

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
August 1, 2023
7:00pm
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

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 July 11 & 17, 2023.
3/0/0 PASSED

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Larry Craig expressed concern regarding a portion of his land that allegedly is washing away due to landscaping that was recently completed in the town's ROW by the Public Works crew. He warned the board that they need to reach out to the DNR because of his proximity to the creek. Mike agreed to set up a time to hold a meeting with DNR Representative, Karen Nelson, to inspect the land that Larry feels is eroding. Mike will be sure to share the meeting details with Larry and post as a meeting so any member of the public to join.

Picnic Temporary License / Operator – review and make decision.

The board reviewed operator license applications for Laurie Arnold and Daniel Giertych.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve operator licenses for Laurie Arnold and Daniel Giertych, as well as a temporary, picnic license for the Mindoro Lions Club Spanferkel event to be held on September 8, 9 and 10th, 2023. **3/0/0 Passed**

2023-24 propane contract rates were collected from Allied Cooperative, Consolidated Energy and Provision.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to remain with Consolidated Energy with a rate of \$1.44/gal. **Passed 3/0/0**

MINDORO PARK

Hesse issued a reminder that an informal meeting will be held at 6:30pm on August 8, 2023 at the Mindoro Park Shelter. Dan Heidel has been appointed by the board to head up the

volunteer park improvement group and collect resident feedback on possible park improvements.

SANITARY DISTRICT

Carson Hackett, representative for Davey Engineering, was in attendance to present an Engineering Agreement and two resolutions pertaining to the Farmington Main Lift Station Project. Together with the Farmington SD, Davey has been working to prepare plans that will help make the project eligible for possible grant awards through Clean Water Fund. Mr. Hackett highlighted the main elements of the agreement for the board and explained the different phases of the project and the scope of services that Davey will provide to the town.

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt : Motion to approve the Engineer Service Agreement with Davey Engineering for the Farmington Main Lift Station Project. **3/0/0 Passed**

Resolution 2-2023 Resolution to Set Authorized Representative was reviewed.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve Resolution 2-2023.

Approved by Roll Call 3/0/0

Resolution 3-2023 Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing was reviewed.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve Resolution 3-2023.

Approved by roll call 3/0/0

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve Farmington Sanitary District checks 5695 to 5703 and previously authorized EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

CEMETERY

Mitch is working with LaCrosse Monument to gather costs related to straightening some of the headstones that are leaning in the local cemeteries. Mitch noted that Steve Paisley expressed interest in donating to the project.

The masonry project that was left incomplete last year is starting to separate prematurely. Mitch will attempt to contact the vendor and inquire about repairs and completion.

ROADS

Mitch announced that in regard to the 2023 chip seal plan that Severson Coulee Road would be swapped for Burr Oak Court and Gardner Road. Pricing remains the same. Scott Construction is expecting to complete the project in August.

FULL TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION

Interviews for the full time Maintenance position were held on July 31, 2023. The job was offered to and accepted by Taylor Brehmer.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to hire Taylor Brehmer for the full time Maintenance Position at \$23.00. **3/0/0 Approved**

EQUIPMENT

No updates.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

No final proceed figures were yet available for the July 30, 2023 FD Pancake Breakfast, however, Lash and Hesse reported a good turnout for the event. A special thanks to Prairie Farms for donating \$2,000 to the department.

Mike had on display several pieces of EMT training equipment. These tools and other trainings were paid for by a \$45,000 grant that was received earlier this year.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

Dennis presented an estimated cost to install a 40x40 concrete slab within the Recycling Center. Konze anticipates that a project of that size will cost around \$6,500. Discussions on how large of an area should be poured took place. The board agreed that it would be ideal for the project to be extended so that it reaches the existing concrete. They suggested that Dennis and Mitch further inspect the area to determine if the extension could be afforded with the \$10,000 budget set by the board. Konze plans for the majority of work to be completed in-house, but did request that Mike Saley be hired to help oversee the project as he did last year.

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the construction of a concrete addition at the Recycling Center and afford authority to plan and execute the job to the Town of Farmington Public Works crew. The full scope of the project should cost no more than \$10,000.
3/0/0 Passed

Concerns of potential damage caused by dumpsters with faulty rollers was discussed. Mike or Dennis will reach out the Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling group to discuss these concerns.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Jodi will be attending training for a new tax program this year. She explained that the tax bills may appear a bit different than in the past, but does not anticipate much of a change.

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the July Treasurer Report including receipts 633921 to 633936. **3/0/0**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to approve town checks 23305 to 23354 and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to approve Fire Department checks 4716-4719.
3/0/0 Passed

Other Business

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to approve reimbursement to the clerk in the amount of \$357.18 for town shop fans and background checks. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to adjourn at 08:04pm.