all trucks for icy conditions. Fenske gave a short update on roadway clearing and sign projects.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Discussion took place regarding the continued difficulties of gathering quotes for a new, single axle plow truck. Kastenschmidt continues to seek out dealers that could fulfill an order earlier than the fall of 2024.

Kastenschmidt recommends taking the old International truck up to Nate in Black River Falls for an inspection, brake and exhaust repairs. Paul and Mike agreed that the vehicle could add much needed depth to the fleet and authorized Greg to make the arrangements to have it fixed.

The board authorized Fenske to publicize and collect sealed bids for the sale of the New Holland tractor, maroon Ford truck and blue Chevy truck. The board requested that the bid collection period be at least 2 weeks.

Fenske requested that the board again consider getting fans installed at the shop to aid in drying off vehicles. Kastenschmidt will discuss the project with local electricians.

Fenske explained that storage space for town equipment is becoming an issue. The board could not offer any short term solutions knowing that a building project required elector approval and funding plans. Hesse noted that such a project would take 3-4 years to complete. The board did agree to collect bids on a repair project that would involve adding a stabilizing wash bay to the side of the salt shed.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Hesse continues to work with the county on setting up the RAVE Emergency Messaging System.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash** – Motion to use town funds to pay for the addition of running boards onto the new FD truck. The cost is approximately \$615. **Passed 3/0/0**

### **RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE**

Dennis Konze is working with Hilltopper on training event questions, new driver abilities and loader placement issues.

Fenske proposed replacing the pay-per-bag policy with a flat service fee that could be added onto residential tax bills. He suggested that this could allow for a more consistent cash flow which would make budgeting less complicated and saving for replacement equipment more likely. The board is not interested at this time.

### **TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS**

The treasurer's report was not available due to the early meeting date. Jodi Anderson will submit the January treasurer's report for review at the March 7, 2023 meeting.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve town checks **22988 - 23068** and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse:** Motion to approve FD checks **4674-4693** with the exception check 4688 and 4689, which Lash will provide additional information on at the next meeting **3/0/0 Passed**

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