

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

November 07, 2023

Following the 7:00pm Budget Hearing and Town Electors Meeting

FARMINGTON TOWN HALL

N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

Absent:

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:15pm.

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve the minutes from October 3, 10 & 16, 2023.  
**3/0/0 PASSED**

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Susan Kast was in attendance with continued concerns about the conditions of the boardwalk apartments and the lack of proper garbage disposal containers available to the residents. Mike Hesse assured Mrs. Kast that he has been in contact with LaCrosse County regarding these shared concerns on several different occasions. Board members plan to reach out to county supervisors in an effort to escalate the complaints.

Mike Hesse announced that the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Burr Oak has been added onto the State and National Registry of Historic Places.

Hesse shared that Larry Craig chose to reimburse the town \$200 for costs associated with repairs to Casper Craig's headstone. He also noted that Larry had requested the town inspect the grave as he noticed water pooling alongside the stone.

**2024 Budget – Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve the 2024 Budget as presented at the budget hearing. The total budget for 2024 is \$1,047,727. **PASSED 3/0/0**

**M.Olson Road –** Mike Hesse presented the hydrology study with cost estimates based on current construction costs as submitted by Jewell Engineering. Hesse requested approval from the board to submit an application for LRIP funding in the amount of \$60,000 to help cover the cost of the repairs.

The board approved for Hesse to submit the application for funding, but chose not to make a decision on whether to move forward with repairs at this time.

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve application for LRIP funding to help pay for the aluminum box repair option submitted for M.Olson Road. This motion is not a commitment to the project. PASSED 3/0/0

## **MINDORO PARK**

No updates.

## **SANITARY DISTRICT**

Fenske shared that Aquafix findings showed a 40% reduction in sludge.

Fenske explained that the current water quality trading plan did not result in as many credits as anticipated. Communication will continue with the county to identify area residents that the town could partner with in order to receive additional credits.

The pipe lining project is still scheduled to take place in 2023.

## **CEMETERY**

LaCrosse Memorial has completed this year's headstone repairs.

## **ROADS**

No updates.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The board discussed using potential proceeds from selling the lagoon mower to help cover the cost of a new 50" Ferris.

Fenske reported that all equipment is ready for the winter. Discussion followed regarding future tire replacement.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to allow Kastenschmidt the authority to make any necessary decisions pertaining to tire purchases. **3/0/0**

An update on the wing mower repair revealed that Kuhn has denied warranty coverage claiming operator error, therefore, the town is obligated for 2/3 of the repair cost.

The board approved the purchase and installation of a wall hanging furnace unit for the fire department. The total cost will be \$3,250.

The public works crew will attempt to repair the leaking roof above the kitchen in the town hall.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to purchase 4 used rims for \$50 / tire. **Passed 3/0/0**

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Farmington First Responders received funding to cover 24 gas meters.

## **RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE**

Hesse, Konze and Fenske attended a DNR hosted seminar pertaining to recycling where they learned of new recycling documentation requirements.

## **TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve the October Treasurer Report including receipts 633967 to 633978. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve town checks 23434 to 23477 and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve Fire Department checks 4727-4730 **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve SD October EFT transactions and checks numbered 5726-5740. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt** Motion to adjourn at 9:40pm.