

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
7:00pm
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Paul Lash, Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia, Greg Kastenschmidt, 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 April 18, 2023. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

No Public Concerns

Leszczynski | 5-1490-4

Liz Leszczynski (O'Brien) was in attendance to share her request to rezone land parcel 5-1490-4 from mixed use zoning of Light Industrial and Exclusive Agriculture to 100% Exclusive Ag. The majority of the parcel is already zoned Exclusive Ag. The couple wishes to construct a horse stable and storage shed onto the property. There is currently a structure located on the property, previously damaged by fire, that is not structurally sound. For this reason, the couple wishes to construct a new building to house their horses and equipment. They feel the original structure still holds historical value, thus prefer not to replace the damaged barn. On the maps and plans shared with the commission, it was apparent that the location of the proposed building crosses between the Ex Ag portion and Light Industrial portion of the parcel. The couple, therefore, has decided to follow the La Crosse County Zoning Department's advice and rezone the entire parcel to Exclusive Agriculture. The couple understands that although this rezone would allow for their present request to be granted, the rezone may result in more restrictive use for future plans.

The board referenced the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map that confirmed the parcel's future intended land use as being Exclusive Ag. Because the rezone would not require an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, the request is not required to follow the 30-day public input process.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the request to rezone parcel 5-1490-4 from Light Industrial / Exclusive Ag to 100% Exclusive Ag.. **3/0/0 Passed**

MINDORO PARK

GPS map files that show proposed Mindoro Park trails have been received.

The majority of Plan Commission members do not wish for the body to act as the oversight committee for the park. It was proposed that an adhoc advisory committee be established to assist with collection of stakeholder feedback and creation of plans for TB approval. This committee will help to align projects with the overall vision for the park.

The board has nominated Dan Heidel as the lead for the adhoc committee. The board remain the decision making body for the park.

Crystal Sbraggia is working on adding a park reservation page to the town's website. This will replace the existing reservation process in which people post their desired reservations on the shelter.

SANITARY DISTRICT

A number of notices have been sent out to residents for no pays and cross connections. Interruption of services is the next step.

In April, the creamery's unexpected output of brine, along with power outages, disrupted the lagoon. This caused the town to exceed phosphorus level requirements. Fenske is working closely with PF to identify measures to avoid such output in the future.

Sludge analysis has been sent in. Updates should be available in June.

Senator Baldwin and the Senate Budget Committee requested \$350,000 be approved in the 2024 budget for the North Street Lift Station.

The relining project will begin in June.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve SD checks 5631-5655. **3/0/0 Passed**

CEMETERY

No Updates

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the Legion to install a flag pole at the Farmington Cemetery. **Passed 3/0/0**

ROADS

Culverts for the Rhyme Road project have been purchased.

Additional hours will be dedicated to boom mowing during the month June.

Hesse will be collecting bids for 2023 resealing.

Hesse shared an update regarding the structure collapse on M. Olson Road. Currently there

are no grant programs available to cover the cost to fix this structure, therefore, it will take local monies to complete the repairs. Karen from DNR looked over the area and noted that a hydrology study may likely be necessary. She will be returning with additional equipment to confirm our options.

Mike shared an update from Secretary Thompson's office regarding Hwy 108 construction that was promised during the Hwy C and 108 were swap.

Manure hauling safety practices were discussed. The town recently loaned PPE and signage to a manure drop site that posed a danger on Hwy 108. The signs were returned.

Hesse announced that the town was selected to receive \$50,000 from the LaCrosse County ARPA Stormwater Grant to cover engineering plan costs for Herman Coulee Road.

Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to accept the grant funding to cover engineering plan costs for Herman Coulee Road. 3/0/0/

EQUIPMENT

Only one quote was received for the transmission repair work on the Ford truck. Luke's Auto of La Crosse quoted \$3,500 bid to complete the repairs.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to accept the bid and move forward with repairs.

3/0/0 Passed

The Dodge remains at Pischke's waiting on parts and additional repairs.

Fenske will collect quotes on a grapple bucket for the skid steer.

The red International has been started and moved, but is still in need of repairs.

The oil hub on the freightliner will be installed soon.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

No updates.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

The old dump site on Hwy Q was open last Saturday for residents to bring in brush debris from the last snow storm. The site will be open again on May 6 and May 13.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Approve March Treasurer Report including receipts 633872 to 633888. **3/0/0**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve town checks 23176 - 23218 and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve FD March checks 4699-4706.
3/0/0 Passed

Other Business – The town will be hosting the May 25th County Unit Meeting 7:30pm.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to adjourn at 8:35pm.