

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, March 7, 2023  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL  
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Paul Lash, Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia, Jodi Anderson  
Absent: Greg Kastenschmidt

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse:** Motion to approve the minutes from all January 31, 2023. **2/0/0 PASSED**

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Tom Brindley inquired about any upcoming broadband projects.

Previous attempts at grants and improvements were discussed. No timetable for future improvements was able to be provided at this time. The board continues to watch for opportunities. Tom requested that the board reach out to government officials to hopefully persuade further movement on broadband expansion in the Farmington area.

## **Mike Alesch 5-1258-0 CUP Request**

Mr. Alesch was in attendance to share the details of his CUP request. His plans include the construction of a hunting cabin with well and septic on land parcel 5-1258-0 off of Severson Road. There were no county level issues noted by Mr. Alesch. The PC recommended approval of the CUP at their February meeting.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Approved CUP for a hunting cabin with well and septic on land parcel 5-1258-0. **2/0/0 PASSED**

## **PRINTER REPLACEMENT**

The board reviewed printer options, quotes and service plans provided by Tri-State Business Machines and decided to move forward with a larger model the Canon C350if.

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse:** Motion to purchase a Canon C350if printer from Tri-State Business Machines in the amount of \$1,295. **2/0/0 Passed**

## **MINDORO PARK**

No updates

## **SANITARY DISTRICT**

Mitch shared the SD operations report, noting that the department's most recent focus was on an excess foam issue. He is working together with Davey Engineering and Prairie Farms to troubleshoot the problem. Fenske is also hoping to find an easy fix for the PH and effluent meters that have not been working properly.

Mike and Mitch shared an update on the conference that they attended in February.

Mike submitted \$350,000 fund request for lift station to Senator Baldwin for a second time. The request was also submitted in 2022, but was not awarded.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to approve SD checks 5612-5630. **2/0/0 Passed**

## **CEMETERY**

No Updates

## **ROADS**

Public works employees recently attended MSHA training.

Road Bans were put into effect.

Fenske shared a list of roads that the public works crews is suggesting be included in the chip seal bid this year. The list included Rhyme Road (5 culverts), Severson Coulee (possibly 1 culvert replacement), Wild Road, Lockington Road, Michelson Road, H Michelson, the south side of Herman Coulee Road, Staff Road, SD Lagoon Road, and L. Pfaff Road.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Paul from St. Joseph Equipment was in attendance to speak about the recent mower purchase. There was a misunderstanding based on literature distributed with quote. It will cost \$3,400 to add the 2-foot slide to the mower. No labor would be charged. The board decided to forgo the option to purchase the slide at this time.

Sealed Bid Requests received

Chevy 3500 – Top Bid \$1,000 (ACCEPTED) - Marcus Stetzer -

F350: Top Bid \$500 (REJECTED)

TT60 – Top Bid \$500 – (REJECTED)

Culvert: \$55.55 (ACCEPTED) – Jake Arneson

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to accept Chevy 3500 \$1,000 Bid and Culvert bid of \$55.55.  
**2/0/0 Passed**

## **Proposals for Dump Truck**

The board reviewed bids received from i-State and International. Discussion took place.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to purchase i-State Western star with the Cummings with

package deal with Universal to be delivered in 2023 in the amount of \$84,537 plow package and \$129,939 for the Chasis. **2/0/0 Passed**

Keep Freightliner until this truck is delivered and then the board will decide what to do

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Chili Dinner is coming up and will be held at Mel-Min School on March 19, 2023.

FD is helping legion with ham dinner starting at 5pm at Cindy's on April 1, 2023.

EMT received free pediatric airway kit from a training event.

The new FD truck should be in service within the month, once lettering is complete.

### **RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE**

Dennis again noted resident complaints regarding the mud issue and requested more concrete be poured this summer.

### **TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS**

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Approve January & February Treasurer Report. **2/0/0**

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse:** Motion to approve town checks 23069 - 23124 and previously approved EFT. **2/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse:** Motion to approve FD checks January checks 4688 & 4689 and February checks 4694-4695. **2/0/0 Passed**

**Other Business:** Mike shared a handout that he received at last week's county unity meeting. The handout illustrates historical state shared revenue amounts received by local municipalities. The report compared the state funding against inflation. In summary, the task force is recommending that municipalities receive more funding. Both parties are realizing the deficiencies in local funding and claim to be looking for a viable solution.

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