

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
September 5, 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: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve the minutes from July 31 and August 1, 2023. **3/0/0 PASSED**

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Mike addressed Larry Craig's concerns that were discussed at the August 2023 meeting regarding possible erosion on his property. Mike noted that he visited the site of alleged erosion and was unable to locate any active erosion.

Mr. Craig expressed further concern regarding potential of erosion on the trails that were cleared in the Mindoro Park. He also suggested cleaning up the brush along the left side hand of park road.

Larry Craig mentioned that the list of checks shared in August were the same as the list distributed in July. It was noted that Crystal Sbraggia mistakenly printed and distributed the wrong month's list of checks at the August Meeting. Crystal reminded Larry that the mistake was noticed during that same meeting and that the correct list was printed and offered to those in attendance. Larry declined an updated copy of the July checks.

Gayle Moniken was also in attendance requesting an update on M.Olson Road repair plans. Hesse explained that Jewell Engineering was still working to complete the hydrology study and until that is complete the DNR will not be able to offer any final recommendations.

## **Jewel Engineering Contract**

An agreement to hire Jewell Engineering to complete reconditioning plans pertaining to future repairs on Herman Coulee Road was reviewed and approved by the board. \$50,000 of funding received through a 2023 LaCrosse County Stormwater Infrastructure Grant will be used to cover the cost of these engineering services. The plans will be completed in time to allow for 2025 bids and construction.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to approve the agreement and hire Jewell Engineering for plans pertaining to stormwater repairs on Herman Coulee Road. **Passed 3/0/0**

## **MINDORO PARK**

Attendance at the August 8, 2023 public input meeting at the Mindoro Park was lower than expected. The board is considering to request that Dan Heidel hold another meeting in the near future to gain further input.

## **SANITARY DISTRICT**

The Slip lining project has been postponed until October 2023.  
Arcade Pumping is scheduled to drain lines at the park and lift station.  
Mitch is collecting quotes for sewer jetting.  
The board agreed to the purchase of a fiberglass pole grabber.

The Farmington SD is on the October 2, 2023 County Meeting to discuss County Conservation recommendations pertaining to quality water trading plans.

Davey Engineering has submitted an application for funding to the Wisconsin Clean Water Fund for the lift station replacement project. Application was made with the intention of safeguarding the project, in the event that direct federal funding does not come to fruition.

## **Sanitary District Checks**

Checks were not available and will be reviewed at the October meeting.

## **CEMETERY**

The board reviewed quotes received from LaCrosse Memorial to fix headstones in area cemeteries that are in need of straightening and repairs.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to hire La Crosse Memorials under quote #2 in the amount of \$3,235. **3/0/0 PASSED**

## **ROADS**

An update on road projects was provided by Fenske, noting the completion of the chip seal project. Further discussion took place regarding a number of different town roads that will require attention as soon as funds are available.

Dennis Konze suggested that the road crew inspect the intersection of Davis Creek Road and County Road A for gravel that tends to collect in that area.

As the County Unit Chair, Mike will be working on a new Wisconsin Pilot program being formed to help make the current LRIP fund distribution process more consistent and efficient.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The need for new tires on multiple vehicles were was discussed. Kastenschmidt requested that Fenske look into the warranty for the recently purchased tires placed onto the RAM.

Taylor shared his assessment of the 2002 International truck. He will begin with an oil change at either Peterbuilt or Kenworth.

The board agreed for Fenske to purchase pallet forks for the skid steer. Mitch will collect quotes from Risch to service all six furnace units throughout the town.

Taylor shared ideas on how to fix the old fire truck.

The board agreed to fix the transmission on the old SD Ford truck and then sell. The board will also be selling the box truck and backhoe. The zero turn mower will possibly be traded in for a new kabota tractor.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

No updates on federal fire grant funding. This grant fund would help to cover the cost of handheld and in-vehicle radios.

The First Responders welcomed Elizabeth Murray-Runka to their roster of volunteer EMTs.

Preliminary state budgets promise additional funding for First Responders units.

## **RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE**

Dennis will be reaching out to Hilltopper again regarding the quality of dumpster rollers.

The first half of concrete at the recycling center has been poured. The remaining area will tentatively be completed the week of September 12, 2023.

## **TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve the August Treasurer Report including receipts 633937 to 633953. **3/0/0**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse:** Motion to approve town checks 23355 to 23393 and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse:** Motion to approve Fire Department checks 4720-4724 **3/0/0 Passed**

## **Other Business**

**Budget Workshop Dates: 09/26/2023 at 6:00pm.**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse:** Motion to adjourn at 8:26pm.